

TEST (B2)

Part 1

You are going to read a text about celebrities and paparazzi. For questions 1 – 6, choose the correct answer A, B or C.

The price of fame?

Being famous has disadvantages. Stars lose their privacy and are affected by negative publicity – and this is very stressful. The great number of magazines and newspapers that publish stories about the private lives of celebrities means that there are more paparazzi now. The celebrities get angry with the media but the media say everyone loves human interest stories.

‘Famous people know they will be photographed; it’s part of being a celebrity,’ says teenager Lisa Michaels. ‘Everyone wants to read about their favourite celebrities and see photos of them. That’s why the magazines and newspapers that publish them are so popular.’

In the past, people were happy to see posed photographs of the stars. However, today we have reality TV and the Internet. People write about their private lives in blogs and posts on Facebook, MySpace or Twitter. ‘Nowadays,’ says sociologist Norman Newman, ‘we want to know what the stars look like without make-up, or when they are behaving badly. People expect to read about scandals, not just read news articles – and they want to see the photos.’

However, many celebrities complain that because of the paparazzi they can never relax. For some people, it can get so bad it affects their health and quality of life. Actor Robert Pattinson, star of the Twilight films, worries about his security. ‘It’s a nightmare,’ he says, ‘I haven’t been able to meet friends because I know photographers will be waiting. I can’t even talk to my fans because the photographers follow me everywhere.’

Now, more and more celebrities are protecting themselves against the paparazzi. Recently actresses Sienna Miller and singer Lily Allen won court cases to stop press agencies from sending paparazzi to photograph them. Lily Allen was in a car accident after she was chased by a photographer. The court has forbidden paparazzi photographers to take her photos and she is very delighted.

1. According to the text, one of the difficult things about being famous is

- A. you are always stressed about something.
- B. you get bad publicity all the time from the media.
- C. your life is no longer private.

2. There are more paparazzi now because

- A. most photographers think it is a very glamorous job.
- B. there are more magazines and newspapers that want their photos.
- C. more celebrities behave badly now than before.

3. Lisa Michaels

- A. doesn’t often read about her favourite celebrities.
- B. is a teenager who is famous for taking photos of stars.
- C. thinks celebrities should expect to be photographed.

4. According to Norman Newman,

- A. readers expect newspapers to have stories about celebrity scandals.
- B. people only want to know about the bad behaviour of celebrities.
- C. everyone knows what stars look like without make-up.

5. Robert Pattinson wants to avoid the paparazzi because

- A. they take photos of his friends.
- B. he can’t keep in touch with his fans.
- C. they have threatened his security guard.

6. _____ went to court because paparazzi photographers chased him/her and caused a car crash.

- A. Sienna Miller
- B. Lily Allen
- C. Robert Pattinson

Part 2

Read the text below and decide which answer A, B or C best fits each space.

A book I recommend

I found *Escape from Time* by Andy Treen very exciting and I really enjoyed reading it. It's a story (1) a boy called Troy who goes on a journey to (2) for his friend Zyra. It wasn't what I had expected, although I am interested (3)..... science fiction. I thought this story would be like films I had seen, but I (4)..... after a few pages that it was (5)..... interesting than a film.

Troy goes to many places and times. He (6)..... his knowledge with different (7)..... of people and learns new skills from them. Then he moves on. The last part of the book (8) the meeting between Troy and Zyra when they are both caught by some space criminals from the future. But that's enough information from me (9)..... I don't want to spoil it for you. It's really quite (10)....., too, with some excellent jokes about time travel in it.

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| 1. A. from | B. about | C. on |
| 2. A. ask | B. follow | C. look |
| 3. A. by | B. with | C. in |
| 4. A. explained | B. realised | C. showed |
| 5. A. even | B. more | C. much |
| 6. A. shares | B. joins | C. divides |
| 7. A. kinds | B. variety | C. qualities |
| 8. A. says | B. discovers | C. describes |
| 9. A. when | B. if | C. because |
| 10. A. funny | B. sad | C. frightening |

Part 3

Read the text. Then read the statements below and decide whether they are True (T) or False (F).

Unusual women of the past

You may think that no women went to sea or joined the army until the 20th century, but this is not true. Although they had to pretend to be men, there are a few true stories of women who fought for both good reasons and bad ones.

One English woman soldier in the 17th century was Christina Walsh, the wife of a man who joined the army, although he didn't want to be a soldier. Christina refused to accept the situation. She cut off her hair, dressed as a man and joined the army, calling herself Kit Cavanagh, in order to look for her husband. She spent thirteen years serving in the army and fought in several different countries. She was only discovered to be a woman when doctors were operating on her for an injury she had received while fighting.

A rather different example is Anne Bonney. She was Irish but she left Ireland and went to the islands which are now called the Bahamas. When she got there, she fell in love with a sailor Lohn Rackham. She worked with John to steal a ship from the local port. They chose the fastest one in the port at the time. For the next ten years they sailed round the Caribbean, attacking other ships and stealing everything valuable from them, as well as taking sailors to help on their own ship.

One day Anne discovered that one of the boys they had taken off another ship was really a young woman. Her name was Mary Read. Earlier Mary had fought in the army, but she stopped pretending to be a man when she married a soldier who had realised that she was a woman. Unfortunately her husband died, and so Mary started to dress as a man once again and became a sailor.

Anne and Mary continued their criminal career with John Rackham, but in the end their ship was caught by the navy. The two women went on fighting even after all the men were taken prisoner, but they avoided punishment and disappeared. Nobody knows what happened to them after that. Perhaps they pretended to be men and joined another ship, or maybe they got married.

1. The writer says many women joined armies before the 20th century.
 - a) True
 - b) False
2. Christina Walsh wanted to marry a soldier.

- a) True
 - b) False
3. Kit Cavanagh spent thirteen years in the army.
 - a) True
 - b) False
 4. Kit fought the doctors when they tried to operate.
 - a) True
 - b) False
 5. Anne Bonney went to the Bahamas to find John Rackham.
 - a) True
 - b) False
 6. Anne helped John to get a fast ship.
 - a) True
 - b) False
 7. Mary was already working on a ship before she met Anne.
 - a) True
 - b) False
 8. Mary joined the army in order to be with her husband.
 - a) True
 - b) False
 9. Anne and Mary went to prison after John Rackham.
 - a) True
 - b) False
 10. It is uncertain what happened to Anne and Mary in the end.
 - a) True
 - b) False

Part 4

Read the text about how the English invented sports. Then match the headings (A, B or C) with the paragraphs (1-5).

How the English invented sports

1. Maybe the English are not world champions any more but they can say they invented some of the world's most popular sports. The modern games of football, tennis and rugby all started in England. Then others learnt to play – and beat – the English at their own game...
 - A. Britain: the home of sport?
 - B. How football went around the world
 - C. How a schoolboy changed a game of football
2. A form of football was played in China more than 2 500 years ago; and people in Florence have played a variation of football known as *calcio storico* since the 16th century. Three hundred years later, in 1848, two football players from Cambridge University first wrote down the rules of football. The first organised football club was Sheffield F.C. – it started in 1857 and is still in action today.
 - A. How tennis developed
 - B. Britain: the home of sport?
 - C. The origins of modern football.
3. British sailors took football with them to the ports of Italy, Brazil and Argentina where the game quickly found new fans. A number of famous clubs in Spain, Italy and Argentina were founded by Englishmen. But while the rest of the world developed its football skills, England didn't even play in the first three World Cups. When they finally entered for the first time in 1950, they lost their most important match – to the United States!
 - A. How a schoolboy changed a game of football
 - B. How football went around the world.
 - C. How tennis developed
4. Like football, the game of rugby developed in England. According to legend, the game started when William Webb Ellis, a schoolboy at Rugby school, picked the ball up and ran with it. Again, it wasn't long before the game spread abroad ... and again, England started losing. New Zealand, South Africa and Australia have won the Rugby World Cup five times between them... England has won it just once!
 - A. The origins of modern football

B. Britain: the home of sport?

C. How a schoolboy changed a game of football.

5. A game called *jeu de paume* was played in France nearly 800 years ago. It was similar to tennis but players used their hands instead of tennis racquet and the ball made of leather. Then in the 1870s, an English army officer developed the rules for modern lawn tennis. The game was played with racquet, and a lighter ball, made of rubber. Wimbledon Tennis Club held the first tennis championship in 1877, and the first seven champions were English. The last English tennis player to win Wimbledon was Virginia Wade... in 1977!

A. How tennis developed.

B. How a schoolboy changed a game of football

C. The origins of modern football

Part 5

Read the text below and choose the correct form for each gap.

A different kind of education

My little sister, Millie, 1) to a Waldorf-Steiner school. She doesn't have to wear a uniform. She 2) boring exercises. In lessons, the children sing, dance, play instruments and make things with their hands. They 3) a lot of stories and poems. My sister 4) to play African drums and to make bread. This week they 5) a project on autumn festivals in different countries. Last month they 6) for a concert.

Some people think this is not real education but Steiner students do well in exams. 7) impossible? They have excellent language skills and are good at working independently. It seems you don't need to do hundreds of exam papers to pass exams. Alternative schools 8) more popular.

1. A. go

B. goes

C. is going

2. A. don't do

B. isn't doing

C. doesn't do

3. A. read

B. reads

C. are reading

4. A. has already learned

B. have already learned

C. already learned

5. A. do

B. are doing

C. have done

6. A. have prepared

B. has prepared

C. prepared

7. A. Is that sounding

B. Did that sound

C. Does that sound

8. A. become

B. are becoming

C. became