

TEST 2

MAKE UP YOUR MIND

VARIANT 1

1. Listen to the text. Choose and circle (tick) the letter of the correct answer.

1) From the story *Rubbish Ambition?* we know that...

- A Larry is a garbage collector.
- B Larry wants to work in the sphere of medicine.
- C Larry tries to choose the easiest and the least time-consuming job.
- D the work of a garbage collector is very simple.

2) Larry wants to be a garbage collector because...

- A he wants to have a day off on Tuesdays.
- B he considers this job to be quite interesting.
- C his father recommends him to choose this occupation.
- D he thinks garbage collectors only work on Tuesday.

3) What was the new boss' aim (in the story *Luckily «Fired»*)?

- A To get the pizza delivery guy away from his office.
- B To get rid of all idle people in the office.
- C To raise the pay of the pizza delivery guy.
- D To fire the pizza delivery guy.

4) In *Mechanic Versus Doctor Story*, Allan...

- A is a surgeon.
- B thinks he can do a surgeon's job well.
- C considers he is not paid enough.
- D can mend cars with the engine running.

2. Match the job terms with their definitions. One choice is extra.

1		to remove or discharge from employment	A) to retire
2		short account of one's education, career, etc.	B) an employee
3		an oral examination of an applicant for a job	C) to get a promotion
4		a person or a firm who employs people	D) to fire
5		to leave employment, esp. because of age	E) an interview
6		to be given a more important job or rank in the organization that you work for	F) an employer
			G) a curriculum vitae

3. Read the text. Match choices (A — H) to (1 — 5). Three choices are extra.

CAREER MYTHS

1)

Actually, choosing a career is an involved process and you should give it the time it deserves. Career planning is a multi-step process that involves learning enough about yourself and the occupations which you are considering in order to make an informed decision.

2)

A career counsellor, or any other career development professional, can't tell you what career is best for you. He or she can provide you with guidance in choosing a career and can help facilitate your decision.

3)

Says who? When choosing a career, it makes perfect sense to choose one that is related to what you enjoy doing in your spare time, if you so desire. In addition people tend to become very skilled in their hobbies, even though most of the skill is gained informally.

4)

Your skills are yours to keep. You can take them from one job to another. You may not use them in the exact same way, but they won't go to waste.

5)

While salary is important, it isn't the only factor you should look at when choosing a career. Countless surveys have shown that money doesn't necessarily lead to job satisfaction. For many people enjoying what they do at work is much more important. However, you should consider earnings, among other things, when evaluating an occupation.

A I can't make a living from my hobby.

B Making a lot of money will make me happy.

C As long as you're sending out cover letters and resumes, you'll get interviews.

D Choosing a career is simple.

E A career counsellor can tell me what occupation to pick.

F You need all the latest and greatest gadgets known to work remotely.

G When times are tough, take the first job offer you get.

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- 2) Why does the job of a garbage collector attract Larry?
 - A Because it's a very well-paid job.
 - B His father is a garbage collector.
 - C He hopes to work only one day a week.
 - D He is interested in collecting garbage.
- 3) Why did the new boss give \$2,000 to the pizza delivery guy (in the story *Luckily « Fired »*)?
 - A He wanted to order pizza for everyone in the office.
 - B He decided to raise his payment.
 - C He thought he was firing one of his lazy employees.
 - D In order to make him work better.
- 4) Which statement concerning the *Mechanic Versus Doctor Story* is true?
 - A A heart surgeon earns more than a mechanic.
 - B The doctor thinks he can do a mechanic's job well.
 - C Allan is satisfied with his salary.
 - D It's not difficult to mend cars with the engine running.

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1		to remove or discharge from employment	A) a salary
2		time when one has permission to be absent from work	B) a staff
3		the state of having paid work	C) employment
4		a fixed, regular payment, usually monthly, made by employer to employee	D) to fire
5		the people who work for a firm or a particular department	E) to retire
6		to look for and employ personnel	F) to recruit
			G) a leave of absence

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Not true. If you are unsatisfied in your career for any reason, you can always change it. You'll be in a good company. Many people change careers several times over the course of their lifetimes.

2)

Every year, especially during milestone years, i.e. the beginning of a new decade, there are numerous articles and books that list what «the experts* predict will be «hot jobs». It can't hurt to look at those lists to see if any of the careers on it appeal to you, but you shouldn't use the list to dictate your choice. While the predictions are often based on valid data, sometimes things change. Way too often what is hot this year won't be hot a few years from now. In addition, you need to take into account your interests, values, and skills when choosing a career. Just because the outlook for an occupation is good, it doesn't mean that the occupation is right for you.

3)

Everyone is different and what works for one person won't necessarily work for another, even if that other person is someone with whom you have a lot in common. If someone you know has a career that interests you, look into it, but be aware of the fact that it may not necessarily be a good fit for you.

4)

Choosing a career is a great start, but there's a lot more to do after that. A Career Action Plan is a road map that takes you from choosing a career to becoming employed in that occupation and to reaching your long-term career goals.

5)

While first-hand experience is great, there are other ways to explore an occupation. You can read about it either in print resources or online. You can also interview those working in that field.

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- A** Lowering your salary demands will make you a more attractive job candidate.
 - B** If my best friend (or sister, uncle) is happy in a particular field, I will be too.
 - C** Dress rules no longer apply.
 - D** There's very little I can do to learn about an occupation without actually working in it.
 - E** I should choose a career from the *Best Careers* list.
 - F** Changing careers is nearly impossible.
 - G** Once I choose a career I'll be stuck in it forever.
 - H** All I have to do is pick an occupation... Things will fall into place after that.

