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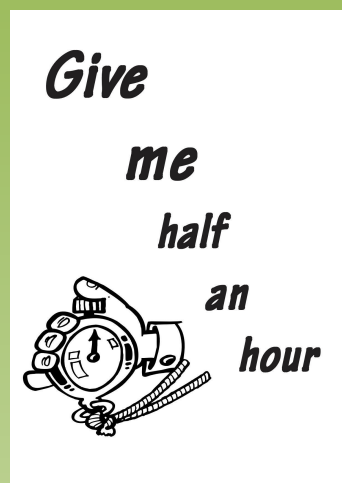
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# **Section A**

**Short short WET**

## The importance of education

Education: without it hardly anyone could earn a proper living. Education and the knowledge which comes with it enables people to enjoy modern life and to get the best out of it.

Many parents recognize this fact. They demand more and better education for their children. They want their children to cope with the modern world of computers and they want them to get good jobs. By the time their children have left school, they expect them to have acquired many skills.



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But as important as education is a balanced relationship between school, work and leisure. People who work hard must also learn to spend their free time in a pleasant way. 10

### A. Text-based tasks

1. *Finish the following sentences using the information from the text.*

- a) You can get the best out of your life if ...
- b) Many parents want ...
- c) Between school, leisure and work ...

2. *Answer the questions in complete sentences.*

- a) Why is it important to get a proper education?
- b) What do parents expect?

### B. Use of language

1. *Find the opposite.*

- a) modern (line 4)
- b) better (line 5)

2. *Find words or expressions that mean more or less the same.*

- a) to enjoy (line 3)
- b) to demand (line 5)

3. *Choose one of the following words and explain it in a complete sentence.*

- a) to cope with (line 6)
- b) skills (line 9)

### C. Creative writing

*What would you like to learn at school that you presently can't learn? Give reasons. Write about 25 words.*

### D. Skills and techniques

*Translate the text into German.*

#### True learning

Modern society asks schools to teach about our culture, and to acquaint children with the world they live in. Therefore, there has to be cooperation between school, the family and society. However, each learner must be free to choose and make his or her own way.

We shouldn't forget that learning is a continuous process. It does not stop when school is finished. Rather, everybody must be prepared to keep on learning throughout his or her lifetime.

## Learning - a life-long activity

In the past people went to school, learned a job and then did that job for the rest of their lives. But nowadays people can't afford to stop learning after they have finished school.

Learning is now something one does during his or her whole working life, and even after.

Just think of the computers everywhere. People working with them have to get used to new programs and hardware all the time.

It's not only in your own job that you have to learn continuously. In our private time we also go on learning. This is important. Since we want to enjoy life, knowledge about its opportunities can help us to use our free time better.

### A. Text-based tasks

1. *Finish the following sentences using the information from the text.*

- a) In former times people ...
- b) Today you should ...
- c) Even in your private life ...

2. *Answer the questions in complete sentences.*

- a) In what way do computers influence our lives?
- b) Why is it important to learn for private life, too?



### B. Use of language

1. *Find the opposite.*

- a) past (line 2)
- b) to stop (line 3)

2. *Find words or expressions that mean more or less the same.*

- a) to finish (line 3)
- b) free time (line 9)

3. *Choose one of the following words and explain it in a complete sentence.*

- a) working life (line 4)
- b) continuously (line 7)

### C. Creative writing

*Why should you be able to use a computer these days? Give reasons.*

*Write about 25 words.*



### D. Skills and techniques

*Translate the text into German.*

#### *Chinese proverbs*

*When planning for a year, plant corn.*

*When planning for a decade, plant trees.*

*When planning for life, train and educate people.*

*Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.*

#### *Today's versions:*

*Give a man a fish and you have fed him for today.*

*Teach a man to fish and you can sell him fishing equipment.*

*Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.*

*Unless he doesn't like sushi—then you also have to teach him to cook.*

## America is everywhere

When you wake up in the morning, the chances are that your radio alarm clock will be playing an American pop song. After putting on your jeans, you might have cornflakes for breakfast.

When you relax after school and put on the television, on the screen will be American films and American politicians on the news programmes. American culture is everywhere. So is the American language. If you think of buying a computer, it is helpful to understand the most basic words. Computer languages often use English expressions for the commands.

It should be easy for you to pick up new English words every day. Just look around you. You will learn new words wherever you go and whatever you do.

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### A. Text-based tasks

1. *Finish the following sentences using the information from the text.*

- a) American pop songs ...
- b) If you are planning to buy a computer, ...

2. *Answer the questions in complete sentences.*

- a) What happens when your alarm clock goes off in the morning?
- b) Why is it easy for you to pick up English words?

3. *Ask questions.*

You want to know more about American products. Ask an expert.  
Ask one question. (Example: Fender guitars, Kitchenaid, PC, Jeep ...)



### B. Use of language

1. *Find words or expressions that mean more or less the same.*

- a) to put on (line 4)
- b) basic (line 6)

2. *Find the opposite.*

- a) everywhere (line 1)
- b) buying (line 6)

3. *Choose one of the following words or phrases and explain it in a complete sentence.*

- a) to relax (line 4)
- b) to pick up words (line 8)

4. *Vocabulary - Grammar*

*Read the text. Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs.*

American culture is everywhere.

In the morning you ... American pop songs.

When you get dressed, you ... jeans.

If you watch TV, you ... American politicians on the news.

If you are thinking of ... a computer, it is helpful  
to understand English.

If you want to pick up English words, you only ... to the radio.  
... English is so easy these days.

- a) hear
- b) put on
- c) see
- d) buy
- e) have to listen
- f) learn



### C. Creative writing

*Is learning languages important for your future life? Give reasons.*

*Write about 25 words.*

## How British teenagers get their driving licence

As the old joke goes, the *L-sign* on British cars means *learner* and the *GB-sign* means *getting better*.

Under British law, every driver over 21 with three years' driving experience is allowed to teach a learner. When the learner driver, who must be at least 17 years old, is on a public road, the car has to have an L-sign at the front and rear to warn other drivers. But before you can learn to drive a car, moped or motorcycle, you must apply for a provisional driving licence at the price of £ 50.

When the learner knows how to handle the car and has passed the theory test, he or she can attempt the practical test. An examiner tests the candidate on a 40-minute drive.

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### A. Text-based tasks

1. *Finish the following sentences using the information from the text.*

- a) It's only a joke that GB ...
- b) Everybody who is ... can teach you to drive a car.

2. *Answer the questions in complete sentences.*

- a) What does the L-sign mean?
- b) Which test has to be passed first?

3. *Ask questions.*

You want to drive your father's car at the weekend.  
Ask him ...

- a) if he needs it himself.
- b) if you can have it on Saturday night.



### B. Use of language

1. *Find the opposites.*

- a) in public (line 5)
- b) to pass a test (line 8)

2. *Find words or expressions that mean more or less the same.*

- a) teach (line 4)
- b) before (line 6)

3. *Explain one of the following words in a complete sentence.*

- a) moped (line 6)
- b) to apply (line 7)



### C. Skills and techniques.

1. *Pass on the information.*

Motoring in Great Britain		
Driving test fees		
Driving test fees effective from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2008.		
Theory test fees		Price
Standard fee for car and motorcycle		£30.00
Multiple choice questions for bus and lorry drivers		£35.00
Practical test type	Weekday price	Weekday evening and weekend price
Car	£56.50	£67.00
Car and trailer	£105.00	£125.00

Dein Freund fand eine Preisliste im Internet, kann diese aber nicht ganz verstehen.

Da seine Englischkenntnisse nicht sehr gut sind, bittet er dich um Hilfe.

Beantworte seine Fragen auf Deutsch.

- a) Was kostet die Theorieprüfung?
- b) Wie teuer ist eine praktische Prüfung für das Auto, wenn ich nur abends Zeit habe?
- c) Darf ich dann auch mit einem Anhänger fahren?



## RoboDog

Would you like to have an electronic dog that can chase balls, climb stairs and do all sorts of tricks? You could buy one of the first models from a group of British engineers for £20,000. RoboDog RS-01 looks like a Labrador and comes with a programmable personality as well as e-mail links to the internet.



At a demonstration, the dog showed that it could copy all the movements of a dog, including the wagging of the tail. It can sit, lie down and walk wherever it is told to go. If no one talks to it, it will go to sleep until it hears a new command.

All this is possible thanks to microprocessors, all sorts of sensors along with a complex software that allows voice recognition. So you can actually train the dog so that it only follows its own master's or mistress' commands.

It will never pee on the carpet or require expensive vet treatment, but it will never replace the friend children often see in a cuddly dog. It can carry a child of five on its back, but that is not all a child would like to do with a dog. The engineers think, however, that children who have grown up with robot toys could be more likely to accept robots doing all sorts of jobs in their future lives.

Today RoboDogs are much cheaper and there are many different models. Are you interested in buying an electronic pet? Just check the internet to find out about new models and prices.

### A. Text-based tasks

1. *Finish the following sentences using the information from the text.*

- a) An electronic dog can do ...
- b) Microprocessors make it possible that these dogs ...
- c) For the future life of children ...

2. *Answer the questions in complete sentences.*

- a) Why is it possible to *train* RoboDog?
- b) What are the advantages of RoboDog compared to a real dog?

### B. Use of language

1. *Find the opposite.*

- a) never (line 12)
- b) often (line 13)

2. *Find words or expressions that mean more or less the same.*

- a) thanks to (line 9)
- b) sorts (line 15)

3. *Choose one of the following words and explain in a complete sentence.*

- a) to train (line 10)
- b) vet treatment (line 12)

### C. Creative writing

*What would you buy? A RoboDog or a real dog? Give reasons.*

*Write about 25 words.*

### D. Skills and techniques

*Translate the text into German.*

The RS-01 RoboDog is the world's most powerful robot. Compared to other robotic animals, the *Guardian* newspaper described this new invention as the "Formula 1" of robotic pets. The RoboDog is the size of an adult Labrador and is powerful enough to raise itself from the ground carrying a five-year old child.



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