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READING COMPREHENSION

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

EXPATRIATES IN INDIA

For the past five decades, India's best and brightest have been attracted to the glamour of the West. But today, growing numbers of Europeans and North Americans seem to be enchanted by India. Many of them are discovering exciting professional opportunities in the country's booming information technology sector. Some have fallen in love with the culture and plan to stay.

Sheila O'Hara first came to India from England as a tourist while still in college. Now she works with Microsoft as a language and culture trainer. "I didn't specifically ask to come here, but India is an interesting place to work if you are in the IT industry, so I just took the plunge," she says. "There's a technology boom taking place. Certain parts of India are developing quickly, and it's interesting to watch these changes close up."

By far the biggest draw for recent expatriates is the information technology industry. Bangalore's reputation as a technology hub has made it the destination of choice for recent expatriates. Presently, an estimated 10,000 to 12,000 foreigners live or work in Bangalore alone. And nationwide, between 20,000 and 30,000 expatriates are believed to be working in India.

Petra Klerkx, a graphics designer from Holland, says, "Life here is fast and busy. There's a lot happening in the streets, a lot of unpredictability. In Holland, what you expect, you get, which is not true here. Life here is very different. For example, people don't seem to have a sense of time here. I would even say that time does not exist. The Hindi word *kal* means *yesterday* and also *tomorrow*, so you see it doesn't make sense!" She laughs.

Anne Julie, from France, has lived in Bangalore for a year and teaches French at the Indian Institute of Science. "I wanted to experience something different from European and American culture, so I chose India as a destination for work. In fact, India is now a fashionable place to go to," she says. Half of her friends have been to India, and Indian movies and clothes are the rage in France.

"Working with the Indians has been a rewarding experience," says Eric Rousseau, director of Alliance Française in Bangalore and another expat from France. "The sense of family is very much present here, even in the workplace. In France, the individual is supreme, even in the workplace, but it is totally different here – the organization comes first," he adds.

Foreigners feel that metropolitan cities like Bangalore and Mumbai are more hospitable to them. "The day I came here, I felt at home with the large expatriate community ready to help me out with anything I wanted," says Ivan Moura, a Swiss national pursuing his postdoctoral work at the Indian Institute of Science. "I did feel a bit intimidated by the looks of people on the streets of Malleswaram and other traditional areas, where my white skin drew a lot of attention. Other than that, there has been no real culture shock."

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READING COMPREHENSION – TASK

Task: Based on what you have read in the article, decide whether the statements below are true (T) or false (F). Circle one of the two letters. Be careful, sentences do not follow in the same order as the information in the article.

1. **T / F** Anne Julie came to India after her friends informed her about a vacant position at the Indian Institute of Science.
2. **T / F** The French are affected by different elements of Indian culture.
3. **T / F** According to Petra Klerkx, people in India are similar to the Dutch in how they view time.
4. **T / F** The only thing Ivan Moura had to initially overcome in India were reactions of Indian people to his physical appearance.
5. **T / F** The article states that the percentage of Europeans and North Americans coming to India annually is higher than that of Indians leaving their home country.
6. **T / F** One of the reasons expatriates come to India is the flourishing digital technology industry.
7. **T / F** Perta Klerkx regards life in India as unforeseeable.
8. **T / F** Sheila O’Hara first came to India after a successful interview for Microsoft.
9. **T / F** Foreigners working in the large cities of India appreciate the cordiality of the natives.
10. **T / F** Eric Rousseau claims that in France and India, the value of the individual comes first in the hierarchy of social values.

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V O C A B U L A R Y

Task 1: Parts of the body appear in some idiomatic adjectives. For each of these adjectives in the following sentences, find a synonym/phrase in the box. (Be careful, there are six extra words/phrases in the box.) Then put the correct expressions in the spaces provided.

<i>insensitive to criticism</i>	<i>absorbed in thought</i>	<i>reluctant to act</i>
<i>authoritative</i>	<i>brave</i>	<i>conceited</i>
<i>violent</i>	<i>over-romantic</i>	<i>mean</i>
<i>silent</i>	<i>upset</i>	<i>cowardly</i>

1. Being a stout-hearted woman, she consented to do it.
2. You need to be thick-skinned if you want to become a manager.
3. The new boss was quite big-headed at the beginning.
4. Some people, despite their wealth, are tight-fisted in aiding the poor.
5. He is such a starry-eyed reformer.
6. Then, tight-lipped, she nodded as well.

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

TORNADOES

Tornadoes have been recorded virtually (7), **WORLD**
 and their (8) could potentially increase with **OCCUR**
 climate change. Tornadoes usually occur in the late afternoon or early
 evening, from late winter to late summer in the United States and Canada.
 They are a product of the same atmospheric (9) **STABLE**
 that produces thunderstorms and cloudbursts and are often triggered by the
 (10) between warm, moist air masses and cold, **WAR**
 dry ones.

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G R A M M A R

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

CULTURE SHOCK

EXAMPLE: (0) has

Every person has a culture that (0) been acquired from his or her (1)..... cultural group. People tend to regard this culture and its standards (2) correct. When someone travels to another country and encounters a new culture, there is an immediate need to (3) adjustments if he or she is to function well in that society. Problems of personal adjustment (4) a foreign environment are referred to as *culture shock*. Culture shock has various effects on an individual as he or she goes (5) its stages. Culture shock is a common experience for a person learning a second language in a new culture. It is usually brought (6) by the sudden loss of familiar surroundings. The effect that culture shock has on an individual ranges (7) mild irritability to deep psychological panic and crisis. A person undergoing culture shock views his or her new world (8) resentment, and the person alternates (9) being angry (10)..... others for not understanding him or her and being filled with self-pity.

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Task 2: Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word and use between two and four words.

11. Rob persuaded me not to sell my car.

OF

Rob talked my car.

12. A bus crashed into a van on the motorway.

WITH

A bus a van on the motorway.

13. There is nothing strange about her decision.

ORDINARY

There is nothing about her decision.

14. I don't want to force you to accept more responsibilities.

INSIST

I don't more responsibilities.

15. I think a rest would do you good.

FROM

I think you a rest.

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LISTENING

You will hear a radio programme called The Psychology Series, which this time will be focused on finding the power to reach inner peace. You will hear five tips from an expert on how best to incorporate a state of calm into your life. Below, you can read ten statements which summarize ten tips or pieces of advice (marked A – J) related to the suggested behaviour. In the gaps provided, write the number 1 – 5 next to the statement which refers to a particular piece of advice. There are five extra statements – write X in the gaps provided. You will hear the programme twice.

THE KEY TO A PEACEFUL MIND

- A. Avoid stressful situations in which you cannot breathe properly.
- B. Keep a calm body that will steer your mind.
- C. Relate to close people when you are in trouble.
- D. Cut down activities that might be mentally exhausting.
- E. Avoid aggressive people.
- F. Relate to close people for your own welfare.
- G. Do more of what makes you feel good.
- H. Master correct breathing.
- I. Be ready to cope with demanding situations.
- J. Keep fit instead of taking pills or drinking spirits.

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