

READING LITERACY

Instruction: You are offered the test items to 3 texts with one correct answer from four proposed ones. Read each text attentively and complete the tasks for each text.

1-text

Pyramids

Just outside the Egyptian city of Cairo, three massive stone pyramids rise out of the desert sands in a place called Giza. For centuries, **they** have captured the attention of archeologists, historians, artists, and travellers. These giant monuments are the tombs of three ancient Egyptian kings. The oldest pyramid is called the Great Pyramid of Khufu. It is the largest of the three, and the last survivor of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. When it was built 4500 years ago, it stood 146 metres tall. Scientists believe it took about 20 years to build and was finished around 2560 B.C. The famous statue of the Sphinx sits nearby. Experts still debate the age and meaning of this ancient statue, which has the head of a man and the body of a lion. How were ancient builders able to move the huge stone blocks from the quarries where they were cut to the building area? How were they able to raise them to the higher levels of the monuments? And what kind of tools did these ancient builders use to cut stone as hard as granite? Over the centuries people who study pyramids have developed many theories about how they were constructed. However, the exact method used to build them remains a mystery to this day.

1. **Capture** in the text means
 - A) to make someone interested in something
 - B) to record an event in a film or photograph
 - C) to catch a person or animal and stop them from escaping
 - D) to get control of something, for example, in a war
2. The wrong sentence
 - A) Experts agree on the age of the pyramid of Khufu.
 - B) Experts wonder how huge stones were cut and lifted.
 - C) Experts don't know for sure the purpose of the pyramids.
 - D) These pyramids are in Cairo.
3. **They** (line 2) refers to
 - A) pyramids
 - B) three
 - C) desert
 - D) stone
4. The wrong information about the Great Pyramid of Khufu
 - A) It's the biggest of the three.
 - B) It's the oldest.
 - C) It is next to Sphinx.
 - D) It's called Giza.

5. According to the text the best ending for 'Egypt'.
- A) is rich in mysteries.
 - B) has an amazing cultural heritage.
 - C) is a desert country.
 - D) has great history.

2-text

Work and professions

Ronan

I work in a fairly traditional office environment doing a typical nine-to-five job. I like my job, but it's annoying that my commute to work takes an hour and a half each way and most of my work could really be done online from home. But my boss doesn't seem to trust that we will get any work done if left to our own devices, and everyone in the company has to clock in and out every day. It's frustrating that they feel the need to monitor what we do so closely instead of judging us based on our task performance, like most companies do these days.

Jo

I used to do a typical five-day week, but after I came out of my maternity leave, I decided that I wanted to spend more time with my children before they start school. After negotiating with my boss, we decided to cut my working week down to a three-day work week. This of course meant a significant cut in my pay too, as I'm paid on a pro-rata basis. I've since noticed, though, that my workload hasn't decreased in the slightest! I'm now doing five days' worth of work in three days, but getting paid much less for it! I find myself having to take work home just so that I can meet the deadlines. It's wearing me out trying to juggle work with looking after my children and my family, but I don't dare to bring this up with my boss because I think he feels as if he's made a huge concession letting me come in only three days a week.

Lily

I'm a freelancer and work for myself. This is great because I am in control of what I do and how I spend my time. At first, I was working from home, but I found it really hard to concentrate. There were just too many distractions around: housework that needed doing, another cup of tea, my family members wanting my attention for various things. So I started to go to a nearby café to work, but the Wi-Fi connection wasn't ideal and I found myself drinking too much coffee. In the end, I decided to rent a desk in a co-working space with five other freelancers like myself. I liked getting dressed to go to work in the morning and being able to focus in an office environment. The other freelancers do similar kinds of web-based work to me and so it's nice to have workmates to bounce ideas off as well.

6. Wrong information about Jo

- A) She is paid fairly.
- B) She works three days a week.
- C) She gave birth to children.
- D) She does office job at home.

7. The information referring to Ronan

- A) He doesn't approve of his boss's attitude to employees.
- B) He lives next to his work.
- C) He is a freelancer.
- D) He is happy to travel to work.

8. **Concession** in the text means

- A) to reach an agreement
- B) the right to sell something

C) reduction in the price

D) promotion

9. The common thing about them is

A) a working condition

B) the same professions

C) families

D) travel to work

10. ***Freelancer*** is a person who ...

A) has a part-time job at an office

B) controls employees

C) is self-employed

D) works for their boss

3-text

Welcome to Australia!

Apply for a Tax File Number

Everyone who receives any income in Australia needs a Tax File Number. Income includes wages or salary from a job, money earned from investments, and government payments.

Register with Medicare

The Australian Government provides help with medical expenses through a scheme called Medicare. You may be eligible to join Medicare and gain immediate access to health-care services and programs such as free public hospital care, help with the cost of out-of-hospital care and subsidized medicines.

To register with Medicare, you should wait approximately ten working days after your arrival in Australia and then go to a Medicare office, listed in the telephone book, with your passport or travel documents. If you need to see a doctor urgently, you can register with Medicare without waiting ten days.

Medicare has a Welcome Kit which is translated into 16 different languages. It explains Medicare and other government health services and the eligibility requirements for benefits and payments. This booklet is available from Medicare offices or you can read it on the Internet.

Open a bank account

People in Australia usually keep their money in a bank, building society or credit union. It is advisable to open a bank account within six weeks of your arrival, as during this time you usually need only your passport as identification. After six weeks, you will need additional to open an account.

Register with Centrelink

Newly arrived residents can register with the government agency called Centrelink to get help with looking for work, having overseas skills recognized, and accessing relevant courses. Centrelink also has an application form for Tax File Numbers and can assist you to lodge your application with the Tax Office, so that access to any payments is not delayed.

Register for English classes

English language courses for new arrivals in Australia are provided under the Adult Migrant English Program. As a new resident, you may be entitled to receive free English language tuition of up to 510 hours.

Get a driver's licence

If you are a permanent resident visa holder and have a current driver's licence from another country, in English or with an official translation, you are allowed to drive for your first three months after arrival. After that, if you want to drive, you will need to have the appropriate Australian driver's licence. To get one, you usually need to pass a knowledge test, a practical test, and an eyesight test. Licences from some overseas countries do not require a practical test.

11. This passage is taken from

- A) a booklet
- B) a book
- C) a magazine

- D) a newspaper
- 12. A Tax File Number is provided by everyone who has
 - A) information
 - B) house
 - C) income
 - D) support
- 13. "Income" means
 - A) source
 - B) money
 - C) support
 - D) tax
- 14. The aim of the scheme Medicare
 - A) to give some information
 - B) to help with investment
 - C) to help the poor
 - D) to give free health-care services
- 15. Why Australian people keep money in a bank because it is a commonly used...
 - A) financial centre
 - B) educational centre
 - C) establishment
 - D) building