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Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 30.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- This question paper assesses your reading skills, not your writing skills.

Advice

- Read all three texts before you attempt to answer the questions.
- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Context

You are interested in how the job-hunting process has changed. You decide to find out more.

Instructions

Read Text A, Text B and Text C, then answer questions 1 – 13.

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Text A

Some of the crazy questions posed during job interviews

You have polished your CV to perfection and put on your best interview suit. You are confident you have really done your homework about the job you've applied for.

And then you come face to face with your future boss, only to be asked: 'Who would win in a fight between Superman and Batman?' Or perhaps: 'If a hippo falls in a hole how would you get it out?' Or: 'What type of ice cream are you?'



These are among the bizarre questions companies are asking during interviews to ambush job hopefuls. They emerged in a survey of 2,000 adults by the Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT).

Candidates also reported finding themselves confronted with strange tasks, such as being asked to sing or act out a scene from a film with a potential colleague. One baffled job-seeker was told: 'Build a tower of paper cups in one minute that would not fall down when you put water in the top cup.'

Not surprisingly, 30 per cent of respondents said they had given awkward responses. Some admitted bursting into tears or being caught out by a lie on their CV, while others revealed they had forgotten what job they were applying for or simply dried up. Nearly two-thirds said they had embarrassed themselves by making mistakes such as spilling drinks, tripping over or swearing by accident.

Aimee Batemann of AAT said: 'The range of random and sometimes unbelievable questions or tasks that candidates have been subjected to shows you just can't predict what will be thrown at you. However, the best way to maintain composure and reduce the chances of embarrassment is to try to prepare for every possibility and be ready to think on your feet if need be.'

Most applicants thought their fate had been sealed within five minutes of entering the room, regardless of how the interview went after that. Some interviewers seemed 'bored' and others were 'really rude'.

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Text B

How to get your dream job

Some people know the job they want from an early age and go on to make this dream a reality. Most people are not this certain, though, and many of us still haven't decided what we want to do when we leave school or college.

The first step in finding a dream job is to decide what you want to do. Easier said than done, you might think, but there are a lot of things you can do that will help. You could make a list of your skills and find out about jobs that play to your strengths. Some people find online careers tests useful or you could get advice from a Careers Adviser. It's important to look at all your options carefully and not to rush into anything that may not be right for you.

Once you have found what you would like to do, it is important to get some relevant experience. This will help you to be sure that you enjoy this type of work and will look good on your CV. It will also help you answer questions at a job interview. If you can find a paid position then this is an added benefit.

When it's time to look for work then you must make sure that your CV is as strong as possible and that it will sell you to potential employers. Your CV should be clear, well laid-out and no more than two pages long.

If you get an interview then this is your chance to shine! Preparation is the key for any interview, so you must make sure that you have thoroughly researched the company and that you are ready for whatever questions you might be asked.

Avoid common pitfalls like a weak handshake and leaving your mobile phone on. Remember that interviewers will form impressions about you in the first few seconds. If you dress smartly and smile then this will help you to make a good start.

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Text C

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'www.dreamjob.web'. The browser has a menu bar with 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Favourites', 'Tools', and 'Help'. Below the menu bar is a navigation bar with five buttons: 'Home', 'Blog', 'Publications', 'Search', and 'Other related topics'. The main content area displays a blog post titled 'There's more to life than a 'dream job''. The post text reads: 'Throughout my time at school and college it was drilled into me that I should look for my dream job. I was told to do what makes me happy and not to settle for second-best. The only problem with this was that I frequently changed my mind about the job I wanted, but I understood that I should aim high. When I was let out into the big wide world, reality was a shock. Those 'dream jobs' seemed impossible to get. I had lots of interviews where I always seemed to say too much or too little and I didn't get anywhere. I didn't want to apply for lower level positions as that seemed like a waste of my qualifications. What was I doing wrong? Eventually, I got some feedback that put me straight. 'Unfortunately, we cannot employ you,' an HR Manager said to me. 'We can see that you've got lots of qualifications but you don't have any experience, so how can we know if you could cope with the job?' Then I realised: what was lacking from my CV was experience in the workplace. I applied for a lower level job in a completely different industry and got that. I found that I really enjoyed earning my own money and being independent. I stopped worrying about a 'dream job' and concentrated on my 'real' job. About a year later, an opportunity came up for promotion at the company I was working for. I had a year's experience and I knew I liked working there so I applied. This time the interview was different – I felt much more confident. I was able to use real work experience to answer the questions and didn't get caught out making up answers. It still came as a surprise when they rang to offer me the job though! I've now been doing my job for three years and I love it! It may not have been the job I dreamed of as a child, but I now realise that **dreams are just that – not real.** Natasha'. The browser window includes a status bar at the bottom showing '100 %' zoom.

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Natasha



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Answer question 1 with a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

1 According to Text A, the writer believes that:

- ☐ A most people tell lies during job interviews
- ☐ B job interviews are easier than they used to be
- ☐ C job interview questions can be surprising
- ☐ D most job interviewers are bored or rude

(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

2 In Text A, what do the following quotations suggest about the writer's view of job interviews?

'ambush job hopefuls'

(1)

'baffled job-seeker'

(1)

(Total for Question 2 = 2 marks)

3 What is the **main** purpose of Text A?

(Total for Question 3 = 1 mark)



- 4 Give **one** reason why Text B is the most suitable for someone who wants advice on how to write a CV.

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(Total for Question 4 = 1 mark)

Answer questions 5 and 6 with a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

- 5 In Text B, the paragraph beginning 'The first step' implies that:

- ☐ A it is simple to decide on the job you want to do
- ☐ B online careers tests are essential for job-seekers
- ☐ C researching jobs will help you find the right career
- ☐ D it is important to try many different types of job

(Total for Question 5 = 1 mark)

- 6 In Text B, which of these phrases is an example of direct address to the reader?

- ☐ A The first step in finding a dream job
- ☐ B Once you have found what you would like to do
- ☐ C Most people are not this certain, though
- ☐ D Some people know the job they want from an early age

(Total for Question 6 = 1 mark)



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7 Identify **two** methods used by the writer of Text C to show she does not believe in dream jobs.

Give an example to support each answer.

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(Total for Question 7 = 4 marks)

8 A friend wants to know how to prepare for a job interview.

Using Text A and Text B, advise your friend on how he can prepare for a job interview.

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(Total for Question 8 = 5 marks)

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- 9 Give **one** quotation from Text B and **one** quotation from Text C that suggest it can be hard to choose a career.

Quotation from Text B

(1)

Quotation from Text C

(1)

(Total for Question 9 = 2 marks)

- 10 Use Text B and Text C to answer this question.

Explain how these texts have similar ideas on why gaining experience of work is important.

Give examples from **both** texts to support your answer.

(Total for Question 10 = 5 marks)



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11 You are preparing a presentation on unusual things that candidates might be asked in a job interview.

Which text is the **most** useful when preparing your presentation?

Give **one** reason for your choice and **one** example to support your answer.

Text (1)

Reason (1)

Example (1)

(Total for Question 11 = 3 marks)

12 You have a job interview coming up and are keen not to make any mistakes.

Identify **one** piece of evidence from **each** of the three texts on mistakes to avoid in a job interview.

Text A (1)

Text B (1)

Text C (1)

(Total for Question 12 = 3 marks)

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Answer question 13 with a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

13 Which statement below is an accurate summary of points made in the texts?

- ☐ A Texts A and B both state that a good start to a job interview is essential.
- ☐ B Texts A and C both promote the importance of being independent.
- ☐ C Texts A and C both argue that careers advice needs to be improved.
- ☐ D Texts B and C both explain how you should dress for a job interview.

(Total for Question 13 = 1 mark)

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