

TEXT 1

Read the following text carefully and complete each blank with the best option from the box. Each option can be used only ONCE. There are **five extra options** that you will not need. *Item 0* is an example. Do not forget to transfer your answers to the answer sheet. (3 points: 0.3 each)

ALTHOUGH	CHILDREN	KNEW	MUST
ANYONE	COULD	LATER	so
BE	DAY	LIKE	TIME
BROTHERS	HID	LOOKED FOR	TRAVELLED

THE SIX BEAUTIFUL DUCKS

Once upon a time there was a king with six sons and one daughter. The king had recently married but his new wife was an unkind woman and didn't like his (0) children Because of this, one day she turned the king's sons into beautiful ducks. The six ducks flew away leaving their sister Sylvia behind. Sylvia was very sad and wanted to find her brothers. She left and (1) them for many days until at last she found them living in a house in the forest. The six ducks told their sister that to free them and become the men they used to _, she had to stay completely silent for six years and spend that time making each of them a shirt from white flowers. It wasn't easy to make shirts from flowers but the girl stayed in the forest sewing them for a very long (3)_ After a few years, a king called Philip came riding his horse through the forest and saw Sylvia while she was working on the shirts. (4)____ she didn't say a single word or even laugh, he fell in love with her kind manners and sweet smile. Sylvia also liked King Philip and a few months (5) ____ they got married. Philip's mother disliked Sylvia. She was jealous and wanted to separate her from Philip. That's why she planned something against Sylvia. Before long, Sylvia and Philip had a baby and Philip's mother took the child away and him in the forest. Then she accused Sylvia of losing the baby. But Sylvia decided to keep the promise to her brothers and did not speak. As she could not defend herself and tell the truth to (7) , her husband sent her to prison. _ when she was going to be judged was six years exactly The sad (8) ₋ since Sylvia had been silent. As she was walking to see the king, she was holding the six shirts. Suddenly six beautiful ducks flew down to her. She immediately (9)_ they were her brothers. She threw a shirt to each duck and each one returned to their human form. ______ speak again. She told Philip everything and the Finally, Sylvia (10) baby was found where the king's mother had put it. The king sent his mother to prison, never saw her again and they all lived happily ever after.

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TEXT 2

Read the following text carefully and choose the correct answer (a, b or c) according to the text. *Question 0* is an example. Do not forget to transfer your answers to the answer sheet. (3.5 points: 0.5 each)

HOW THE BIG MAC WENT INTERNATIONAL

In 1922 Ray Kroc was a happy young man who lived in Chicago. He worked as a salesman selling paper cups and was very good at it. One day one of his customers, who owned a bar, offered Ray a delicious new drink. "What is it made of?" Ray asked. "Cold milk, sugar and ice all mixed together. I call it milkshake", the bar owner answered. Ray thought it would be a big success and it really was.

Some years later, Mr Poplawski, another of his customers, invented a machine which could make several milkshakes at the same time. It was the first multi-mixer. Ray Kroc thought it was great. Mr Poplawski told Ray that he wanted to produce multi-mixers and asked Ray to sell them. At 35, Ray, who was ready for something new, decided to start his own business and sell multi-mixers all over the United States. He managed to sell five to eight thousand per year.

One day in 1954, he flew to California to visit two of his customers who had eight multimixers and used them in a small restaurant in the middle of the desert. When he arrived there, he was surprised to see so many people in such a remote place. "Taste the McDonald brothers' hamburger and you'll understand it! They are the best around here and they only cost 15 cents!" said a woman who was eating there.

Ray was very interested in meeting the two brothers. "Nice to meet you, Mr Kroc. I am Mac and this is my brother Dick", said Mr McDonald. "I've visited a lot of restaurants but I've never seen such a well-organized kitchen. You should develop your business on a far wider scale", said Ray. The two brothers thought they had made enough money and they needed some rest to enjoy life, so they answered: "We don't want to do it ourselves. We must find somebody to do it for us". Ray Kroc didn't want to miss the opportunity. "I can do it!" he exclaimed.

At 52, Ray Kroc started a new career. In 1955 he inaugurated his first restaurant in Chicago, which was a great success. When something went wrong, he asked specialists for advice to try to solve the problem. He wanted families and children to come to his restaurants and feel at home. In five years, Ray Kroc had inaugurated 200 McDonald's restaurants. Some years later he invented the Big Mac and McDonald's soon became the first food business in the U.S.

When Ray Kroc died in 1984, he was 81 and he had a real empire in more than 31 countries. He even created the Hamburger University, where people were taught how to make French fries and to be a good manager at a Mc Donald's restaurant. Today, more than 5,000 students attend the Hamburger University each year.

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0. Ray Kroc was

- a. a young waiter.
- b. born in 1922.
- $\sqrt{}$ c. good at his job.

1. Milkshakes were invented by

- a. a successful waiter.
- b. one of Ray's customers.
- c. Ray Kroc.

2. Mr Poplawski created a machine

- a. and sold over 8,000 of them per year.
- b. thanks to Ray's advice.
- c. to make milkshakes simultaneously.

3. Ray's customers in California

- a. had a successful food business.
- b. made Ray taste their hamburgers.
- c. used multi-mixers to make nice desserts.

4. The McDonald brothers

- a. didn't want to expand their business themselves.
- b. had many fast food restaurants.
- c. were against their business development.

5. After opening his first restaurant, Ray

- a. built a house for children.
- b. followed experts' recommendations.
- c. studied at university.

6. After five years, Ray

- a. had new restaurants.
- b. invented the Big Mac.
- c. was a celebrity in the U.S.

7. Students at the Hamburger University

- a. are taught how to cook the best burgers.
- b. learn to be a good boss at McDonald's.
- c. spend there at least one year.



TEXT 3

Read the following paragraphs carefully and match the questions below (A—J) to the most appropriate answer (1—7). Each question can be used only ONCE. There are **three extra questions** which do not match any answer. *Item 0* is an example. Do not forget to transfer your answers to the answer sheet. (3.5 points: 0.5 each)

INTERVIEW WITH OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN

ANSWERS	QUESTIONS	
0	К	My wonderful husband, my beautiful daughter, my friends, my family and my dog.
1		Being happy and in love are important factors. I also love to make a nice breakfast (the most important meal of the day) and do some sort of exercise, like playing tennis or going for a walk on the beach with my wonderful husband John and our dog, Jack.
2		Dark chocolate. Definitely.
3		My lemon chicken. It is so easy to prepare and it gives me time to spend with my dinner guests. The recipe is in my new book.
4		My iPhone – it keeps me connected to the world.
5		My dad was a professor in England, and then the dean of a college in Australia. We moved there when I was about five, so my education was in Australia.
6		Probably a vet or something that involves helping animals. I love all kinds, from domestic to the wildest creatures. They touch my heart. They are true beauty.
7		While I am in nature with my husband John.

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- A. How often do you cook for guests?
- B. If you weren't a singer, what would you be?
- C. What do you do to keep healthy?
- D. What do you like wearing?
- E. What does your husband do?
- F. When do you find peace?
- G. Where did you grow up?
- H. Which is your favourite accessory?
- I. Which is your favourite snack?
- J. Which is your speciality?

K. Who makes you so happy?



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READING SKILL (10 POINTS)

TEXT 1: THE SIX BEAUTIFUL DUCKS (3 points)

	ANSWERS
0	CHILDREN
1	
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TEXT 2: HOW THE BIG MAC WENT INTERNATIONAL (3.5 points)

	Α	В	С
0			X
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3			
4			
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TEXT 3: INTERVIEW WITH OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN (3.5 points)

	ANSWERS
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KEY READING SKILL BÁSICO 2

TEXT 1: THE SIX BEAUTIFUL DUCKS (3 points: 0.3 each)

	ANSWERS
0	CHILDREN
1	LOOKED FOR
2	BE
3	TIME
4	ALTHOUGH
5	LATER
6	HID
7	ANYONE
8	DAY
9	KNEW
10	COULD

TEXT 2: HOW THE BIG MAC WENT INTERNATIONAL (3.5 points: 0.5 each)

	Α	В	С
0			X
1		Х	
2			X
3	X		
4	Х		
5		X	
6	X		
7		X	

TEXT 3: INTERVIEW WITH OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN (3.5 points: 0.5 each)

	ANSWERS
0	K
1	С
2	
3	J
4	Н
5	G
6	В
7	F



