

**READING COMPREHENSION**

**Task 1: Read the text carefully. Complete the task on the next page.**

**THE NEW GLOBAL CITIZENS**

Each generation forms core values that remain with its members throughout their lives based on the events and circumstances that surrounded them during their formative years. Millennials were born during a time of economic growth and stability in the United States. The economy changed after the tragedy of September 11, 2001. Defining events, such as the assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr., the Watergate scandal, Neil Armstrong on the moon, and September 11 have profound and lasting effects on the generational psyche. Combine a major event with dramatic shifts in economic and national security, and younger children begin to have a different life experience from those just ahead of them. Such a shift happened for Millennials, also known as Generation Y.

When talking of generational characteristics, there is always the danger of being accused of stereotyping. I recognize that we are products of many influences, such as urban or rural lifestyle, birth order, gender, education and much more. So what makes this civic-minded, globally aware, well-educated, and diverse generation different?

First and foremost, Gen Yers are impatient. Life has always moved at a very fast pace. The old saying “good things come to those who wait” has no meaning for this generation. The Internet has taught them there is no need to wait for anything. Previous generations were accustomed to going to the library to look up information in the card catalogue and then finding the books and searching for the answers. For Generation Y, the concept of going to the library to find information is foreign. It is instantly available through a Google search. There is no need to look up a movie time in the newspaper when they can access the information with their cell phones. Gen Yers have grown up with computers in the classroom, video games, and MTV. They like to be entertained and stimulated across all their senses. They become restless and bored quickly and are constantly looking for the next level of challenge.

Living in a time of constant change has made this generation very adaptable. They have never had time to become stuck in old patterns or routines. They process information quickly and embrace change. They are progressive forward thinkers because they are not interested in history. Life is about what is ahead and how quickly you can react or adapt. Gen Yers question everything because their thinking is not framed in the past. They are open to an endless stream of new possibilities. To avoid boredom, they have become natural innovators, unafraid of new ideas and new approaches. They are not simply comfortable with technology – they are creating new levels of technology.

Gen Yers have lived lives filled with activities and are thus skilled time managers and multitaskers. They have learned to balance sports, school, jobs, and social time. They strive for maximum results with minimal effort.

READING COMPREHENSION – TASK

*Task: Based on what you have read in the article, complete the statements below. You have to fill in between 1 – 3 words (the number of missing words is indicated). The statements do not follow in the same order as the information appears in the article.*

1. New ideas and outlooks have turned Generation Yers into .....  
(2 words)
2. Generation Yers' active approach to life makes them skilful ..... and  
.....  
(3 words)
3. Each generation creates essential values which are based on its members' experience in their  
.....  
(2 words)
4. Generation Yers are not keen on history as they are .....  
(2 words)
5. Searching for information at a library is a/an ..... for Generation Yers.  
(2 words)
6. The period when Millennials were born was marked by ..... and  
.....  
(3 words)
7. Generation Yers' close relationship with digital technology is connected with their wish to be  
..... and .....  
(2 words)
8. Generation Yers have no time to be locked in ..... since they live in a period of constant  
change.  
(1 word)
9. There are lots of factors which have an impact on every generation, including the influence of  
..... or ..... areas.  
(2 words)
10. Important political events and scientific progress affect the .....  
(2 words)

..... / 10 pts

## V O C A B U L A R Y

**Task 1: Read the text and decide which option (A, B, C or D) best completes each collocation or fixed phrase. Circle the letter representing the correct option.**

## MY SAILING EXPERIENCE

The quality of life these days is something most of us take for **(1)** ..... . It takes some radically different experience to **(2)** ..... this fact home to people. In my case, it was spending three weeks aboard a yacht with 12 other people, competing in a major sailing race. Although I was officially a guest, it was made clear from the start that there was to be no room for passengers, and that I'd have to **(3)** ..... my weight. For the first few nights, none of us was able to sleep for more than a couple of hours at a **(4)** ..... before being rudely awoken by an aggressive command. Then we'd do physically exhausting work in total darkness. Every few minutes we'd be completely soaked to the **(5)** ..... by a large wave we couldn't see coming.

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|---------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| 1. A admitted | B granted | C accepted | D given  |
| 2. A carry    | B push    | C sweep    | D bring  |
| 3. A pull     | B offer   | C use      | D move   |
| 4. A piece    | B period  | C time     | D moment |
| 5. A bones    | B flesh   | C skin     | D toes   |

..... / 5 pts

**Task 2: Fill each blank space in the article below with the correct form of the word in capital letters.**

## ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS

So rapidly has the Internet become an **(6)** ..... part of many people's lives that it is easy to forget that only a few years ago it was known to the general public, if at all, as a playground for **(7)** ..... academics and that it is one of the most astonishing of all man's inventions. John Naughton, a regular journalist on *The Observer*, has been on the net for many years himself and is the ideal person to write a history of what he calls this "force of **(8)** ..... power." Starting with three colleagues, each of whom was known as a **(9)** ..... at MIT in the 1930s, Naughton traces the story through engineers like Tim Berners-Lee, who realised their vision, and on into what the future may hold. The book is written with the skill one might expect from a **(10)** ..... journalist.

INTEGRATE

NERD

IMAGINE

VISION

FLAW

..... / 5 pts

..... / 10 pts

**GRAMMAR**

**Task 1: Fill each of the numbered blanks in the passage with one suitable word.**

LOOKING TO DEVELOP YOUR IT CAREER?  
CONSIDER A COURSE IN ETHICAL HACKING.

EXAMPLE: (0) on

With computer crime **(0)** ..... the rise, there's a growing need for security experts. But people in the IT world are often unable to take time **(1)** ..... work to undergo the necessary training. That's where flexible courses in professional computer hacking or ethical hacking come **(2)** ..... . An ethical hacker's job is to test computer networks **(3)** ..... attacks by malicious hackers. Courses **(4)** ..... teach the techniques used to carry out such tests are not new, but the way of their delivery is. In addition to face-to-face classes, students are **(5)** ..... offered the chance to study online at home or in the workplace, or **(6)** ..... the move using offline self-study materials **(7)** ..... can download onto their mobile phones.

Ethical hacking has grown as companies **(8)** ..... become more aware of the threat that criminals pose **(9)** ..... their computer networks. It's a threat that has also passed into public consciousness **(10)** ..... to increased coverage in the media. Computer hackers can get into a computer system, steal data and erase **(11)** ..... tracks in just 20 minutes, so IT professionals who decide to add ethical hacking to their CV are finding their services are **(12)** ..... constant demand. Training courses work on the principle that to stop a criminal, you need to learn to think like **(13)** .....

..... / 13 pts

**Task 2: Circle the correct answer.**

14. The President **has urged people vote / has urged to vote / has urged people to vote** "Yes" in tomorrow's referendum on joining the European Union.

15. You can lead a horse to water but you can't **make it drink / make it to drink / make it drinking**.

..... / 2 pts

..... / 15 pts

**LISTENING**

*You will hear Kate Brown talking about her favourite summer destination – Kalkan in Turkey. Below, you can read ten statements which summarize the information. In the gaps provided, fill in the missing words (the number of missing words is indicated).*

**KALKAN – MY HAPPY PLACE**

1. When Kate and her husband Adrian chose Kalkan as their summer destination the first time, they found accommodation in a/an ..... in the old town. (2 words)
2. In the recent period, the area ..... has expanded due to an increasing number of tourists. (3 words)
3. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, trading in lumber, ..... and ..... was developed in Kalkan. (3 words)
4. In the 1960s, English yachtsmen started the period of the ..... (2 words)
5. Kate and her husband prefer to dine on ..... (2 words)
6. The opportunity to listen to the call to ..... from the ..... is one of the greatest moments for Kate. (2 words)
7. Besides jewellery, the most popular goods for shoppers are Turkish ....., ..... and ..... (3 words)
8. If you decide to see the ..... during the day, you will face tropical temperatures. (2 words)
9. During the trip to the second largest ..... in Europe, you will experience rock walls and rushing water. (1 word)
10. After trekking the natural sight, you can view it comfortably from a restaurant and lie back on Turkish ..... and ..... (2 words)

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