

Демоверсия вступительной работы для поступающих в 10 класс Д

I Listening

Listen to the winner of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. For questions 1–6 choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

1 Abigail finished

- A all three awards in a year.
- B the final award a year ago.
- C the final award when she was at school.
- D the final award a year after she started it.

2 Abigail doesn't mention doing anything which

- A she disliked.
- B involved people.
- C involved studying.
- D would involve working as part of a group.

3 Now, Abigail

- A has started working.
- B is going to do another award.
- C feels that her character has changed.
- D has lost touch with her university friends.

4 In her final point, Abigail talks about

- A the award's social networking site.
- B other people's negative reactions to the award.
- C cruel people she met while doing the award.
- D the importance of doing the award with a friend.

5 Abigail is taking part in

- A a radio debate about the value of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.
- B a radio news item about the Duke of Edinburgh Award.
- C an interview on a radio station.
- D a radio phone-in show.

- 6 Abigail wanted to go on the radio show to
- A encourage others to do the Duke of Edinburgh Award.
 - B explain how she felt while doing the award.
 - C talk about the history of the award.
 - D publicise the fact that she had received the Gold award.

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Audioscript

Presenter: Today's guest is quite unusual as she wrote to us asking to come onto the programme, but we are very happy to have her. Welcome Abigail.

Abigail: Thank you.

Presenter: Now, I know you're here to talk about the Duke of Edinburgh Award but some people might not know what that is so can you quickly tell them?

Abigail: Well, it's an award for young people aged between 14 and 24 who have done different tasks to help the community and to develop as individuals. There are three levels, Bronze, Silver and Gold, and each takes several months to complete. I've just finished my Gold award which took just over a year to complete. I did the Bronze and Silver while I was at school and I started the final, Gold award when I finished university. Now I've finished and I have to get a job.

Presenter: Wow! So what did you have to do?

Abigail: There were five parts. Volunteering, so giving a hand to people who need it. I worked with homeless people. Then there's a physical part. I love dancing so I worked on that. Third was social skills. I find public speaking a challenge so I took part in debates and gave talks at schools about the award. I hated it but it was good for me. Fourth is an expedition. We had to plan an adventure or journey and complete it. I chose the Three Peaks Challenge. You have to climb the biggest mountains in England, Scotland and Wales in one day. It wasn't easy! Finally, there was a residential task where you have to live away from home and work with other people. Five of us went to Scotland and ran a bed and breakfast for the summer. It's a lot, which is why I waited until my studies had finished.

Presenter: That's fascinating but you wanted to come in for a different reason, didn't you?

Abigail: Yes. I did my Bronze award because my teacher at school was very keen. I wasn't sure it was a good idea but, once it had finished, I knew I wanted to do the Silver and Gold. It's been great fun but it's also helped me personally. I'm much more organised and confident than I was. I can now work on my own or as part of a team and it's a great thing to have on my CV. I took a year off after my university degree while I did the Gold award, so now I'm looking for work. People who I was at university with are finding it hard to even get invited to an interview but I've been offered three good jobs already.

Presenter: That's great. Well, we've got a minute left before the news. Is there anything else you'd like to say?

Abigail: Yes. Don't let other people put you off. A lot of young people think it's uncool and too much effort. They can be cruel sometimes, writing insulting comments on social networking sites and things like that. It doesn't matter. You'll meet real friends doing the award and you won't have time to check your social networking sites anyway!

Presenter: OK, thank you very much, Abigail.

II Reading

Text 1

After our children had left home for good, my husband and I came to the conclusion that we really needed to find ourselves a smaller house. Our house had far too many rooms, which meant constant cleaning, and it was over a hundred years old, so problems were constantly coming up. After watching a couple of TV shows and doing a bit of research online, we decided that a tiny, in other words very small, home was the right solution for us. We didn't need to keep all of the things we had, and a tiny home on wheels would give us the opportunity to move it wherever we fancied. Instead of immediately putting our old house up for sale, however, my husband – who is down-to-earth and practical – suggested renting a tiny home in a holiday spot for a week. All I can do is thank our lucky stars that he had this idea before we had made any final decisions. The tiny home seemed perfect during the daylight hours. It had a lovely seating area, a perfectly usable kitchen, and the bathroom – though extremely small by anyone's standards – was certainly adequate to our needs. But when it was time to go to sleep, it was a different story. The bed was in a tiny space under the roof, and once I'd managed to get up there, I felt as if I'd put myself into a drawer for the night! The area was certainly wide enough, but it was so shallow that sitting up even halfway was a challenge for me. And for my husband, who is nearly two metres tall, it was pretty much life-threatening. We did manage to sleep a little, but I kept hearing a bang, followed by a loud 'Ouch!' and knew that my husband would be covered in bruises in the morning. We survived three days in the tiny house before giving up. We are still talking about downsizing, and it's possible that there is a tiny home designed for a semi-giant and his claustrophobic partner. I rather think, though, that we will look for a smaller but more traditional place. Our children, who were excited at the beginning, have expressed some disappointment. But when I pointed out that they may need a place for an extended stay in the future, they changed their minds and congratulated us on going a more traditional route.

Text 2

There are a number of reasons which influence the choice to move into a tiny home. The fact is, though, that the number of people doing so is increasing quickly. A study of people who have an interest in tiny living showed that 20% of them are already living tiny, while a large majority are planning to make the change as soon as they can. The percentage of people actually living in tiny houses is still small when compared to the general population, but it is definitely a growing trend and may continue to be so. Why are so many making the change? For one thing, people feel that their houses are too large, that they have too many things, and that going tiny will help them simplify their lives and give them more free time. The environment is another major factor. As one expert says, 'Living tiny reduces the harm you do to the environment enormously. You use far fewer building materials, a lot less energy for heating and lighting, and you simply take up less space in our increasingly crowded environment.' Money is also a big influence. Housing is expensive, especially in large urban areas, and some people are simply not willing to work more just so they can pay for an unnecessarily large dwelling. A tiny home is far cheaper than a conventional home to buy and maintain, and even though you may have to rent a piece of land to put it on, it still costs far less in the long run. Is everyone happy with their choice to go tiny? We interviewed one tiny home dweller in Cambridge, England who has ended up with mixed feelings about her decision. Kim Layton said: 'I design and make clothes for a living, and I've worked from home for years. For some reasons I thought I could make the tiny space function for my business, but I simply couldn't make it work. I've ended up renting a space, which of course is an added expense. On the other hand, it means I'm not constantly surrounded by my work, which I'm finding to be really relaxing.' In conclusion, if you're thinking about going tiny consider all of the advantages and disadvantages before making a decision. And if you have the

chance to try it out before deciding, by renting a tiny home for a short period for example, that is definitely the best way to go.

1 A reason for moving to a different house NOT mentioned by the writer is

- A the size of the house.
- B the age of the house.
- C the number of people living there.
- D the expense of keeping up the house.

2 The writer feels that renting a tiny home temporarily

- A saved them some money.
- B gave them more time to think.
- C showed them the realities of tiny home living.
- D turned out to be a waste of time.

3 The main problem with the tiny home was that

- A the bathroom was unusable.
- B the sleeping arrangements were very uncomfortable.
- C the space was generally too small.
- D it was dark and unattractive.

4 According to the article

- A 20% of all homeowners live in tiny homes.
- B fewer people are moving to tiny homes.
- C many people choose tiny homes for economic reasons.
- D tiny homes can be adapted to every lifestyle.

5 Both texts emphasise the point that

- A you should try something before you commit to it.
- B moving to a smaller home is necessary for some people.
- C tiny homes are a temporary trend.
- D tiny homes are great for people who work from home.

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1. Decide which answer, A, B, C or D, best fills each gap.

Scientists know that the Amazonian rainforests contain thousands of different kinds of plants. They believe that we could benefit 1 ___ studying these plants, as many of them could be used to create medicines. There have been many scientific expeditions to the rainforest in order to 2 ___ contact with some of the tribes who live there and learn about the ways in which they use rainforest plants. Occasionally scientists have come 3 ___ tribes which have had little contact with the outside world, and they are the most knowledgeable because they depend entirely on what grows around them. When scientists arrive at remote villages, they always ask to speak to the chief. Everyone in the village looks 4 ___ to the chief, so they will follow his lead in the way they behave towards the visitors. Scientists hope that if the people of the Amazon are willing to share their knowledge, it will be possible to 5 ___ the beliefs of traditional drug makers and to find new ways to treat diseases.

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| 2 | A make | B do | C get | D find |
| 3 | A along | B off | C across | D into |
| 4 | A up | B away | C out | D on |
| 5 | A break | B doubt | C challenge | D destroy |

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2. Complete the text with one word in each gap.

Last summer, I 1 _____ riding my bike to a friend's house. My parents usually 2 _____ me put on my bike helmet before I get on my bike, but they were out that day so I didn't bother to think about safety. Of course, you can guess what happened. I had an accident and ended up in hospital. The doctor, 3 _____ was very nice, said that if I 4 _____ had a helmet on, I wouldn't have suffered such serious injuries. If I was giving advice to a young cyclist now, I 5 _____ definitely advise them to wear a helmet!

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3. Complete the text with the correct form of the words in CAPITALS.

Every few years, world leaders hold an Earth Summit to discuss 1 ___ ENVIRONMENT the many problems that the world now faces, and they sometimes make 2 ___ as to what should be done to lessen the impact of issues DECIDE such as climate change and rising sea levels. Unfortunately, businesses are often more 3 ___ than scientists, so many good ideas POWER are never implemented. It is true that the endless 4 ___ of warnings from REPEAT the scientific community often fall on deaf ears, but as environmental changes become more obvious to the population; I believe they will begin to demand positive 5 ___ from businesses and governments alike. ACT

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4. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use between two and five words including the word given.

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