



## **GRADUATE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION**

### **OPEN TEST**

## **COMMUNICATION SKILLS: ENGLISH**

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## Famous people's first jobs



Not all famous people were born into famous families. A lot of them had normal lives before becoming famous. They also had jobs like the rest of us. Here are just a few:

Former President Obama worked at an ice-cream parlour selling ice-cream cones. He was in high school in Honolulu, Hawaii and said it was quite hard. He also said that the job taught him about responsibility, hard work and how to spend time with work, friends and family.

Brad Pitt had a weird job when he was younger. He worked as a chicken! That's right. He worked at a restaurant called El Pollo Loco in Hollywood, and his job was to dress up like a chicken and wave at the cars on the road. In fact, if you go on a "See the Stars" tour in Hollywood, many of them will take you past the same restaurant where Brad used to work.

Maybe the strangest path in life was that of Pope Francis. When he was young in Argentina, he worked several jobs before joining the Jesuits and dedicating his life to religion. He worked as a cleaner sweeping floors, a chemical tester at a laboratory and as a bouncer at a bar! Yes, the pope was the person responsible for security at a bar in case anything wrong happened. Can you imagine?!

Text taken from: <https://test-english.com/reading/a1/>

**Reading Comprehension (7 points)**

**1. Choose the correct answer (2 points)**

a) Who helped protect people?

- a. President Obama
- b. Brad Pitt
- c. Pope Francis
- d. All of them

b) Who learned a lot from their first job?

- a. President Obama
- b. Brad Pitt
- c. Pope Francis
- d. All of them

c) Who thought the job was difficult?

- a. President Obama
- b. Brad Pitt
- c. Pope Francis
- d. All of them

d) Who had a couple of different jobs?

- a. President Obama
- b. Brad Pitt
- c. Pope Francis
- d. All of them

**2. Answer the following questions using information from the text and your own words, in full sentences. (2 points)**

a) What did Obama learn in his early job?

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b) What did Pope Francis do for work before entering religious life?

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**3. - Vocabulary. Find words in the text meaning the following: (1 point)**

- Popular .....
- Ordinary, usual .....
- Dependability, trustworthiness .....
- More than two, some. ....

**Read the following text about a job. Decide which of the four words best fits each space. (2 points)**

**Going to work in the morning**



My job is a 1 ..... (1) distance from my home, almost 50 miles away. I have to wake up early every morning, as I'm always in a rush. There's never enough time for a relaxed breakfast. At exactly 6:00 AM, I ..... (2) into my car and start the long drive.

I usually like driving on the highway more than in the city. During the morning rush hour, though, it's not very enjoyable. The heavy traffic is a little bit annoying. So I always listen to my favorite ..... (3) music CD's in the car – Chopin, Mozart, and Bach. That cheers me up a lot.

The drive to work ..... (4) about one hour. Going back home in the evening after work takes even longer, maybe around 70 minutes. Lately I've been thinking about trying to take the train to work ..... (5) of driving. That way, I could still listen to my music with headphones, and even read a novel at the same time.

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| (1) | long    | very      | small   | odd     |
| (2) | drive   | get       | move    | put     |
| (3) | classic | classical | loud    | sound   |
| (4) | drives  | run       | takes   | has     |
| (5) | before  | later     | instead | despite |



**Remember:** you are asked to follow the structure of an email, as in the model. Think and put your ideas in order before starting to write.

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