

Part VII: Reading Comprehension

In Part VII you will read passages in the form of letters, ads, memos, faxes, schedules, etc. The reading section has a number of single passages and 4 double passages. You will be asked 2-4 questions about each single passage, and 5 questions for each double passage. Sometimes you will be asked for specific details. Other times you will be asked about what the passage implies. In the paired passages you will also be asked to make connections between the two related texts. On the real test you will not have time to read every word. You need to practice scanning and reading quickly for details.

Questions 1 - 5 are based on the following two letters

To,

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resulting in consistently exceeding my store's quotas. Through extensive contact with customers, assisting in merchandising and performance of daily store operations, I have gained valuable experience in all the miscellaneous store activities as well. I am confident that these skills will certainly provide me the much needed background for a successful and productive career, in your organization. As you suggested I have enclosed my resume for your review. I would like the opportunity to meet and share more about my qualifications and the ways in which I can contribute to the company. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Henry Beerschot

Dear Mr. Beerschot,
After a thorough review of your resume and references, I am happy to inform you that AllPro Sporting Supplies Inc. is ready to offer you a position as a regional sales manager. Many candidates applied for this position, but we believe that you are the most qualified. If you accept this offer, the company will provide the following compensation package: \$33,000 annual salary, plus an additional .01% bonus of company profits on regional sales over and above our pre-set quota. I assume our salary offer will be to your satisfaction. However, I believe our bonus incentive will encourage you to devote your full attention to helping your sales staff surpass our sales quotas. Please contact me to confirm that you are still interested in this position and to accept the offer officially. If I do not hear from you within seven (7) days, then I will select another candidate to fill the position. Congratulations, and welcome to the team!

Sincerely,

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2. What line of business is AllPro Sporting supplies most likely involved in?

- A. Communications
- B. Manufacturing
- C. Education
- D. Construction

3. What should Mr. Beerschot do to accept the job offer?

- A. Inform his last employer
- B. Go for an interview
- C. Send a CV
- D. Contact Mr. Jones

4. How long does Mr. Beerschot have to accept the offer?

- A. One month
- B. Three weeks
- C. One week
- D. Two weeks

5. According to the information, should Mr. Beerschot perform above par, what will happen?

- A. His yearly salary will increase.
- B. His yearly salary will decrease.
- C. He will become Personnel Manager.
- D. He will be fired.

Questions 6 - 9 are based on the following contract

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COMMISSIONS AND FEES

All sales earn Representatives a 5% commission The price of sample books of textiles will be deducted from commissions. All travel expenses to international exhibitions where Representatives work at the Joy Fabrics Ltd. booth will be completely reimbursed. No other business travel will be reimbursed.

6. What does the contract say about the expenses of traveling to international exhibitions to work at booths?

- A. The representative will pay 5%
- B. The representative will pay all expenses
- C. The representative will be paid back for all costs
- D. The representative will receive a special bonus

7. This agreement is to be made between Joy Fabrics, Ltd. and what other party?

- A. A customer
- B. A salesperson
- C. A textile manufacturer
- D. A resident agent

8. Who are potential customers for the representative?

- A. New customers who do not have resident agents in their country
- B. Anyone with a resident agent in his or her country
- C. Established customers of Joy Fabrics, Ltd.
- D. All customers met at an international exhibition

9. What do sales representative have to pay for?

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business! Challenging role as business assistant with varied duties. Responsible person with accounting experience. File #1231

RUSSIAN SPEAKING ASSISTANT 24K plus good benefits. PA for director of investment firm. Computer literate. Must be fluent in English. Knowledge of Czech, Polish, or Hungarian useful. You will look after director's diary and organize appointments and meetings. File #942

BILINGUAL FRENCH - ENGLISH OFFICE MANAGER 26K + benefit package. International trading company with offices in London, Paris and the States seek responsible office manager. Must have stenographic training, management experience, and minimum working 3 years in international environment. Advanced computer skills needed. Relocation from U.K not

required but must be available for frequent travel. File #1128

**GERMAN/FRENCH SPEAKING PROJECT MANAGER 27K.
Administrative assistant and project manager required. Make best use of your interpersonal, professional, and linguistic skills. Varied tasks. Mother-tongue fluency in German, French and English necessary. File #861**

Contact Justina Lockwood at GRS Ltd. Russel House

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11. Which of the following is NOT required for someone who is applying for the position of bilingual office manager?

- A. Willingness to relocate to Paris
- B. Advanced computer skills
- C. Experience in international settings
- D. Ability to travel often

12. Which of the following positions requires a person who is fluent in two languages besides English?

- A. Office manager
- B. Billings assistant
- C. Personal assistant
- D. Project manager

13. Which of the following is NOT recommended for a person interested in one of these jobs?

- A. Going to the offices of GRS, Ltd
- B. Mailing a CV to Justine Lockwood
- C. Calling GRS, Ltd. in the afternoon
- D. Sending a fax to Justine Lockwood

Questions 14-15 are based on the following advertisement

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14. What can be inferred about the practice presentations?

- A. They will each last for one hour
- B. They will be given by master trainers
- C. They will be given by a team of presenters
- D. They will be video taped

15. Which is probably the longest session?

- A. The one beginning May 10
- B. The one beginning May 4
- C. The one beginning May 7
- D. The one beginning May 16

HOMEWORK

Vocabulary- "D" Words

1. What has four legs, barks and wags its tail?
2. This is a precious stone often found in expensive rings.

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8. Ice cream, sponge pudding, apple pie and cake are all kinds of _
9. Someone who wants to lose weight or has a health problem goes on a _____
10. Ten years equals a ____