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Name, Vorname: _____

Wohnort: _____

Prüfungsnummer: _____

Zeit: 30 Minuten

Keine Hilfsmittel erlaubt!

Bitte schreiben Sie mit Tinte, Kugelschreiber oder Filzstift!

Good luck!

Punktzahl: _____ / 45

Note: _____

1. Reading - Read the article and tick (✓) A, B, or C. (10 points)

The woman who can remember every day of her life

As part of our series on extraordinary people, this week we find out about Rita Howard, a woman with a very unusual talent.

What was the weather like yesterday? What were you thinking about when you woke up this morning? If someone asked you these questions, you probably wouldn't find it too hard to answer. But how about remembering the same information for this date last year, or even ten years ago? Most of us find it easy to remember what happened on the most important days of our lives, but soon forget the little details of the other days, weeks, months and years. We often imagine that, without this regular 'forgetting', our brains would be too crowded with memories and thoughts. For Rita Howard, however, it's as easy to remember a day thirty years ago as it is to tell us about yesterday.

Rita can choose any date from her 68 years and say where she was, what she was doing, and what day of the week it was. For years, she had no idea that this amazing memory was anything special. She was a hard-working student who always did well at school. Then later she became a historian, a job where she had many opportunities to use her ability to memorize all the facts she'd ever learned. Even so, it was only six years ago, when she was in a research project, that scientists actually told Rita she had hyperthymesia – an unusually good memory of her own experiences. Only around 20 people worldwide have the condition.

'People began to imagine that I knew everything,' says Rita. 'Whereas, of course, I only know everything about my own life!' Another common idea is that Rita has far more memories than everyone else. 'In fact, we all have a similar number,' she comments. 'I'm just far better at finding and using mine than other people.'

As Rita reached retirement age, she wondered if her memory would get worse. Three years later, however, it's just as good as ever. 'Will that always be the case?' she asks. 'Who knows? I know all about the past, not the future!'

Example: This is the first article in the series.

A True B False C Doesn't say

- 1 Most people don't find it difficult to remember recent events.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 2 People find it easier to remember their own lives than world events.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 3 We generally think that it's useful to forget small things.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 4 Rita Howard is best at remembering things which happened a long time ago.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 5 When she was young, Rita thought everyone had an excellent memory.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 6 People noticed her ability to memorize information when she was at school.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 7 People expect Rita to know about things that she hasn't experienced.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 8 Everyone's brain has as many memories as Rita's.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 9 Rita is working as a historian.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 10 Age hasn't changed Rita's abilities.
A True B False C Doesn't say

2. Grammar - Write the missing questions to the following answers. Use a suitable question word if necessary. (5 points)

Example:

0. Where does she live _____ ?

She lives **in Berlin**.

EXAMPLE ANSWERS - OTHER ANSWERS ARE POSSIBLE

1. Q: What are you writing _____ ?

I'm writing **a letter**.

2. Q: What are you looking forward to _____ ?

I'm looking forward to **the football World Cup**.

3. Q: When did you go to London _____ ?

We went to London **last year**.

4. Q: Whose bag is this _____ ?

This is **Carol's** bag.

5. Q: What will you eat for dinner _____ ?

We will eat **fish and chips** for dinner.

3. Grammar – Fill the gaps using the verb in brackets in the correct tense. Choose only from the present simple, present continuous, past simple, past continuous, present perfect, past perfect, and will-future. (15 points)

1. He always **studies** (study) a lot before important exams.
2. When **did you move** (you, move) to Schaffhausen? Was it last year or the year before?
3. I **have already finished** (already, finish) the book you gave me. Do you have another one?
4. I promise I **will pay back** (pay back) the money I owe you before the end of the week.
5. She **doesn't like** (not, like) football, but she loves handball.
6. I **had never been** (never, be) to France before I **took** (take) a language course in Paris last year.
7. While I **was sitting** (sit) on a park bench, I saw a child falling from a tree!
8. I **am writing** (write) an exam right now, please don't interrupt me!
It is the most difficult exam I **have ever written** (ever, write)!
9. I **didn't sleep** (not, sleep) very well last night because I was nervous.
10. We arrived at the train station late. The train **had left** (leave) 5 minutes before. Therefore, we **decided** (decide) to take a taxi.
11. I'm looking forward to my holidays. We **are flying** (fly) to Italy! I've already paid the tickets and the hotel.
12. If I see him, I **will give** (give) him your letter.

4. Writing – A fantastic weekend! (15)

Write about a fantastic weekend you had. When was it? What did you do? Who was there with you? Do you think you can repeat this weekend? **Write 60 – 80 words.**

Content: ____/3

Vocabulary: ____/6

Grammar: ____/6

Points: ____/ 15