

## **Placement Test B – Reading**

**Read the text. Choose the best answer to complete the sentence.**

Paula is from Boston, but she lives in New York. She is 28, and she teaches chemistry at a high school. Paula is usually busy during the week: she teaches every morning and afternoon, plays tennis three times a week, and helps at the local library twice a week. But she tries to see her family in Boston every weekend.

Today she is visiting her parents, and she is doing one of her favorite things: sitting in the kitchen, talking to her mother, and having coffee and cake. Her mother's cake is her favorite food and the kitchen in her parents' house is her favorite place in the world. Their house is pretty big. It has four bedrooms, two bathrooms, a large living room, and a kitchen. The kitchen is not large, but it is really cozy. Paula and her mother can sit there and talk for hours.

Right now, they are talking about Paula's sister, Carla. She is a chef and has a cafe in Boston, just across from a very nice park. Paula sometimes helps her during her visits. She's going to the cafe later today, but first she will finish her cake.

1. According to the text, Paula is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) a teacher
  - b) a student
  - c) a librarian
  - d) a chef
  
2. According to the text, Paula \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) works three days a week
  - b) has a cafe
  - c) doesn't like cake
  - d) can play tennis
  
3. According to the text, Paula's parents \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) never see her on weekends
  - b) live in an apartment
  - c) have only one daughter
  - d) don't live in New York

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I don't usually eat American food. I prefer Japanese, Mexican, or Italian restaurants. But I went to a great American restaurant last night. Its name is Hamburger Hill.

I had a great time. The restaurant wasn't crowded, and my waiter was hardworking and friendly. (He was good-looking, too! He looked like Ben Affleck: tall, short dark hair, nice dark eyes.) The food was cheap, but the restaurant was as stylish as some expensive ones. And the food was just delicious! It had pretty good French fries, my hamburger was excellent, and the ice cream was really good.

Hamburger Hill is on Main Street, between Top Music Store and Main Department Store, across from the movie theater. It's a small place, with only a dozen tables, but it also offers access to the Internet. So you can eat your meal and check your e-mail.

I'm definitely going to go back there. Maybe I'll see you there next time.

4. According to the text, the writer \_\_\_\_.
  - a) only eats Japanese, Mexican, or Italian food
  - b) is vegetarian
  - c) doesn't like American food
  - d) ate American food yesterday
  
5. According to the text, the writer \_\_\_\_.
  - a) thought the waiter was handsome
  - b) doesn't think Ben Affleck is good-looking
  - c) didn't like the waiter
  - d) didn't like the food very much
  
6. According to the text, the restaurant is \_\_\_\_.
  - a) not very stylish
  - b) next to a movie theater
  - c) next to a department store
  - d) expensive
  
7. According to the text, we can say that the writer \_\_\_\_.
  - a) went to Hamburger Hill with a friend
  - b) wants to go to Hamburger Hill again
  - c) is meeting someone at Hamburger Hill
  - d) checked his e-mail at the restaurant

**Read the text. Choose the best answer to complete the sentence.**

Dear Christine,

Wow! You're a movie star! Was that really you in *When I Met Her*? I was actually thinking about you when I saw your face in the movie. Actually, I'm not surprised. You were the most talented actress in high school.

Do you remember when we met? It was Cathy Parson's birthday party. We sat at the same table. First, we talked about our favorite rock music. Then we danced to some awful pop song. And at the end of the night, I walked you home. It was a wonderful night.

I'm a lawyer now. I have a wife and three children, and we live in the city. I love my family and my job, but I don't like the city. It's too noisy. And there aren't enough parks. My children never see trees. If I get a better job, we may move to the suburbs.

We haven't spoken for 20 years. What are you like now? I remember you as somebody who had a good sense of humor and used to talk a lot. How long have you been a star? If you have some free time, maybe we could meet for coffee. Please call me sometime. We should really hang out.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Luke Perucci  
(555-2346)

8. According to the text, Luke \_\_\_\_.
- a) knew Christine was a movie star before he saw her movie
  - b) is going to move to the suburbs
  - c) has known Christine for 20 years.
  - d) went to law school
9. According to the text, Luke \_\_\_\_.
- a) would like to see Christine again
  - b) thinks Christine was really shy
  - c) didn't know Christine could act
  - d) and Christine don't like rock
10. According to the text, \_\_\_\_.
- a) there aren't any trees in the city
  - b) the city is too quiet for Luke
  - c) Luke is trying to find a better job
  - d) Luke can't dance
11. According to the text, we can say that \_\_\_\_.
- a) Luke met Christine after the movie
  - b) Luke doesn't know what Christine looks like anymore
  - c) Luke doesn't know if Christine has been in other movies
  - d) Christine called Luke

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## Smith Squared Productions: A Husband and Wife Team

An Interview with Carolyn and Adam Smith  
by Marvin Balderston

- Q** So you're the Smiths of Smith Squared Productions?  
**CS** Yes, we are.
- Q** Can you tell me a little bit about the company?  
**CS** Sure. Smith Squared is a small company that makes commercials and short cartoons.
- Q** How long have you been making these cartoons?  
**AS** For 20 years now.
- Q** Why do you make them?  
**CS** We make them for fun and to win awards. We usually show the cartoons in international animation festivals. When we win awards, we get more business and make more commercials.
- Q** When was your company established?  
**AS** Shortly after we got married. My wife used to write funny stories, and I was an artist—I drew, painted, and sculpted. We enjoyed our separate jobs, but we didn't make enough money. So we decided to combine our talents.
- Q** Have you always worked together since then?  
**AS** Yes. Especially because the partnership really worked. We became much more successful working together.
- Q** What do you think would've happened if you hadn't decided to work together?  
**CS** We would've probably given up and gotten more "ordinary" jobs.
- Q** Do you have any problems or concerns with your company?  
**CS** No, not really. We work a lot, and we're not rich, but I think we're lucky because we both love our jobs. If somebody offered to buy our business for a million dollars, we'd refuse to sell it.
- Q** And what are your plans for the future?  
**AS** Nothing ambitious. Just to make more and better movies and, if possible, to produce animated movies with educational purposes. We would love to collaborate with NGOs, for example, and use our movies to make information more accessible to children in deprived areas.
- Q** That sounds like a very noble plan.

12. According to the text, \_\_\_\_.

- a) Carolyn has written stories for over 20 years
- b) Adam made a lot of money before he started working with Carolyn
- c) Adam has always worked with Carolyn
- d) Adam and Carolyn had already started their company when they got married

13. According to the text, \_\_\_\_.

- a) the animated movies don't help Adam and Carolyn make any money
- b) Adam didn't use to make much money before he got married
- c) Adam and Carolyn only make animated movies to show their friends and family
- d) Adam and Carolyn don't have to work hard anymore

**14.** According to the text, \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Adam and Carolyn were offered a million dollars for their company
- b) Adam and Carolyn wouldn't like to sell their company
- c) Adam and Carolyn will only sell their company if somebody pays them a million dollars
- d) Adam and Carolyn consider themselves lucky because they are millionaires

**15.** According to the text, \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) the interviewer thinks that Adam and Carolyn's plan is a good one
- b) Adam and Carolyn haven't won any awards yet, but they hope to win some soon
- c) Adam and Carolyn have produced some movies in collaboration with NGOs
- d) Adam and Carolyn have been making movies for children who live in poor areas

**16.** According to the text, we can say that \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) the interviewer has seen some of the cartoons produced by Adam and Carolyn
- b) Carolyn considers that writers and artists have a less common job
- c) Adam and Carolyn use only animation in their commercials
- d) Adam and Carolyn have a few employees