

## PART 1 READING COMPREHENSION

### A.1 Read the following text.



## Crazy Mom's Fashion



It started 20 years ago. One day, Jane Smith, a busy mom and a loving wife, went shopping for new clothes. After a few hours of searching, she came home exhausted and disappointed. In the mid-80s, few manufacturers made clothes for women over thirty. “Thousands of women in England have the same problem, and I will help them,” – thought Mrs. Smith. With very little money, no connections in the fashion world and a husband who thought that her idea was crazy, the ambitious woman decided to start up her own business.

Jane designed her first collection of twenty clothing items, bought suitable material and sewing machines, and hired experienced tailors. The Smiths’ balcony turned into a workshop. When the collection was ready, Jane offered it to a famous chain of stores. To her surprise, they bought the whole collection at once. When they asked her about the name of her company, Jane looked at her husband, smiled and said: “Crazy Mom”. The collection was sold in a very short time – women liked Jane’s models. In a month, the manager of the chain ordered more clothes from “Crazy Mom” and Jane had to hire more people and find a bigger place for the workshop. The next step was opening her own shop at the central train station in Manchester.

Now “Crazy Mom” has 50 boutiques all over the world. Mr. Smith left his job as an engineer and became head of the company. Their four children also work in the company and, according to Jane, this is what makes the business so successful.

**A.2. Answer the questions in English.**

1. Why didn't Jane manage to buy any clothes?

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2. What difficulties did Jane face when starting up her business?

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

3. What special trait helped Jane succeed in her new career? (par. 1)

\_\_\_\_\_

4. What did Mrs. Smith do in order to start her business? (par. 2)

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Where did Jane sew her first collection?

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Why did Jane decide to call her collection "Crazy Mom"?

\_\_\_\_\_

7. What did Jane do when the manager ordered more clothes?

\_\_\_\_\_

8. What fact proves that that "Crazy Mom" is a successful company?

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# Sleep for Your Health



You may eat properly and do exercise, but if you don't get enough sleep, you threaten your health. Lack of sleep not only affects concentration and alertness, it also increases the risk of getting different diseases. Millions of people don't sleep well. But many of them think that sleep problems are natural. They suffer for many years before they finally ask for help.

Here are some tips to improve sleep:

- Go to bed only when you really feel tired.
- Don't read, watch television or use your computer in bed. These are waking activities.
- Try not to take a nap during the day, even if you feel tired.
- Try to avoid any physical work or activity late in the evening.
- If you don't fall asleep within 20 minutes, get up and relax in another room. Do something calming until you're tired enough to go back to bed.
- If you are still thinking about daytime problems, listening to quiet music for a while may be helpful.
- Take a warm bath to calm down.
- Drink hot milk before going to bed.
- Practice relaxation exercises before you go to bed. Breathe in slowly and deeply for four seconds, and then breathe out for another four seconds. Tense and then relax your muscles a few times.

If none of these help, going to a doctor is the best way to get your sleep regular again.

**B.2. Fill in the blank spaces in the sentences, according to what you read.**

A lot of people suffer from lack of sleep, but most of them think it is \_\_\_\_\_ and do not look for help. They do not realize that not sleeping well \_\_\_\_\_ their risk of getting diseases and decreases \_\_\_\_\_ and alertness.

The article offers several \_\_\_\_\_ that may help people to improve their sleep. Doctors recommend not to watch \_\_\_\_\_ or use a computer in bed. Reading is also a waking \_\_\_\_\_. Those, who want to sleep well at night, should not take a nap in the daytime and should \_\_\_\_\_ physical work in the evening. On the contrary, specialists advise you to relax: listen to \_\_\_\_\_, take a warm bath, or drink hot milk before going to bed. \_\_\_\_\_ exercises are also good. But if these tips don't \_\_\_\_\_, it is better to visit a doctor.

## C.1 Read the text and answer the questions.



# Students and Teachers

Different students like or dislike different subjects. However, there is one thing in common for all of them: the role of the teacher in these ‘likes’ and ‘dislikes’. It’s very hard for a student to succeed in learning a subject if he or she doesn’t like the person who teaches it.

To be sure that students are going to like a teacher the school wants to hire, the principal of one high school decided to try a new way of choosing teachers. In order to be accepted, the candidate has to be interviewed twice – first by the principal and then by the students’ committee.

Gabi Levy explains the reason for this double interview: “We, the students, want to know what kind of person our future teacher is because he or she will teach us and not the principal.” Another student adds: “It is great that our school allows us to make important decisions and influence our school life.”

The principal, Ronen Dan, agrees with his students: “The students want to know whether the candidate answers their criteria, and the administration has its own requirements. We discuss the results of each interview together and decide who can be accepted. I hope that now there will be fewer conflicts and more understanding between students and teachers in our school. This experiment teaches kids to take responsibility for their choice. If they approve of a teacher, they can’t complain that his or her requirements are unfair.”

**C. 2. Answer the questions in English.**

1. What is the connection between the teacher's personality and a student's success?

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2. What made the school principal try a different approach in finding new teachers?

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3. Who interviews potential teachers?

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is the purpose of the double interview, according to students?

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5. How do students feel about their school because of this experiment?

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6. How do the principal and the students cooperate when choosing the right teacher for their school?

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7. What goal does the principal want to achieve by letting students take part in a job interview?

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## **PART 2    LANGUAGE AND VOCABULARY**

### **D. Circle the most suitable word from those in brackets.**

#### **Walt Disney (1901 – 1966)**

Walt Disney was a well known film producer and an innovator in animation design. He ( **create / creating / created** ) a number of the world's most famous animation heroes, like Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Felix the Cat and ( **many / any / much** ) others.

In his childhood, Walt moved with ( **him / his / their** ) family all around the United States. When young Walt arrived in Los Angeles, he ( **has / have / had** ) only \$40 and ( **a / an / this** ) unfinished cartoon in his suitcase.

Disney's first wish ( **be / is / was** ) to become a film director. Since he ( **didn't / don't / doesn't** ) succeed in live-action films, Disney turned back to animation. His first Hollywood cartoon "studio" was a garage in his ( **uncle / uncle's / uncles** ) house. Walt ( **go / going / went** ) to his brother Roy and asked for his help with opening the studio. Roy agreed and this was the beginning of the Disney Brothers' Studio.

Walt Disney died ( **at / on / in** ) December 15, 1966, several years before the opening of his "Walt Disney World" dream project in Orlando, Florida. The famous Disneyland and Walt Disney World resort parks in the United States, France, Japan and China were named in his memory.

**E.1. Read the story and complete the letter below with one or more words in each space.**

## THE WEDDING GOWN



My name is Debra Cohen and I live in Raanana. My fiancé, Aaron, and I are getting married on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008. We have just 6 months to plan our wedding. It isn't much time, but Aaron is going to take care of the wedding hall and our parents will help with the invitations. My main concern is how I will look on the most important day of my life.

While looking through ads for wedding gowns in the "Bridal Monthly" magazine, I saw a beautiful dress advertised by "The Bridal Chalet" salon. The ad explained that the gown was made from the highest quality fabric and the decorations were hand-made. I am a busy person, so what really interested me was that all dress fittings could be done at the client's house for an extra NIS 300. And then, if the client is not totally satisfied with the original gown, changes can be made to it at no extra cost.

I am going to answer this ad by writing a letter to "The Bridal Chalet" to verify all the details and make an appointment to visit the salon.

The Sales Manager  
"The Bridal Chalet" Salon  
12 Dizengoff St., Tel Aviv

Miss Debra Cohen  
204, David Elazar Road,  
Raanana

Dear Madam,

I am getting married on \_\_\_\_\_. Our parents and my \_\_\_\_\_, Aaron, promised to take care of the wedding hall and the \_\_\_\_\_, but I want to make sure that I look perfect on my wedding day.

I saw your ad in the \_\_\_\_\_ magazine and want to order a \_\_\_\_\_ at your salon. You say that you use the highest quality material, and the \_\_\_\_\_ are made by hand. I live in \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a very busy person, so can I have the dress fittings at my house? I am willing to pay \_\_\_\_\_ for this. And will I really be able to order changes to the \_\_\_\_\_ at no extra cost?

I would like to make an \_\_\_\_\_ to visit your salon within the next two weeks.

Yours Sincerely,  
Debra Cohen



**F. Complete the dialogue. Copy the question words from the box below. NOTE: Choose 5 out of the 10 words given.**

## THE ACCIDENT



Freda	Hi Lena. Have you heard what happened to Kate?
Lena	No! _____ it anything bad?
Freda	Actually, yes! She fell and broke her leg.
Lena	That's terrible! _____ did it happen?
Freda	She was cleaning her windows and slipped. They sent her home from hospital only yesterday.
Lena	_____ you going to visit her?
Freda	Yes! I'll call her to find out if it's okay to come. _____ you want to come with me?
Lena	Yes, of course. _____ time would you like to go?
Freda	About 8:00 o'clock. Come to my house first because I live nearer to her.
Lena	That's fine. I'll see you this evening if Kate wants us to come.

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**Good Luck!**