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FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH

Component 1 Reading Level 1

Monday 27 February 2017

Morning

Time allowed: 45 minutes

Materials

- You will need no other materials.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in all the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.
- Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- Do all rough work in this book.
- Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 18. There are 6 marks for Section A and 12 marks for Section B.
- You may use a dictionary.

Advice

- You are advised to check your work carefully.

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For this exam you are going to read two texts to do with eyesight.

Answer **all** questions.

Section A

Read **Source A**. You have been asked to find out how successful this factsheet is in getting information across by answering the questions which follow.

Source A

Working as an Optician



An optician's job is to help people with poor eyesight see clearly again. As people get older, their vision usually gets steadily worse. Opticians are hugely important in looking after these people. An eye specialist tests someone's eyesight and writes a prescription containing the information needed to correct their eyesight. Then an optician uses this information to make up and fit the lenses.

There are around 4,000 opticians working in the UK. Since people are now living longer, more people are likely to need help with their eyesight. Therefore, the job is becoming more important and there will be a need for more opticians in the future.

Salary👁️

An optician starting out can expect to earn a yearly salary of £18,000–£20,000. With a few years' experience an optician can earn £25,000–£30,000 per year.

👁️Responsibilities

An optician uses special equipment to fit people with the correct type of lens. Glasses must be fitted to the patient's head level with the eyes. Contact lenses have to be fitted to the patient's eyeball. Once the lenses have been made up, an optician tests how well they work on the patient.

Opticians must give advice and support to customers. They handle questions about glasses and give advice about style.

Qualifications👁️

To become an optician you could study full-time for three years or part-time on day release. There are some degrees available. You should have at least 5 GCSEs in subjects such as English, Maths and Science.

You will be dealing with the public so it is important you have good people skills. People need help to make the right choice about their glasses as these can be fashion items too. So, an optician also needs an eye for detail, colour and style.

👁️Working Conditions

Opticians usually work five days a week. Working hours are usually nine to five, along with late openings on Thursdays and Saturday working too.



For **Questions 1 to 6**, write the letter for each answer in the box given.

1 The main point of the factsheet is to

- A** persuade people to train as an optician.
- B** give information about the job of an optician.
- C** explain how much money opticians can earn.
- D** advertise optician jobs which are available.

Answer

[1 mark]

2 The factsheet says that

- A** the most an optician can earn is £30,000.
- B** 4,000 people need help with their eyesight.
- C** to become an optician, you need 5 GCSEs in English.
- D** opticians work ninety-five hours a week.

Answer

[1 mark]

3 The factsheet explains that

- A** an optician's vision gets steadily worse.
- B** glasses need to be fitted to the patient's eyeball.
- C** an optician puts handles on glasses.
- D** there are good job opportunities for opticians.

Answer

[1 mark]

4 The main point being made about the job of an optician is that

- A** they write prescriptions for people's lenses.
- B** it is a very important profession.
- C** they get weekends off.
- D** it's mostly about fashion.

Answer

[1 mark]

5 The factsheet informs us that opticians need to have

- A** good eyesight.
- B** a sense of humour.
- C** good people skills.
- D** years of experience.

Answer

[1 mark]

6 Someone interested in becoming an optician should read this factsheet and then

- A** get their eyesight tested.
- B** research the equipment opticians use.
- C** go to SpecSavers.
- D** check out training courses for opticians.

Answer

[1 mark]

6



Section B

Read **Source B** then answer the questions that follow.

Source B



Guide Dogs is a charity which has been breeding and training guide dogs for more than 80 years.



Could a Guide Dog help you?

If you are blind or partially sighted, a guide dog could change your life.

There's no upper age limit. People in their seventies, eighties and nineties have become successful guide dog owners. We also work with those under the age of 16. In 2014, an 11-year-old became our youngest guide dog owner.

You don't need to have lost all your sight. Most people who own a guide dog still have some vision. You don't need to be officially registered as blind or partially sighted either.

Worried about the cost?

It costs just 50p to have a guide dog. All essential equipment and training is provided by Guide Dogs and we can also cover the cost of vet bills and dog food.

No previous experience of keeping or caring for a dog is necessary. It's not just about improving your mobility. A guide dog and its owner exist as a partnership, and the companionship, loyalty and fun that each partner brings to this relationship can be immensely rewarding.

Volunteers Needed!

Guide Dogs is currently looking for loving, caring homes for our guide dog mums with volunteers to be responsible for their day to day care. You will have 24 hour support and advice from the staff at our National Breeding Centre in Leamington Spa.

The female dog in your care would be mated approximately once a year at the breeding centre. She would then give birth in your home. The puppies will spend the first six weeks with their mum, with support from you. You will need a car and must live reasonably close to our breeding centre. These dogs require a lot of care and attention especially once they have had their pups. Therefore, you should not be in full-time work.



If you think you might be interested, check out our website www.guidedogs.org.uk/guidedogmums



Write your answers in the spaces provided. The questions in this section are testing what you have understood about the text. The questions are **not** testing your writing.

7 Your school or college is holding a Disability Awareness Day about blind and partially sighted people.

You have been asked to find out some information about Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Select all the information from **Source B**.

You should include:

7 (a) **four** facts about who is allowed to own a guide dog.

[4 marks]

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

7 (b) **four** pieces of information Source B provides to people who want to care for a guide dog mum.

[4 marks]

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

8



8 Look at the way **Source B** has been presented.

List **two** ways it has been presented and say why each one would make it easy for people to understand.

[4 marks]

First way presented: _____

This makes it easy to understand because _____

Second way presented: _____

This makes it easy to understand because _____

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END OF QUESTIONS



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