

C1 Advanced Part 6

1 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

explicit • identify • think • writers

In multiple-matching reading tasks you have to

- (a) the opinions of different
 (b) about specific points. Remember that some writers will convey their attitudes in
 (c) ways, but others may be more subtle. Ask yourself 'What does the writer really
 (d)?' when you read opinion texts.

2 Read the sentences and choose the correct alternative.

- 1 The charity has achieved an amazing trial/feat by raising so much money.
 2 I can't believe she's 16. She misbehaves/cooperates so much!
 3 What an amazing accomplishment/hurdle. You must feel very proud of yourself.
 4 The expedition leader didn't battle/mislead the group about how hard the challenge was.
 5 Dexter's help on the project was absolutely invaluable/disapproving.
 6 Carrying all the equipment up the mountain was a real struggle/exploit.

✓ Exam tip

In multiple-matching reading tasks with several texts, you are required to identify different writers' opinions about specific points. Remember that, as well as explicitly expressing their views, many writers convey their attitude in other ways. Ask yourself 'What does the writer really think?' when you read opinion texts.

3 You are going to read extracts from an article in which four people give their views on what makes a successful entrepreneur. For questions 1–4, choose from the people A–D. The people can be chosen more than once.

The Winning Formula

A

Well, I've run my own business for years so I know how hard it is to be successful. At one point, I could have grown the business a lot more, but that wasn't for me. I'm no risk-taker. For anyone who wants to make it big, I'd say it's invaluable to hear the opinions of others to avoid the pitfalls, especially at the start. The endurance and focus needed to achieve your goal is no mean feat. To keep your eyes on one thing throughout your life and resist outside temptations can be unbearable at times. I do wonder how some



entrepreneurs cope on a private level – being unavailable for family time. I remember reading something about Sheryl Sandberg, Meta Platform's chief operating officer. Apparently, she doesn't believe in a work-life balance, especially for women.

B

It's funny, I'm told I'm an entrepreneur but I don't see myself as one. It's probably because I have grown a medium-sized business. I started setting it up at school and worked as hard as I could. I had setbacks but I persevered. It takes courage to have the drive and ambition to do something when others are having fun, especially when you don't know if it's going to work out. I think Jessica Herrin said something about seeing failure as the beginning and the middle, but not the final outcome. That stayed with me. But when I had my own family, that was it for me. I mean, it's unthinkable in my opinion to try to have both. My dad was never at home so it was a no-brainer. The business took a back seat for time with my daughter.

C

It seems like such a massive undertaking and the idea of getting millions at the end isn't enough for me. But fair play to them. You have to be daring enough to risk everything. And you are unable to do normal family things so you can't have it all. I would suggest, though, that you have to be tuned in to your gut. Follow that, rather than the numerous voices telling you to do this and that which can be counter-productive as the information is either irrelevant to your situation or their knowledge of the market is inadequate. We've all seen the nuggets of advice on social media which is based on absolutely no experience. Another thing I'd mention is setting targets you can meet. Success is never going to come your way if you're unrealistic!

D

I've only just started out but I'm interested in this topic. I've got an online business which I started at 16, a couple of years ago. Early on, one of my dad's friends said to me that I don't have to see the full picture, I just have to focus on one part of the canvas. That helped me manage my expectations so I have small achievements to reach along the way. It's a bit like painting by numbers! By and large I go against the idea that you have to make sacrifices to certain areas of your life. I think it's more about time-management. Frankly, I can count on one hand the number of parties or family events I've had to miss. I'm not antisocial, I just work around events I want to attend. And of course, ultimately, hard work is the key ingredient.

Which person

- 1 shares person C's opinion that bravery is an important character trait for entrepreneurs?
 2 expresses the same opinion as person D regarding setting yourself attainable goals?
 3 has a different view from the others on whether surrendering your private life is necessary for success?
 4 has the opposite opinion to person A when considering the degree to which you listen to others?

C1 Advanced Part 3

1 Choose the correct alternative.

In word-formation tasks, look at the words on (a) *one/either* side of the gap, (b) *and/not* the rest of the sentence as well. (c) *Don't focus/Focus* on the wider context in which a word is being used. (d) *Just/Don't* look at one phrase in isolation.

2 Match the words to the definitions.

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| 1 obstacle | a a prolonged and unpleasant experience |
| 2 antisocial | b achievement which requires skill, strength or courage |
| 3 reconsider | c involving relationships between people |
| 4 ordeal | d think again about something you've decided |
| 5 interpersonal | e something that stands in your way |
| 6 feat | f something which goes against acceptable behaviour |

✓ Exam tip

In word-formation tasks, look at the words on either side of the gap, and the rest of the sentence as well. Focus on the wider context in which a word is being used, rather than just one phrase in isolation.

3 For questions 1–8, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

How to be successful in exams



Exams are something that everyone has to do at some point (0) *regardless* of whether you actually enjoy them! (1) (have) said this, there are some things you can do to help yourself.

A lot of it comes down to (2) (prepare). Firstly, get organised and make a study plan that you can (3) (realistic) stick to. If there aren't any breaks, you aren't going to follow it! Likewise, if you plan to study for ten hours one day, this probably won't happen. Then, make sure you sleep well: if you don't sleep enough or indeed (4) (sleep), this can lead to an unwanted lack of (5) (concentrate). Next, try to get hold of some past papers so you are aware of what the exam paper looks like. Even (6) (experience) test-takers often get this wrong and study content they don't need. (7) (fortune), once you've done all this, there's no magic formula: you just have to put the time in. A good way to motivate yourself is to put something in your diary after your exams to celebrate your (8) (accomplish). Good luck!