


Test 2

Name: _____ Klasse: _____ Datum: _____

1. Listening: The Maitreya Project in India

 You will hear part of a radio interview between Eric Clark and Bitu Rina on the Maitreya Education Project in India. For questions 1-5, choose the answer which fits best according to what you hear.

1. What is Bitu Rina's role in the Maitreya Project?

- She is a sponsor.
- She is the founder.
- She is a representative.

2. What does the project NOT focus on?

- healthcare
- social welfare
- infrastructure

3. Why is the project of great importance for that region?

- Because most people are unemployed.
- Because most people are badly educated.
- Because most people need better medical treatment.


4. Under what condition will new schools be built?

- ! Sponsors provide both money and locations.
- ! There is a higher interest of children and adults in education.
- ! The curriculum covers a greater variety of subjects.

5. What is the “good heart”?

- ! a subject
- ! a project
- ! a concept

2. Listening: Mice

 You will hear a radio report about mice. For statements 1-7, choose the answer (True or False) which fits best according to what you hear.

1. The field mouse is the best-known mouse species.

- True
- False

2. Despite their many natural enemies, mice can live in nearly all areas.

- True
- False

3. Mice are carriers of illnesses.

- True
- False

4. Mice are most active during the day.

- True
- False

5. Mice can see as well as they can hear.

- True
- False

6. Mice are often used in labs although they are expensive.

- True
- False

7. Mice easily adapt around humans.

- True
- False

3. Reading: The importance of reading

You are going to read a text on the importance of reading. For questions 1-5, choose the answer which fits best according to what you read.

The importance of reading

Being able to read is one of the most valuable skills to be acquired because it opens the doors to infinite knowledge and changes our view of the world and of the people who live in it. The skill of reading therefore plays an important role in an individual's personal and educational development.

Although used throughout in education, more and more people do not consider reading a pleasant free-time activity. For young people especially, reading often becomes an imposition, something that they would like to avoid if at all possible. One reason for people losing interest in reading is the availability of all sorts of media which seem to be far more attractive these days because they often do not ask for being active. A growing number of young people, children and teenagers alike, prefer spending their time playing computer games or watching television. Adults often busy themselves with work or seemingly more exciting leisure time activities too.

People who understand the importance of reading keep pointing out how crucial it is that we do not stop reading but that we learn to appreciate the benefit of it. Children in particular need to be made familiar with books and their advantages from an early age.

There are various reasons why reading is of high significance to us. Children who are read to – or read themselves as soon as they are able to – develop a greater ability of understanding different concepts without much effort. Their critical thinking benefits from the stories they are confronted with. Generally, it can be said that they learn how to think independently instead of being constantly spoon-fed.

The equation is an easy one: The more children read, the better they become at reading. The more interesting and enjoyable the texts they read are, the more they will want to read in general. Furthermore, by reading children automatically build their vocabulary and improve their command of language as well as of their communication skills. By reading children are exposed to a great variety of grammatical structures and phrases. In addition, being good at reading has an immediate effect on their spoken and written language skills.

What people have to begin to understand is that reading does not have to be considered annoying or tiresome. Pick the right book or text and you will experience quite the opposite! Reading enriches people's lives because it allows them to lose themselves in different worlds – their own worlds of imagination – and to gain knowledge of everything one can possibly think about.

It is the ability to evaluate, process and question the world we live in that makes us stand out from the rest. By giving up reading we give up an important part of our independence!

1. What is meant by “imposition” in the second paragraph?

- an activity
- a benefit
- a hardship

2. Who likes spending their time with things other than reading?

- children and teenagers
- children and adults
- children, teenagers and adults

3. “People who understand the importance of reading keep pointing out how crucial it is that we do not stop reading but that we learn to appreciate the benefit of it.” What does “it” at the end of the sentence refer to?

- importance
- reading
- benefit

4. When should children be made familiar with books?

- before they can read
- as soon as they can read
- when they understand the books

5. What makes people like reading?

- They improve their grammatical knowledge.
- They develop their communication skills.
- They are interested in the stories.

1. The study looked at any kind of shopping.

- True
- False

2. Food shopping usually takes an hour.

- True
- False

3. A lot of women are in therapy to overcome their shopping habits.

- True
- False

4. Guilt about shopping grows when other people are involved.

- True
- False

5. The need to go shopping is stronger than the feelings of guilt.

- True
- False

6. Compulsive shopping is considered a less serious addiction.

- True
- False

7. Writing: Now and Then

Your English teacher has started a new project called „Now and Then“. Among other things, every student has to write a letter of about 190 words about a very emotional childhood memory. Write about one situation in which you felt extremely happy.

Make sure to include the following points:

- your age
- the situation you were in
- the people involved
- your feelings