

READING

THE SECOND TERM

VARIANT 1

1. Read the text.

For questions (1 — 9) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

YOU HAVE TWO CHOICES.

Jerry is the manager of a restaurant. He is always in a good mood. If an employee is having a bad day, Jerry is always there, 1) him how to look on the positive side of the situation. Seeing this style really made me curious, 2) one day I went up to Jerry and asked him: «No one can be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?»

Jerry replied, «Each morning I wake up and say to myself, I have two choices today. I can choose to be in a good mood or I can choose to be in a bad mood. I always choose to be in a good mood. Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or I can choose to learn from it. I always choose to learn from it. Every time someone comes to me 3) , I can choose to accept their complaining or I can point out the positive side of life. I always choose the positive side of life».

Several years later, I heard that Jerry 4) by three armed men. While Jerry was trying to open the safe box, his hand, shaking from nervousness, slipped off the combination. The robbers panicked and shot him. 5) , Jerry was found quickly and rushed to the hospital. After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, Jerry was released from the hospital with fragments of the bullets still in his body...

I saw Jerry about six months after the accident. I asked him what 6) gone through his mind as the robbery took place. «The first thing that went through my mind was that I should have locked the back door», Jerry replied. «Then, after they shot me, as I was 7) on the floor, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live or could choose to die. I chose to live».

«Weren't you scared? » I asked.

Jerry continued, «The doctors were great. But when I saw the expression on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really 8) In their eyes, I read «He's a dead man». I knew I needed to take action. There was a nurse shouting questions at me. She asked if I was allergic to anything.

«Yes, to bullets», I replied. Over their laughter, I told them: «I am choosing to live. Please operate on me as if I am alive, not dead».

Jerry lived thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude. I learned from him that every day you have the choice to either enjoy your life or to hate it.

The only thing that is truly 9) — that no one can control or take from you — is your attitude, so if you can take care of that, everything else in life becomes much easier.

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	A	B	C	D
1)	tell	telling	told	talking
2)	because	as	moreover	so
3)	complain	complaints	complaining	complained
4)	was robbed	were robbed	had been robbing	had been robbed
5)	Luckily	Happy	Unfortunately	Regrettably
6)	is	was	had	had been
7)	laying	lining	lying	lieyng
8)	scare	scared	scaring	being scared
9)	your	yourselves	your's	yours

2. Read and complete the text using the words from the box.

princess **paparazzi** **fairy-tale** **interest** **charming**
struggled **important** **upbringing** **headlines** **funeral**

Lady Diana Spencer was born in 1961. She had a normal, quiet 1) It could never have prepared her for the fame and glamour of being a British 2) Within a few years, she changed from being a shy teenager to the most photographed person on the planet. She hit newspaper 3) around the world, but the biggest one was for her death at the age of 36.

Diana was a kindergarten teacher in London when she caught the 4) of Prince Charles. She won the hearts of a nation with her shy smiles and natural beauty. The whole world watched the 5) royal wedding in 1981. A year later, she gave birth to Prince William, the first of her two sons. Diana was nervous at first in public, but soon she developed a 6) manner. She took a strong interest in many charities and 7) causes. She highlighted the sufferings of the homeless and AIDS victims. She also campaigned for the abolition of landmines and many countries banned them.

Diana and Charles divorced in 1996. She 8) with depression and eating disorders for many years after. She finally found happiness with an Egyptian film producer, Dodi Al-Fayed. Their romance was closely followed by 9) , which led to the fatal car crash that killed her in Paris in 1997. At her 10) , British Prime Minister Tony Blair called her the «People's Princess». To many, she was simply the «Queen of Hearts».

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MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

I have a theory that God made me at the end of His workday when the heaven had a shortage of parts. I am absolutely sure that this last human being was me, and believe this 1) my appearance seemed to be really unattractive. When I was little I had a large round head placed on top of a long skinny neck. My hair was short and white blond; it 2) to stick straight as my mother usually cut it for me to save money on a hairdresser.

My mother was ahead of her time 3) hair from one side of my head shorter than the other side — the style that came into fashion about twenty years later. My skin was very pale and I just can't describe how attractive this looked with my hair. I had loads of freckles on my face and my two front teeth inverted inwards. Let's not forget the scar in the middle of my forehead from the after-effects of chicken pox. I had little thin legs and arms and a distended stomach. My eyelids had almost no fold in them and I was asked several times by neighbourhood children 4) I was an albino Japanese or Chinese. There are many beautiful Japanese and Chinese people but suffices to say, I was not one of them.

My siblings, especially my sister, constantly teased me and told me I was adopted. 5) when my parents sometimes left for short periods of time I would desperately search for my birth certificate in order to identify my true heritage and birthright. I suspected the parents in the TV show *The Adams Family* were my true parents and I feared they may come to get me and make me live in their frightful house.

Imagine my shock and surprise when my parents returned from a shopping trip with a full-size rickshaw — a light two-wheeled passenger vehicle that can 6) by one or more people. I realized that they were beginning to lay the foundation for 7) me about the adoption and I worried and awaited the dreadful day when I would surely be told. Meanwhile, I gave the neighbourhood children constant rickshaw rides in an effort to get them to play with me. Time passed and soon the rickshaw 8) beyond repair, then thrown away.

As I was growing up, I began to resemble my maternal grandmother quite distinctly. It was then I finally realized it 9) all been much ado about nothing. I did develop into a beauty with no end of offers for dates. As I have aged, many strange things have begun to happen to my physical appearance but I will always have the memory of how I was once an ugly duckling that did change into a beautiful swan.

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	A	B	C	D
1)	thus	because	like this	so
2)	use	used	using	used to
3)	cut	cuts	has cut	cutting
4)	if	it	of	in
5)	Since	Immediately	Finally	Therefore
6)	pull	be pulled	pulled	pulling
7)	tell	told	telling	been told
8)	is broken	was broken	has broken	been broken
9)	was	has	have	had

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richest	governments	co-founded	major	charity
technology	software	true	successful	influences

William Henry Gates III was born on 28 October 1955. He is one of the world's
 1) people and perhaps the most 2)
 businessman ever. He 3) the software giant Microsoft and
 turned it into the world's largest 4) company. He is the best-
 known entrepreneur of the PC revolution. He has also written two best-selling books
 and started his own 5) with his wife.

Gates was fascinated with electronics from a young age. In 1975 he read about a
 small 6) company. He contacted them to see if they were
 interested in a computer program he had written. This led to the creation of Microsoft.
 Gates later struck a deal with IBM that put Microsoft's Windows on IBM computers.
 This deal made Microsoft a 7) player in the IT industry.

Gates was in charge at Microsoft from 1975 until 2006. He was an active
 software developer at the beginning. He had a vision that computers could change
 everyone's life. He helped to make this vision come 8)
 and developed many products that are now part of modern life. His management style
 has been studied and copied around the world.

Gates stepped down as Microsoft CEO in June 2008. He now spends his
 time with his wife, Melinda, focusing on their charitable foundation. They provide
 funds for global problems that are ignored by 9)
 and other organisations. Time magazine voted Gates as one of the biggest
 10) of the 20th century.

