

READING

Instruction: You are offered the test items on the base of text with one correct answer from four proposed ones. Read the text attentively and do the items.

World of Jobs

We spend great part of our lives at our jobs, so choosing a right career is one of the most important decisions you will make in your life. Many students finish high school and begin college without a clear idea of what they want to do in the future. Part of the problem is the size of the job market itself. With so many kinds of jobs (2000) how can you tell which will interest you? Some of occupations are already overcrowded. In old industries there may be little need for new workers, while new and growing industries will offer jobs now and in the future. Therefore, it is extremely important to explore your choice of occupations from every angle, collect as much information as you can. But above all you must evaluate yourself. Find out where your interests and talents lie. Postponing a decision is an error people make. "I'll get started tomorrow or next week, or next year," - many people think. First start with yourself, make a list of your interests, talents and abilities. Most people have a lot of these, but at the beginning they are undeveloped and may not seem outstanding. Unfortunately, many people in the world are 'square pegs'. But to be a 'square peg' is not a real problem, a real problem for millions of people is to be unemployed. Unemployment especially hits poor and working-class families the hardest, not because these people are more likely to be unemployed, but because they don't have financial resource to fall back on. Unemployment exists primarily for two reasons: first - the existence of millions of unemployed people tends to present most of those working from asking for higher wages since they can be replaced easily, second - in their search for profits, corporations are interested in finding the cheapest labor. As for our country more than 10% of our people are unemployed. Old industries are overcrowded. The problem of unemployment is also connected with the economic crisis in our country. And I think when this crisis comes to an end the problem of unemployment will not be so urgent.

1. People spend great part of their lives ...
 - A) on their holidays
 - B) at the meetings
 - C) on travelling
 - D) at jobs

2. The real problem for millions of people is
 - A) asking for higher wages
 - B) an economic crisis
 - C) to be unemployed
 - D) having financial resource

Hobbies: Why Do People Collect?

Petra Engels owns 19,571 erasers, Carol Vaughn has 1,221 bars of soap, and Ralf Shröder has a collection of 14,502 packets of sugar. Many people love to collect things, but why? Psychologists and collectors have different opinions.

The psychologist Carl Jung believed that collecting is part of our ancient human history. Thousands of years ago, humans collected nuts and berries. They kept them carefully and ate them when there was no food. The best collectors survived long cold winters or seasons without rain. Their genes passed to future generations. Nowadays, we still have a collecting instinct.

Historian Philipp Bloom has a different opinion. He thinks collectors want to make something that will remain after their death. By bringing many similar items together, the collector gains historical importance. Sometimes their collections become museums or libraries, for example, Henry Huntington, who founded a library in Los Angeles to house his collection of books.

Author Steve Roach thinks that people collect things to remember their childhood. Many children collect things, but few have enough money to buy the things they really want, and they lose interest. In later life, they remember their collections fondly. Now, they have enough money and opportunity to find special items, and they start collecting again. This way, they can re-live and enjoy their childhood years.

Art collector, Werner Muensterberger, agrees that collecting is linked to childhood. But he believes we collect in order to feel safe and secure. While babies hold blankets or toys to feel safe when their mother isn't there, adults collect things to stop feeling lonely or anxious.

Autograph collector Mark Baker agrees that collecting is emotional, but he doesn't collect to reduce anxiety. "For me, it's the excitement," he says. "I love trying to get a famous person's autograph. Sometimes I succeed, and sometimes I fail. Also, by collecting autographs, I feel connected to famous people. I don't just watch them on television. I actually meet them."

3. The person who believes that collecting is a part of our ancient human history.

- A) Bloom Philip
- B) Werner Muensterberger
- C) Mark Baker
- D) Carl Jung

4. Mark's collection

- A) cars
- B) autographs
- C) stamps
- D) nuts

5. The aim of collecting things

- A) have hobby
- B) work hard
- C) earn money
- D) need some food

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.

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.

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.

6. A Tax File Number is provided by people who have

- A) house
- B) income
- C) support
- D) information

7. The purpose of the scheme Medicare

- A) to give free health-care services
- B) to help the poor
- C) to help with investment
- D) to give some information

8. Where do people in Australia keep their money ?

- A) bank
- B) credit card
- C) building Medicare
- D) home

9. Free English courses are available for

- A) students
- B) children
- C) everyone
- D) adult migrants

10. Income includes

- A) welcome kit
- B) wages or salary from a job
- C) tax earned from investments
- D) medicare

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