

## TEST N° 3

### Reading comprehension (8)

Sarah Hillis is over ninety years old. She lives in Oxford, a small village in the country with five cats. She is married and her husband is Tom but she hasn't got any children. Now she is very pleased but she can remember times when her life was difficult. She usually thinks about her past

Sarah's father died in 1915 and her mother died also year later. Thus, she started work in Mr Stuart's house when she was 16. She worked from 6.00 in the morning until 9.00 at night. She cleaned all the rooms in the house before breakfast. She earned £ 50 a year and she stayed with this family for 20 years. She loved her job very much although she felt very tired by the end of the day.

**TASK 1:** Tick  the best alternative. (1.5)

1-The passage is about

- Sarah's past life.
- Sarah's present life.
- Sarah's past and present life.

2- Sarah's mother died in

- 1914.
- 1915.
- 1916.

3- Sarah got £ 50

- a year.
- a month.
- a week.

**TASK 2:** Say whether the following statements are True or False. (2)

- 1- Sarah has no children. (.....)
- 2- Sarah lives in a large town. (.....)
- 3- Sarah started working when she was young. (.....)
- 4- Sarah worked as a secretary. (.....)

**TASK 3:** Complete the following sentences with words from the text. (2.5)

Sarah usually started working from 6.00 in the .....until 9.00 at night.  
She .....all the rooms in the large house before .....She spent a  
long time with the Stuart .....and she .....them much.

**TASK 4:** Circle the two adjectives that best describe Sarah Hillis. (1)

angry – stupid – happy – sad – patient – lazy

**TASK 5:** Find in the text words having nearly the same meaning as: (1)

1- happy: .....

2- obtained: .....

Language (12)

**TASK 1:** Fill in the blanks with words from the list below. (3)

First – second – birthday – invite – celebrate – fiends – present - probably

**Mark :** When's your birthday, Penelope?

**Penelope :** September second

**Mark :** Are you planning anything special?

**Penelope :** Oh, not really. I'll ..... stay home.

**Mark :** Stay home! Don't you like to .....your birthday?

**Penelope :** Well, I might .....a couple friends over for a nice meal, but I  
don't care for big parties.

**Mark :** I go all out on my .....

**Penelope :** Really? What do you do?

**Mark :** .....,I get as many .....together as I can for a fancy dinner  
on the town. Then we all go out and dance the night away.

**Penelope :** Sound like a real blast!

**TASK 2:** Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form. (3)

**Mother:** Bridgetown 319850.

**Anna:** Hello. Is that you, mother? It's Anna.

**Mother:** Hello, Anna. Where (you/phone) .....from?

**Anna:** From the hotel. We are staying in a hotel right in the centre of the city. We can see the sea from (we) .....bedroom window.

**Mother:** Are you enjoying yourselves?

**Anna:** We're having a (wonder) .....time. The city is very attractive and there are lots of (interest) .....things to visit. The port is my favourite place. It's very exciting.

**Mother:** Is the weather good?

**Anna:** Not very good. It (rain) .....at the moment. But yesterday it (be) .....quite cold.

**Mother:** Well, have a good time, Anna. Phone me when you get home. Bye.

**Anna:** Bye.

**TASK 3:** Circle the best alternative. (3)

Mary is going to buy (some / any / much) eggs, flour, and sugar because she wants to make a (terrible / bad / delicious) cake. She also (doesn't need / needs / is needing) chocolate and cream to (decorate / decorated / decoration) it. As for drinks, she will buy fruit juice because she knows that her friends (aren't / doesn't / don't) like coke (but / or / then) lemonade

**TASK 4:** Match the parts to get a coherent paragraph. (3)

A	B	Answers
1-Richard lives with his sister, Sarah,	a-but stays in bed late during the week.	1+.....
2-He studies Spanish at university and works	b-but in the afternoon she stays at home.	2+.....
3-He gets up very early at the weekend,	c-and listening to music	3+.....
4-Sarah is a teacher and gets	d-his mum and dad his grandmother.	4+.....
5-She spends the whole morning at work,	e-in a hotel at the weekends.	5+.....
6-At the weekend, she likes reading	f-up early everyday	6+.....