

Grade 12 Advanced Reading Exam

Choose the correct heading (A-G) for each paragraph. There is one extra heading that you do not need.

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The Environment

1. Living Systems

An ecosystem is a system of living things that are all connected. Animals and plants in these communities depend on each other and on natural features of their habitat, such as clean water and healthy soil, to survive. If one species disappears, or one part of the habitat is damaged, it can have a negative effect on the rest of the system.

2. Too Much Waste

The large amount of garbage and pollution produced by humans is a serious problem that can affect natural areas. When a large quantity of trash or another form of pollution is found in a natural area, it can hurt all of the species who make their home there. For example, plastics can break into little pieces and release chemicals that are eaten by animals. This can hurt them or make them sick.

3. The Importance of Trees

Deforestation is another serious problem. Plants help keep our planet healthy. Photosynthesis, the process that plants use to turn sunlight into food, helps keep our air clean by removing a dangerous gas and producing oxygen, which humans and animals need to live. To help prevent deforestation, you can buy recycled paper products, use less paper, and even do some planting at your home or in your community.

4. Relying on Fossil Fuels

Non-renewable sources of energy, such as oil, coal and natural gas, have some advantages. Humans have relied on them for a long time to power our cars, homes and businesses. Our current infrastructures have been designed with these types of fuel in mind. However, they have several disadvantages. Non-renewable sources of fuel have a lot of negative effects on the environment and will eventually run out.

5. A Warming Planet

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6. The Benefits of Recycling

For the future health of the planet, it is important for people to choose sustainable and renewable sources of energy and work together to design a cleaner global energy infrastructure. Resources like wind, sunlight and even ocean waves are plentiful. Using more of these sustainable sources of power will benefit everyone in the future.

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The Hobby of Kings

Coin collecting is a popular hobby, with different collectors interested in collecting different types of coins. Some collectors are particularly interested in unique coins – those that were only used for a short time, have errors, or are historically important. Lots of coin collections come from one country or place in the world, while others are global, with pieces from several different countries and regions. Although some coin collectors are interested in numismatics, the study of currency, others collect coins simply for fun. Whether they have an academic interest in currency or take part in the hobby purely for enjoyment, all serious coin collectors understand the value of their collection.

To determine the value of a specific coin or piece of currency, it must be graded. Grading is the method that coin collectors use to evaluate pieces in their collection, a process that may involve researching the piece to understand how rare it is and checking it for damage to determine its quality. Some coin collectors and businesses specialise in grading coins. Grading specialists study pieces of currency, conduct research, and use a special system to check quality. When their work is complete, they provide a certificate showing the coin's grade, and some provide documents supporting their grading decisions. Some graders offer a service called encapsulation, which is a method to protect a coin or a piece of currency with a special covering. These covers are designed to maintain the piece's grade, guaranteeing that it will hold its value over time.

People have collected coins throughout history, though the earliest examples were collected for the value of the metals that the coins were made from and not for enjoyment. In the 14th century there was a significant change, with many wealthy people beginning to collect coins for artistic appreciation. At this time, it became known as the 'Hobby of Kings', because only rich and powerful people had enough resources to enjoy it. During the 18th century, coin collecting changed again, with hobbyists taking a more logical and systemic approach to collection and developing the study of numismatics. In the 20th century, coin collecting continued to grow in popularity. Collectors began to form groups, share knowledge and information, and plan coin shows where collectors display their most stunning pieces.

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20th century?

a. They started taking a logical approach to their hobby. ☐

b. They worked together to organise shows and share information. ☒

c. They began collecting valuable coins to gain more wealth. ☐

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Collectors of unique coins _____

- a. are interested in the academic study of currency ☐
- b. focus their collection on coins from one specific place ☐
- c. collect coins from the past or coins with mistakes ☒

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Which sentence about serious coin collectors is true?

- a. They collect currency from different countries. ☐
- b. They know what their collection is worth. ☒
- c. They are interested in the history of coins. ☐

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To determine the value of a coin, a specialist will

a. produce a certificate



b. put a special cover on the coin



c. do research



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Which sentence best describes the writer?

- a. They are most interested in discussing the value of different coins. ☐
- b. They are focused on the method used to encapsulate coins. ☒
- c. They are knowledgeable about how currency is graded. ☐



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The first known coin collections were _____.

- a. collected for their value rather than appreciation ☒
- b. owned only by kings and other powerful people ☐
- c. created by academics who studied currency ☐

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What did coin collectors do in the 20th century?

- a. They started taking a logical approach to their hobby. ☐
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What is the text's main purpose?

- a. To describe different types of coin collections ☐
- b. To persuade people to start collecting coins ☐
- c. To provide information about coin collecting ☒

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A University Interview

When the interviewer welcomed me into her office, it helped me relax. "Come in and sit down," Doctor Maitha said, pointing to a chair in front of her desk. I sat down nervously. "Tell me, how would you describe your personality?" "I am creative. I am artistic, ambitious, and productive. These qualities have helped me excel in my studies. It is my intention to continue this at university," I explained. "What programme? Could you tell me why you have chosen this subject?" Doctor Maitha asked. "I want to have a positive effect on people's lives. I enjoy creating new and interesting designs, and how clothes were made in the past," I answered, thinking about all of the things I had learned. Doctor Maitha asked, adding another note to her paper. "Even though I am confident that I have the skills to complete the course, I don't think I could struggle with distractions, such as spending time with friends." "You will find that we have many resources at this university to help our students. We are located nearby. Why did you choose this university?" "It is one of the top-performing universities in the region. There are lots of fashion experts and my family's support and I'm not ready to be independent yet. I want to continue my studies. It is a pleasure to meet you. I'll let you know my decision by the end of the week."



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Reem felt confident at the beginning of the interview.

a. True

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b. False

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c. Not given

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Reem tells Doctor Maitha that she is an artistic and creative person.

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True



b.

False



c.

Not given



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"I will be happy to meet you. I'll let you know my decision by the end of the week."



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Reem is only interested in traditional fashion.

a.

True



b.

False



c.

Not given



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"Tell me, how would you describe your personality?" she asked.

"I am artistic, ambitious, and productive. These qualities have helped me progress well in my studies. It is my intention to continue this at university," I explained.

"Could you tell me why you have chosen this subject?" Doctor Maitha asked, pointing to a design programme on her desk.

"I enjoy creating new and interesting designs, and how it can have a positive effect on people's lives. I also enjoy learning about traditional fashion and how clothes were made in the past," I answered, thinking about all of the years I spent on the subject.

"Why did you choose this university?" Doctor Maitha asked, adding another note to her paper.

"Even though I am confident that I have the skills to complete the course, I don't like focusing at times, so I think I could struggle with distractions, such as spending time with friends," I answered.

"I think you will find that we have many resources at this university to help our students. What about your home? Is it nearby? Why did you choose this university?" she asked.

"I think you will find that we have many resources at this university to help our students. There are lots of fashion experts here, and it is one of the top-performing universities in the region. I am used to having my family's support and I'm not ready to be independent yet. I want to continue my studies here," I said.

"It was a pleasure to meet you. I'll let you know my decision by the end of the week," Doctor Maitha said.

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Doctor Maitha thinks it is important for students to spend time with friends.

a. True

b. False

c. Not given

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Reem is looking forward to living away from home.

a. True

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b. False

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c. Not given

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Reem's home is near the university.

a. **True**



b. **False**



c. **Not given**



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"Tell me, how would you describe your personality?"

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"And your hobby?" Doctor Maitha asked.

"I like to draw. It has a positive effect on people's lives. I enjoy creating new and interesting

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Doctor Maitha will call Reem with her decision.

a. True ☒

b. False ☐

c. Not given ☐

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