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B ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 2017 – READING TEST

Read the text *Understanding your owner* carefully and answer the questions in tasks 1, 2 and 3 below.

You have **20 minutes** to complete the test.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR OWNER

(Source: Roberts, P. 1999. Cambridge First Certificate Readings. Cambridge: CUP.)

[1] Although I know that many of you think the opposite, most human beings have a high level of intelligence, a good memory and can solve a great deal of problems. They live longer and therefore tend to be much more **aware** of past and future than we are.

[2] Humans communicate by a set of sounds which carry meaning from the order in which they are placed, and which vary from territory to territory, so that some humans find difficulty in communicating with others according to where they come from – if they have been **raised** in a different country and have not had special training. They have also invented a set of marks on paper which they use to represent these sounds and which you may often see them concentrating on. In these two ways they have developed their eyes and ears to a higher level of interpretation than ourselves, but in doing so they have lost the ability to gather much of the information which we continually do both from these and our other senses.

[3] Most dogs are able to interpret at least part of the vocabulary (voice meanings) of humans, and some of us have learned to recognise some of the **pattern** of marks which they use to record them on paper so that humans at a different time and in a different place can understand their messages, but it would put our other abilities into danger if we ourselves developed these skills very far. Fortunately, most humans are able to understand a similar amount of our communicatory sounds and behaviour.

[4] Try going up to a human, sitting down in front of him and raising a front paw in a gesture. He will almost certainly take it and give it a shake, because it is a greeting gesture for humans, too. He will think you are behaving like a human – and nothing seems to please humans more.

[5] Careful, there is a danger here! You are not a human. You are a dog – and if you are going to be at all happy you should never forget it. You need to live as a dog. It is all very well changing yourself slightly to fit in with a human pack, but if you **deny** your true nature you are going to end up a mad dog and, humans will think, a bad dog.

[6] There is always a reason for any animal choosing to live with an animal of a different sort, but all too often we have no choice. We have to live with humans and we have to join a pack that is forced on us, so there is not much you can do about it. But humans have consciously decided that they want us with them, although not necessarily for the reason that they believe. They may need a dog to help with some specific task like hunting or guiding. They may want you as a watchdog to keep burglars away. They may have some idea that looking after you will teach their pups a sense of responsibility. They may just want you to make other humans look at them, because your breed is expensive and fashionable. Or they may simply be in **desperate** need of companionship, of something to love.

Task 1: Which paragraph (1 – 6) do these headings belong to? There is one extra heading which you do not need to use. Write the number of the paragraph next to the heading. [4 points each = 28 points]

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| a) How human language works _____ | e) A matter of choice? _____ |
| b) How language fits the place _____ | f) Avoiding an identity crisis _____ |
| c) Cleverer than you imagine _____ | g) A sign in common _____ |
| d) A level of communication _____ | |

Task 2: Which sentence in each pair is true, according to the text? Write T next to the correct sentence. [3 points each = 12 points]

1. a) Humans tend to be more aware of past and future because they live longer. _____
b) Humans tend to live longer because they are more aware of past and future. _____
2. a) Humans have lost their information-gathering ability because they have developed their eyes and ears to a high level. _____
b) Humans have been able to develop their eyes and ears to a high level because they have lost their information-gathering ability. _____
3. a) If dogs are happy, they will never lose their identity. _____
b) If dogs do not lose their identity, they will be happy. _____
4. a) The writer seems to be saying to dog owners that they should respect their dog's intelligence and its need to be a dog. _____
b) The writer seems to be saying that training a dog will not only make the dog's owner life easier, but will also fulfil the dog's desire to learn and please the owner. _____

Task 3: Read paragraphs I. – V. from the text and circle the word a), b), c), or d) that best keeps the meaning of the word in bold in the paragraph. [2 points each = 10 points]

- I. Par. 1: **aware**
a) afraid b) conscious c) inattentive d) proud
- II. Par. 2: **raised**
a) grown b) brought up c) domesticated d) located
- III. Par 3: **pattern**
a) manner b) design c) list d) system
- IV. Par 5: **deny**
a) reject b) accept c) support d) consolidate
- V. Par. 6: **desperate**
a) desired b) hopeful c) enormous d) hopeless