

9 класс Listening Comprehension

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Miss Carrington was a famous actress. She began her life in a small village named Cranberry. But that was long ago. Now she was to perform the leading part in a new comedy. A capable young actor Highsmith by name dreamt of being Miss Carrington's partner in the new play. He told it to the manager. The manager explained to the young actor that if he wanted to play the part he must persuade Miss Carrington to accept him as her partner. The young actor knew very well that it was a part of a young farmer.

The next day he went to Cranberry where he stayed for three days and gathered much information about the life and the people of that small village. Then he returned to the village and went to one of the restaurant where actors usually gathered after the performance. He saw a small party sitting at the table. The star of the party was Miss Carrington. She noticed a poorly dressed man enter the restaurant. He approached the famous actress, greeted her and told her much interesting news about her relatives and friends from Cranberry. The way he spoke made her believe every word he said. She was sure he was a farmer. In the end he told the famous actress, that her mother wanted to see her again before she died. Then he gave her a rose he picked up from a bush in front of her house in Cranberry. Miss Carrington was so touched that she couldn't help crying. She thanked the young man and invited him to see her again at the hotel before he left the city.

The next morning the young actor, dressed in the latest fashion went to the hotel. He was sure Miss Carrington would agree to take him as her partner in the play if he told her everything. To his surprise he was told that Miss Carrington had left for her native village forever. Highsmith realized that he had acted too well.

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2. But that was long ago. Now she was to perform the leading part in a new tragedy.
3. A capable young actor Highsmith by name dreamt of being Miss Carrington's partner in the new play.
4. The next day he went to Cranberry where he stayed for seven days and gathered much information about the life and the people of that small village.
5. Then he returned to the village and went to one of the restaurant where actors usually gathered after the performance.
6. The star of the party was Mister Carrington.
7. She was sure he was an actor.
8. He gave her a rose he picked up from a bush in front of her house in Cranberry.
9. The next morning the young actor, dressed in rags went to the hotel.
10. Highsmith realized that he had acted too well.
11. was a famous actress.
 - a) Mister Carrington;
 - b) Miss Carry;
 - c) Miss Carrington;
 - d) Mister Carry.
12. Now she was to perform the leading part
 - a) in a new comedy;
 - b) in a new tragedy;
 - c) in a new play;
 - d) in an old comedy.

13. The young actor knew very well that it was a part of
a) a young singer;
b) an old farmer;
c) a young teacher;
d) a young farmer.
14. The next day he went to Cranberry where he stayed for and gathered much information about the life and the people of that small village.
a) several nights;
b) thirty days;
c) three nights;
d) three days.
15. The star of the party was Miss Carrington. She noticed enter the restaurant.
a) a poorly dressed woman;
b) a poorly dressed man;
c) a poorly dressed child;
d) a poorly dressed old man .
16. She was sure he was
a) a builder;b) a student;c) a farmer;d) a worker.
17. In the end he told the famous actress, that wanted to see her again.
a) her mother;b) her grandmother;c) her father;d) her grandfather.
18. The next morning the young actor, dressed in the latest fashion went to
a) the hotel;b) the hospital;c) the hostel;d) the restaurant.
19. He was sure Miss Carrington would agree to take him as
a) her doctor;b) her servant;c) her partner;d) her driver.
20. To his surprise he was told that Miss Carrington had left for forever.
a) her native town;
b) her native village;
c) his native country;
d) his native city.

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HOW RUTH MADE HISTORY AT OXFORD

Child prodigy Ruth Lawrence made history when she came a clear first out of the 530 candidates who sat the entrance exam for St. Hugh's College, Oxford. The all-women's college is likely to offer her a scholarship. Ruth sat three three-hour papers in Mathematics. "I was happy with the first two", she said afterwards, "but I wasn't sure about the third".

Ruth has never been to school. Her father, Harry Lawrence, a computer consultant, gave up his job when Ruth was five to educate her at home. Her mother, Sylvia, who also deals with computers, goes out to work.

Harry Lawrence explained that, besides Mathematics, Ruth also enjoyed English, History, Geography, Nature study and other subjects. She began to read at four and started academic subjects at five. "We did not start off with the thought that

she would not go to school", he said, "but we enjoyed teaching her so much and we seemed to be making quite a good job of it, so we just carried on". Because she does not go to school, Ruth has not mixed much with other children. "She enjoys serious conversation with adults", her father said, "and I don't think she will feel out of place at Oxford". He does not think she works harder than other children her age, but concentrates on what she enjoys, principally mathematics. "She watches television a little but not as a habit," he explained. "But she plays the piano and has quite a wide range of interests".

Choose the right variant.

1. Ruth is considered to be a prodigy child because. . .
 - a) She was the best candidate to sit the entrance exams for Oxford University.
 - b) She has never been to school.
 - c) She has a wide range of interest.
2. The university teachers are very. . .
 - a) angry with her father.
 - b) disappointed that Ruth is coming to Oxford.
 - c) pleased that Ruth is coming to Oxford.
3. Her father has been her teacher, while her mother. . .
 - a) lives abroad.
 - b) goes out to work.
 - c) has always been against it.
4. Ruth wants to be. ..
 - a) a teacher of Mathematics at school
 - b) a research professor.
 - c) a computer consultant.
5. Ruth made history by coming first, but she herself. . .
 - a) wasn't happy with all the examination papers.
 - b) was sure she would fail.
 - c) didn't want to go to Oxford.
6. Her family are very excited and wonder. . .
 - a) if Ruth will be able to graduate from college
 - b) if she has made the right choice.
 - c) if the younger sister will be as talented.
7. Ruth has never been to school because. . .
 - a) the school was far from their place.
 - b) her father taught her at home.
 - c) her parents don't allow her to.
8. Besides mathematics Ruth also enjoys. . .
 - a) riding a bicycle.
 - b) a foreign language. .
 - c) English, history, geography.

9. Ruth's hobby is...

- a) playing the piano.
- b) dancing.
- c) playing the guitar.

10. Ruth's family plans. . .

- a) to go to the USA.
- b) to move to Oxford.
- c) to move to London.