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(английский язык)

РАЗБОР ЗАДАНИЙ

Listening

Listening. Task 1. Items 1-10

1. Louise thinks that E. Hemingway's advice should be

Correct answer:

B) viewed critically. .

Novelist: Well, few would-be novelists aspire to be as plain and brutal as Hemingway, I suspect, but his die turn is still worth tucking into a corner of your brain not to be followed slavishly

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2. Louise says, a writer needs to get feedback when they

Correct answer:

D) have mixed feelings about their work.

Interviewer: Now, there comes a point in the writing of every novel when you just don't know any more. <...> You've lost sight of the original impetus behind the book and are plagued with self-doubt - yet at the same time you know there is something there and are not ready to give up on it.

Novelist: Yes, and this is the point at which you should be getting feedback.

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3. It is crucial to get feedback from another writer because

Correct answer:

B) they are able to understand your ideas.

Novelist: You need comments from another writer. <...>
Creative writing courses and book groups are also good places to find like-minded souls. Through such contacts you can find someone who understands what you are trying to do - which is not the same as someone who is uncritical of the way you do it.

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4. Louise says that useful feedback ...

Correct answer:

A) identifies problems and offers solutions.

Novelist: ... you need someone who is prepared to say, 'I really like the opening paragraph but I thought it went a bit wrong after that because and, crucially, is prepared to be specific. 'I just didn't like him' is not a helpful comment on a character. 'I lost sympathy with him in the scene where he tells his brother the truth because I thought he was too brutal. Maybe you should re-write it making his motivation clearer and his language softer.' That is useful advice: you can choose whether to take it or discard it.

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5. Writers who give Louise feedback on her novels...

Correct answer:

C) get feedback from her in return.

Novelist: The most fruitful relationships I have with other writers are with the novelists with whom I swap work - usually the person whose novel is under discussion pays for dinner. If you can find other novelists who are working at a similar level to yourself, with similar interests, and who are frank and unafraid of frankness from you, then keep them close at hand.

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6. The feedback and criticism a writer gets

Correct answer:

C) is something they can foresee.

For a start, a lot of the criticism you receive will be stuff which you knew already in your heart of hearts - you were just hoping nobody else would notice.

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7. Louise says that the only way to react to criticism is...

Correct answer:

D) to admit it and think over its value later on.

Frequently, the only way to work out if criticism is useful is to nod sagely, then file it in a drawer. When the wounds have healed over and your ego is not under immediate threat, then you will be able to assess its true worth.

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8. A writer should get feedback when they are lost in ...

Correct answer:

self-doubt

You've lost sight of the original impetus behind the book and are plagued with self-doubt - yet at the same time you know there is something there and are not ready to give up on it.

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9. Repeating the same word as if to place emphasis is the obvious evidence of over-writing.

Correct answer:

True

Interviewer: How do you know if you are over-writing?

Novelist: Well, an excess of adverbs and adjectives is a clue. Repetition under the guise of emphasis is another, and extended metaphors should be rationed tightly.

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10. The novelist whose work is under discussion pays a fee.

Correct answer:

False

Novelist: The most fruitful relationships I have with other writers are with the novelists with whom I swap work - usually the person whose novel is under discussion pays for dinner.

Listening. Task 2. Items 11-15

11. Correct answer:

Speaker 1 was contributing to periodicals
(B)

Speaker 1: I was doing some research and I had a small income from writing articles for magazines and that was it.

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12. Correct answer:

Speaker 2 had a degree in economics **(E)**.

Speaker 2: ... and at the university where I work (still!) I do a course in transport economics - that's my speciality - so I could see it was a good buy, a golden opportunity.

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13. Correct answer:

Speaker 3 was living and working in the countryside **(H)**.

Speaker 3: I was working in Australia in the early seventies, on a cattle station in the outback.

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14. Correct answer:

Speaker 4 was in a dead-end job (F)

Speaker 4: Well, one night about ten years ago I was working late in the office with a colleague who said to me, 'You know, they won't pay us for all this extra work we're doing. We'll never make any money here. We could do better by ourselves.' So that was how it started.

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15. Correct answer:

Speaker 5 had a private art collection **(D)**.

Speaker 5: It was something that I really wanted to buy because I already had several others from the same school.

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16. Correct answer:

Speaker 1 had his life changed for the better by a phone call **(C)**.

Speaker 1: But one day, it was in May, I got a call from a producer and he said, 'Do you want to do a programme for us?' Well, it was an entirely new thing, <...> ... it's been on for over forty years now, every Friday at 11 p. m. It's been my life. If I hadn't been given that chance...

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17. Correct answer:

Speaker 2 regrets having been indecisive
(E)

Speaker 2: But I hesitated. I wish I hadn't. Talk about a missed opportunity!

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18. Correct answer:

Speaker 3 has done well but thinks he could have done better **(F)**.

Speaker 3: Things are OK here. We do all right, although I'll always regret not buying a place in Australia. I might have had a huge ranch out there. I often dream about that.

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19. Correct answer:

Speaker 4 has formed a successful partnership **(B)**

Speaker 4: We hired some good people to write for us while the two of us looked after the finance and administration. Now, as you know, it is one of the leading titles in its field, and the one we used to work for went bust years ago. I've absolutely no regrets. We're making a mint - the money is just pouring in.

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20. Correct answer:

Speaker 5 is determined to seize the opportunity at last **(D)**.

Speaker 5: But it's on the market again – the auction is next week and this time I'm not going to miss it ...

Reading

Reading. Task 1

(D) She was a familiar figure in mid-Victorian life and literature, educating children from the comfort of their own home.

(A) Now the governess is finding increasing favour during the pandemic, with wealthy families seeking to ensure their children's education does not suffer as classrooms close and lessons move online.

(E) While a governess has become a fashionable luxury for ultra-high net worth families in recent years, there has also been increased demand from working parents with means who need help with home schooling.

(C) Irrespective of the family status and income, a modern governess will usually be expected to have a teaching qualification and will be responsible not just for supporting a child's education but also wider mentoring, cultural and play activities outside school hours. Caring duties will generally fall to the child's parents or a nanny.

(B) Before lockdown, a governess would have been expected to provide support around school hours, like helping with homework and additional tutoring where needed.

(F) Now governesses find themselves responsible for helping children negotiate online lessons.

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1. In which article is the following mentioned ...
the unexpected demands of the business.

Correct answer: D

One thing that did surprise me at the start was how much official paperwork I have to deal with.

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2. In which article is the following mentioned ...
a relative's suggestion to venture into something new.

Correct answer: E

My wife's first reaction was that I should try something completely different from what I'd been doing all my working life, but I figured I'd be better off sticking to what I know....

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3. In which article is the following mentioned ...
an established network of business contacts.

Correct answer: B

... I spent years running a travel agency and I know a lot of people in the industry. They have been great, offering advice as well as concrete help.

Reading. Items 1-15

4. In which article is the following mentioned ...
a prejudicial assessment of a person's value.

Correct answer: A

At the same time, I was infuriated by the arrogance of the company, which appeared to believe I was too old to be useful any longer.

Reading. Items 1-15

5. In which article is the following mentioned ...
taking advantage of modern communications.

Correct answer: F

I do almost all my work from home, using my PC for e-mails and video conferencing, and it's extremely satisfying as well as being financially rewarding.

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6. In which article is the following mentioned ...
realising an ambition.

Correct answer: D

When I left the company I'd been with for twenty-seven years, they gave me a rather good retirement package. It was something I'd longed to do for years. I've always been a keen gardener, you see, so I started a landscape gardening company.

Reading. Items 1-15

7. In which article is the following mentioned ...
the cost of setting up a business.

Correct answer: A

I'm an accountant, and for years I'd been advising friends about finances. Well, the initial outlay for office equipment was pretty low, all things considered.

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8. In which article is the following mentioned ...
being beneficial for the financial situation in the country.

Correct answer: F

I believe older entrepreneurs like us play a vital though unsung role in the economy because we're not only generating money; we're also saving the country money by not claiming our pensions.

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9. In which article is the following mentioned ...
plans to branch out.

Correct answer: C

Now we've got a fair-sized factory, and we're about to expand into glassware as well.

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10. In which article is the following mentioned ...
a product that aims to help people complete official forms.

Correct answer: E

My career was in accounting, and I knew that there was shortly going to be a change in the way self-employed people fill in tax returns. So when I was made redundant, I thought it would be a good idea to create software showing people exactly how to go about it, and that was the first item my company put on the market.

Reading. Items 1-15

11. In which article is the following mentioned ...
the fact that few companies cater for a certain group of people.

Correct answer: B

There seemed to be a lack of companies catering for the over sixties, which is ironic because they're the ones who often have the leisure and the income to take advantage of opportunities for travel.

Reading. Items 1-15

12. In which article is the following mentioned ...
the advantage of employing older people.

Correct answer: C

Most of the people who work for me are more or less my generation. I find they tend to be more loyal; they don't rush off if they think they can see a better prospect elsewhere.

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13. In which article is the following mentioned ...
the competitive nature of a business.

Correct answer: F

I was in advertising for almost twenty-five years, but it's a very cut-throat business ...

Reading. Items 1-15

14. In which article is the following mentioned...
financial worries about a home loan.

Correct answer: A

I was anxious about the future because we still had a mortgage to pay off on our house, and my husband's income couldn't cover our hefty monthly expenses.

Reading. Items 1-15

15. In which article is the following mentioned ...
the vital importance of interacting with people.

Correct answer: B

Now I enjoy what I do, especially because I've always worked with people, and without the daily contact I'd go mad!