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Read the THREE texts and attempt ALL questions.

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#### Text 1

#### Read the article below and attempt the questions that follow.

- 1 When it comes to accommodation nightmares, I thought I'd seen it all. I've lived in a flat with a filthy shared bathroom, above a pub. I've been electrocuted as I was making pasta in a place I rented above a shop. I've paid my rent, monthly in cash, to dodgy landlords and taken threatening calls from angry ones. But none of this comes close to what I see when I visit George Almond.
- 2 Almond, a 23-year-old youth worker, shows me around the house he shared with friends. "The estate agent had warned us that the house wasn't in a great condition. We just thought that meant it was a bit scruffy. It turned out to be a very damp and mouldy property that had been painted to hide the worst patches. The fungi\* started to grow as autumn turned to winter. Our landlord, who was hard to get hold of, never kept his promises of anti-mould paint and building work to fix it."
- 3 Almond and his friends refused to pay rent and were threatened with legal action. But, Almond says, they faced obstacles at every turn. They couldn't get help with legal fees and nor could they get help from Citizens Advice, whose funding had been cut back by 75%. Eventually he came across a national campaign called Generation Rent.
- 4 Generation Rent is made up of much smaller, regional groups. Its name comes from the idea that private renters are mainly students, recent graduates or young workers, many of whom will never be able to afford to buy their own home. But there are now large numbers of adults of all ages in the UK with no hope of buying their own home, and the problem is only getting worse. Thanks to rising house prices and stagnating wages, private renters make up an increasing proportion of the British population. According to a recent housing survey, there are around 12 million private renters in the UK. Another survey estimates that private landlords own one in five homes in Britain.
- 5 "We're trying to create local groups that unite private tenants so they can get a fair deal from landlords," says Generation Rent's communications officer Dan Wilson, who got involved after suffering his own unaffordable rent increase. "We've set up some Generation Rent groups in towns and cities across the UK."
- 6 One such group is North London Private Tenants, set up by Eleonora Schinella. She saw her landlord on a BBC documentary, discussing his dubious activities quite openly. As a result, she set up an anonymous Twitter account to enable his tenants to discuss their rights. "There were quite a lot of flats and houses that had very poor lighting, terrible ventilation and overcrowding," she says. "The flat I lived in was visited by Environmental Health Officers and found to be unsafe. I had water coming through my light fittings." The Twitter account, she says, "lasted for about three glorious weeks, but then everyone who followed the account who had a recognisable name was forced to leave their homes, me included".
- 7 Schinella, who moved in with her boyfriend as a result, is understandably nervous about going on the record with her views, but is keen to spread the message to other tenants about the importance of knowing your rights. People will generally blame themselves, she adds. "A lot of people feel stupid about having got themselves into a certain situation but they shouldn't. I want to make people realise that you have to make yourself heard rather than hide."



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8	8 Organising a fightback against landlords can be a challenge. "We've occasionally had people who are very supportive, but then they've moved away because they were thrown out, their rent got too high or their living conditions were just too poor," Schinella says. Finding the energy can be difficult, too. "You're spending so much of your time trying to work in order to pay rent that you don't have time to build links in your community." But she is optimistic that change will come. "Renters must demand more. They can't just throw millions of us out. I'm still hopeful."					
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		tion	s 1-4: Tick (✓) the correct answer from the options listed below (refer hs 1-3 for your answers).	to		
	1.	Wha	at kind of rental experiences has the writer had?	1		
		Α	A mix of positive and negative			
		В	Mostly positive			
		С	Mostly negative			
		D	Worse than George Almond's			
	2.		at did Almond expect the property to be like from the estate agen cription?	t's 1		
		Α	Completely terrible			
		В	Needing some improvement			
		С	In average condition			
		D	Of a high standard			
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Questions 8-11: Give short answers — NO MORE THAN SIX WORDS (refer to paragraphs 6-8).

8.	What was Schinella's initial opinion of the Twitter account?	1
9.	Why could Schinella be worried about making her views public again?	1
10.	According to Schinella, what do most private renters do when they have problems?	1
11.	Why does Schinella think groups of private renters could be successful?	1

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#### Text 2

#### Read the article below and attempt the questions that follow.

- 1 You're relaxing on the beach admiring the waves when your phone goes beep. You've got mail. From your boss. In many jobs, work e-mails don't stop when the employees leave the office. And now France has decided to act. It has introduced rules to protect people working in the digital sector from work e-mails outside office hours. The deal signed between employers' federations and unions says that employees will have to switch off work phones and avoid looking at work e-mails, and employers cannot pressure staff to check messages.
- 2 Paul Sellers, a Trades Union Congress policy adviser, says the same problem that France is seeking to address exists in the UK. He says people in the law, media, finance and local government are not being allowed to switch off. "Why are we expecting people to work at 8.30 at night?" The Working Time Regulations, which limit the number of hours a person can work in any given 24-hour period, were drawn up in the 1990s before mobile phones were in wide circulation. The rules have not caught up.
- 3 Technology has redrawn the working day. Woody Allen's 1972 film "Play It Again Sam" contains a running joke about a workaholic businessman. He begins every scene by phoning the office to give the telephone number where he can be reached and for how long, followed by the next contact number. He was the exception workers used to be able to disappear. Today anyone with a smartphone is usually reachable, such as Michael Reid, an IT teacher at a Liverpool secondary school, who says his evenings are regularly interrupted. "An e-mail arrives at 11.45 pm and you know a colleague is working late and you want to support them." When he sees it in his inbox he is crestfallen. "It takes the joy out of what you are doing," he says.
- 4 An advertising consultant in London, who wants to remain anonymous, says she is expected to respond to e-mails. A flood of them comes through between 6 pm and 10 pm. "Needless to say not all e-mails require a response straight away though if I'm to tell which do and which don't, I do need to check them." Requests for information she accepts as part of the role. Others "can I remind you of X" or invitations to meetings with no context drive her "nuts", she says.
- 5 So would a ban such as that introduced in France be the way forward? Firstly, there is the issue of who would be protected by the ban. Although there is already protection for many types of worker in the form of The Working Time Regulations, the Trades Union Congress argues this simply doesn't cover out-of-hours e-mail. Furthermore, there are exemptions for categories of worker like lawyers and doctors. If an out-of-hours e-mail ban was brought in, the situation would be similar and not everybody would be protected, says employment lawyer Andrew Lilley.
- 6 Having an effective e-mail ban would be almost impossible, argues Alief Rezza, an oil analyst in Stavanger, Norway. He checks his e-mail every half hour from when he leaves work at 4.30 pm–7 pm. The stock market is still open and he might get an urgent message from colleagues in London. When he wakes, he checks to see if colleagues in the US or Singapore have been in touch. "I don't think a ban would work. If Norway bans my company from sending e-mails to me then my company needs to make sure someone is able to do the things that should have been in my inbox." The industry would find a way around it, he argues.



7	Ksenia Zheltoukhova, research associate at the Chartered Institute of Personnel and
	Development, feels strongly that a ban on e-mail is not the answer. She believes it
	could even hurt workers who increasingly require flexible working — keeping in
	touch on trains, e-mailing between time zones and leaving early to look after the
	children. A better approach is to educate managers about work-life balance and
	encourage them to prioritise.

## Questions

Questions 12-16: Complete each gap with NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS from the text (refer to paragraphs 1-3).

12.	It is common for people to check their work e-mails after they	. 1
13.	France has introduced laws to protect employees in	_
14.	Companies are not allowed to their workers to read work-related e-mails.	-
15.	When the rules about the length of the working day were written were not common.	1
16.	In the past, being in contact with an employee all the time was	. 1
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17.	Which word in paragraph 3 means 'very sad and disappointed'?	1

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18.	8. Which two of these statements are true for the London advertising consultant? Tick (✓) two boxes (refer to paragraph 4).					
	Α	She's happy to be named and quoted.				
	В	It's her choice to open work e-mails in the evening.				
	С	She feels some evening e-mails are part of her job.				
	D She thinks you need to reply to all e-mails immediately.					
	Е	She receives a moderate number of e-mails outside working hours.				
	F	Some of the e-mails she receives annoy her.				
19.	writ	ch each person with an opinion about a ban on out of hours e-mail by ing the correct letter in each box. re is one opinion that you do NOT need.				
	(i)	Andrew Lilley	1			
	(ii)	Alief Rezza	1			
	(iii)	Ksenia Zheltoukhova	1			
	Α	It would be hard to enforce.				
	В	It would limit the ways people could work.				
	С	It would only help some people.				
	D	It would be unpopular abroad.				

20.	. Choose the correct answer for this question and tick (🗸) one box.					
	The ideas in the article as a whole suggest that a ban on out-of-hours e-mails in the UK:					
	Α	would improve things for everyone.				
	В	would not be the best solution.				
	С	would annoy employers.				
	D	would not increase productivity.				
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#### Text 3

#### Read the article below and attempt the questions that follow.

- 1 Like all teachers, I've spent many hours correcting homework. Yet there's a debate over whether we should be setting it at all. I teach both primary and secondary, and regularly find myself arguing with people about it. Parents, and sometimes colleagues, question its validity. We all argue about how much trouble students have completing assignments. All of which has led me to look at the academic research into homework. Is it worth it?
- 2 Increasingly, there's a divide between those who support the need for homework and those who suggest the time would be better spent with family and developing relationships. The anxiety related to homework is frequently researched. A survey of high-performing schools by Denise Pope of Stanford University, for example, found that 56% of students considered homework a main source of stress. The same study reported that the demands of homework caused sleep deprivation, headaches, and stomach problems, as well as less time for friends, family and extracurricular pursuits.
- 3 But to understand why homework can be useful, we need to understand how the brain works. When students learn in the classroom, they are using their short-term or working memory. This information is continually updated during the class. On leaving the classroom, the information in the working memory is replaced by the topic in the next class. Adults experience a similar reaction when they walk into a new room and forget why they are there. The new set of sensory information lighting, smells, temperature enters their working memory and any pre-existing information is replaced. It's only when the person returns to the same environment that they remember the key information.
- 4 But education is about more than memorising facts. Students need to access the information in ways that are relevant to their world, and to transfer knowledge to new situations. Many of us will have struggled to remember someone's name when we meet them in an unexpected environment (a workmate at the gym, maybe), and we are more likely to remember them again once we've seen them multiple times in different places. Similarly, students must practise their skills in different environments.
- 5 Homework can involve revising the key skills learned in the classroom. This means students are more likely to remember what they have learnt, contributing to their overall education. The link between homework and educational achievement is supported by research: in a summary of research done between 1987 and 2003, Professor Steven James wrote that "With only rare exceptions, the relationship between the amount of homework students do and their exam results was found to be positive and statistically significant."
- 6 The homework debate often involves comparing primary with secondary school. Professor John Hattie, who has investigated various influences on student learning and achievement, found that homework in primary schools has a negligible effect. However, it makes a much bigger difference in secondary schools. His explanation is that students in secondary schools are often given tasks that reinforce key skills learned in the classroom that day, whereas primary students may be asked to complete separate assignments. "The worst thing you can do with homework is give kids projects; the best thing you can do is reinforce something you've already learned," he said.



So homework can be effective when it's the right type of homework. In my own practice, the primary students I teach will often be asked to find real-life examples of what is being taught instead of traditional homework tasks, while homework for secondary students consolidates the key concepts covered in the classroom. While there is no data on the effectiveness of homework in different subjects, these general rules could be applied equally to languages, mathematics, history and so on. And by setting the right type of homework, you'll help to revise key ideas in a new environment, allowing the information you teach to be used in a variety of situations in the future.							
_	stions 21–23: Complete each gap with NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS from ext (refer to paragraphs 1–2).						
21.	A number of adults are not sure about the						
	of homework.	1					
22.	A number of students at						
	became worried about homework.	1					
23.	Loss of						
	was one issue for the students surveyed.	1					
_	stions 24–26: Choose the correct answer and tick (/) one box (refer to graphs 3–5).						
24.	The writer says that adults:	1					
	A help students update their working memory.						
	B forget things more rapidly than younger students.						
	C forget things when changing their environment.						
	D remember lighting, smells and temperature.						

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25.	We	may find it difficult to remember:	1	MARGIN
	A	a set of facts related to the subject we study.		
	В	practical information about the real world.		
	С	names of people who appear in surprising places.		
	D	people we see in a number of different places.		
26.	Ho	mework can make students more:	1	
	Α	flexible.		
	В	disciplined.		
	С	reliable.		
	D	determined.		
Ques	stion	s 27–28		
27.	Wh	ich word in paragraph 6 means 'very small'?	1	
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28.	Wh	ich word in paragraph 7 means 'makes stronger'?	1	
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29.	Mate	ch each educational expert to their research finding about homework by	,	THIS MARGIN
	writ	ing the correct letter in each box.		
	The	re is one opinion that you do NOT need.		
	(i)	Denise Pope	1	
	(ii)	Steven James	1	
	(iii)	John Hattie	1	
	Α	It is good for exam results.		
	В	It is essential in primary schools.		
	С	It must relate to classroom tasks.		
	D	It can damage leisure time.		
Ques	tion	30: Choose the correct answer: A, B, C or D.		
30.	The	best summary of this text would be:	1	
	Α	homework is always worth doing, however unpopular.		
	В	homework of the right kind is worth it.		
	С	homework helps you memorise facts.		
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Attempt BOTH parts.

In Part 2 attempt EITHER Task 1 OR Task 2.

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## Total marks — 30 Attempt BOTH Parts.

As a guide, you may wish to spend about 30 minutes on Part 1 and about 40 minutes on Part 2.

#### Part 1 — Everyday life

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Read the task below and write your answer on the lined answer sheets below and on page 03.

You have won two tickets for a sporting event in a competition. Write an e-mail to a friend, asking them if they would like to come with you. Include some or all of the following points:

- how you got the tickets
- · what event the tickets are for
- why your friend should come with you
- event details, for example, place, time

You should write approximately 140–160 words

- travel to the event
- ask your friend to respond.



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### Part 2 — Work or Study

Read the two tasks below. Task 1 is work-related and Task 2 is study-related.

Attempt **ONE** task only.

Write the task number you have selected in the box at the top of page 05. Write your answer on the lined answer sheets on pages 05, 06 and 07.

#### Task 1 — Work

15 Report

Your company is planning a programme of training events, but is looking for feedback on what training would be the most helpful.

Write a formal report to your manager, explaining which events should be high priority and which should be considered less important, and giving recommendations. Use some or all of the following. You may add your own ideas.

- Health and safety
- Information and communication technology
- Customer care
- Career paths/promotion opportunities
- **Teamwork**
- Company rules such as dress code, attendance

You should write approximately 200–220 words.

OR

#### Task 2 — Study

**Essay** 15

The use of technology in every aspect of students' lives is having a massive impact on their learning. Is this impact positive or negative?

Write a formal essay on this topic. You may refer to your own experience. You may include some or all of the following points.

- Sleep disruption
- Concentration
- Use of social media
- Effect on spelling and written English
- Research and revision
- Copying and plagiarism

You should write approximately 200–220 words.



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Attempt ALL questions.

You will hear three different recordings. Before you hear each recording, you will have one minute to read the questions. You will hear each recording twice, with a gap between each playing. After you hear the second playing of each recording you will have one minute to finish answering the questions.

As you listen to the recordings, you may take notes on the separate sheet provided.

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# Total marks — 25 Attempt ALL questions

## **Recording 1**

Listen to the recording and attempt the questions which follow. You will hear the recording twice. You now have one minute to read the questions in Recording 1 before the recording begins.

1.	Com	plete each sentence below using NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS.					
	(a)	When people call 999 for no good reason, the lives of real					
		may be put in danger. 1					
	(b)	The phone operators are					
		calls that are not genuine.					
	(c)	One hoax caller rang to protest about a wrong order at a					
		1					
	(d)	Some nuisance callers may be affected by					
		1					
	(e)	It is not unusual for people to misuse the emergency number for					
		common conditions such as 1					
Ques	tions	2–5: Choose the correct answer for each question and tick (✓) one box.					
2.	Chie	f Superintendant Singh suggests that emergency services can be contacted: 1					
	Α	to provide information as well as save lives.					
	В	after a crime has been committed.					
	С	when the situation might be dangerous.					
	D	in any unusual or embarrassing situation.					

## Recording 1 questions (continued)

3.	The	Fire Service makes people pay for non-emergency calls:		1
	Α	to raise money for fire and traffic victims.		
	В	because too many cats need to be rescued.		
	С	if they consider people's lives are not at risk.		
	D	even in an accident where no one is at fault.		
4.	The	online videos of non-emergency calls have:		1
	Α	made people twice as likely to dial 999.		
	В	helped reduce the number of misuse calls.		
	С	discouraged people from dialling 101.		
	D	helped start a public education campaign.		
5.	Chie	ef Superintendent Singh's main message is:		1
	Α	people should think carefully before dialling 999.		
	В	if an animal is trapped do not call emergency services.		
	С	there are charges for accidental calls to emergency services.		
	D	people who make time-wasting calls to 999 will be prosecuted.		
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## Recording 2

Listen to the recording and attempt the questions which follow. You will hear the recording twice. You now have one minute to read the questions in Recording 2 before the recording begins.

Choose the correct answer for this question and tick (/) one box.

6.	This	s talk comes from:	1					
	Α	a public meeting.						
	В	a business lesson.						
	С	a radio programme.						
	D	a TV programme.						
7.	Con	nplete each sentence below using NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS.						
	(a)	(a) Wilson Worldwide Recruitment aims to						
		with international employment opportunities.						
	(b)	How much of the process WWR carries out is the decision of the						
		·	1					
	(c)	Some businesses use WWR because they are						
		at interviewing.	1					
	(d)	Kathryn talks about an unfortunate interview when a candidate was in						
		·	1					

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Reco	rding	g 2 questions (continued)					
Ques	Questions 8-10: Choose the correct answer for each question and tick (✓) one box.						
8.	Katl	hryn's advice for a Skype interview is:	1				
	Α	create an interesting background.					
	В	drink only water.					
	С	show only your face.					
	D	pay attention to the lighting.					
9.	The	biggest problem for Kathryn's friend was the:	1				
	Α	camera angle.					
	В	microphone settings.					
	С	Internet connection.					
	D	noisy dog.					
10.	The	e best title for this talk is:	1				
	Α	how to run a recruitment company.					
	В	presenting yourself at interviews.					
	С	how to do a good online interview.					
	D	the increase in online recruitment.					

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#### Recording 3

Listen to the recording and attempt the questions which follow. You will hear the recording twice. You now have one minute to read the questions in Recording 3 before the recording begins.

before the recording begins. Questions 11-13: Choose the correct answer for each question and tick (/) one box. 11. Generation X refers to people born: 1 Α during the Second World War. В soon after 1945. around 1970. C in the 1990s. D **12.** Which of these is characteristic of Generation X? 1 They questioned traditional values. Α В They often got divorced. C Their parents were often absent. D Their childhoods were stable. **13.** Generation Y is sometimes called the Snowflake Generation because: 1 Α their parents took them skiing. В snowflakes are all similar. C they had the chance to be independent. D their parents protected them too much.

## Recording 3 questions (continued)

14.	4. Complete each sentence below using NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS.						
	(a) Ashley says the atmosphere on campuses						
		these days.					
	(b)	Ashley says students should not have to experience					
	(c) Some speakers have been						
	campuses because of controversial ideas.  (d) Craig thinks there's						
		free speech on campuses	today.	1			
Choo	se th	ne correct answer and tick (	(/) one box.				
15.	Thro	oughout the interview the s	speakers are:	1			
	Α	friendly.					
	В	argumentative.					
	С	reserved.					
	D	angry.					

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