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## Entrance Test

### READING

Answer the questions after reading the text. For questions 1, 6, 7, 10 **circle** the correct answer. For questions 4, 5 **tick** (✓) the correct answer.

From **The Times**

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#### **Big Macs and healthy profits**

*Makeovers on the menu and on the high street have helped McDonald's UK to answer fears about its contribution to rising obesity*

“Gone are the days of a staple diet of Big Macs, chips and coke”, says Steve Easterbrook, the chief executive of McDonald's UK. He argues that the company (and the world) has moved on. There is 20 per cent less salt in a Happy Meal than before, sugar content is down and hydrogenated oil has been removed from the cooking process, taking fats to “minimal” levels. The milk served with a McDonald's coffee is organic, Chicken McNuggets use 100 per cent breast meat and salad now sits alongside the Big Mac on a menu.

Even Hollywood, spiritual home of America's health-and-beauty-obsessed, has embraced McDonald's again. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, a trendy, glamorous couple if ever there was one, bought Happy Meals for their children on Christmas Day.

In British society, however, child obesity has become too much of a sore point to ignore, even as a festive treat. But for Mr Easterbrook, it's far too simplistic to link the undeniable growth in children's sizes with the fact that McDonald's UK is about to record its best year for two decades. In December, 88 million people bought a McDonald's - or rather it sold 88 million meals, drinks, packets of fries and the rest.

“I don't know who is to blame,” Mr Easterbrook says. “The issue of obesity is complex and is absolutely one our society has to face, there's no denial about that, but if you break down the

problem, I think there's an education question: how can we better communicate to individuals the importance of a balanced diet and taking care of themselves.

1) People don't eat hamburgers and chips anymore because they are too fattening. **TRUE/FALSE**

2) Re-write "*There is 20 per cent less salt in a Happy Meal than before*" starting the sentence with "*Happy Meals are .....*".

3) Re-write "*America's health-and-beauty-obsessed*" starting the sentence with "*Americans are .....*".

4) "*Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, a trendy, glamorous couple if ever there was one*" means

- a) there has never been a more trendy, glamorous couple
- b) they are a perfect example of a trendy, glamorous couple
- c) one of them is more glamorous and trendy than the other

5) "child obesity has become too much of a sore point to ignore"

- a) Children don't want to become obese as it's too unpleasant
- b) Parents find it too painful to see their children becoming obese
- c) Child obesity is too important to ignore

6) People in Britain don't eat at McDonald's much anymore for fear of obesity **TRUE/FALSE**

7) It is not difficult to see the connection between obesity and increased fast-food sales  
**TRUE/FALSE**

8) Re-write "*there's no denial about that*" starting the sentence "*you .....*".

9) Re-write "but if you break down the problem" starting the sentence "*if the problem.....*".

## ENGLISH IN USE

### PART A

Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Example: Are you going (go) on holiday this year?

- 1 'Where's Lynne?' 'She \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Cuba. She'll be back next week.'
- 2 Mike \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in his study. Shall I call him for you?
- 3 If I had the chance to live abroad, I \_\_\_\_\_ (go).
- 4 I'm sorry. I think I \_\_\_\_\_ (break) your camera when I dropped it!

- 5 I would have said 'hello' if I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) you!
- 6 I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) lunch every day with Clare in the canteen – I really enjoy talking to her.
- 7 'Didn't you hear the phone ring?' 'No, sorry. I \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to music.'
- 8 She told me she \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to meet me the next day.

## **PART B**

### **Underline the correct word(s).**

Example: There's **no** / **not** enough time to get the project finished today.

- 1 You **wouldn't** / **won't** get the job if you don't apply for it!
- 2 You **mustn't** / **shouldn't** ride without your helmet. It is illegal.
- 3 Please talk more **quieter** / **quietly**. You might wake up the baby.
- 4 She's the woman **who's** / **whose** brother won the national lottery.
- 5 I think **banning** / **ban** cars from the city centre is a good idea.
- 6 The boss **said** / **told** me not to tell anyone about the promotion.
- 7 Very **few** / **little** people turned up at the meeting last week.
- 8 I'll see you **the next** / **next** Friday.

## **LISTENING**

**Listen** twice. Answer the questions and circle the statements True (T) or False (F).

- 1 Peter and Sarah are in Edinburgh on Monday.  
T / F
- 2 They want Koichi to organise the presentation for Wednesday.
  - a. because they'll be in Edinburgh
  - b. together with Sara and Peter when they arrive
  - c. because they'll be in a different hotel
- 3 They are going to stay at the Radisson.  
T / F
- 4 There is only one conference taking place next week.  
T / F
- 5 The presentation will be about three-quarters of an hour long and then there'll be questions afterwards.  
T / F
- 6 Name 2 things they will need for the presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

## **WRITING**

You saw your ideal job advertised in yesterday's issue of The Guardian. It is for the position of Assistant Customer Services Manager for Nokia Italia. In not more than 150 words, write your **letter of application** to the H.R. Manager of the company.

Mention the following: your experience in teamwork, using computer programs, managing people and financial projects.

Express your hope for a positive reply and your willingness to attend an interview.