

Aufgaben

Exam Practice 3.1 S. 102

You will hear a BBC interview with the 16-year-old Deanna Lane from Rugby in the UK, who is currently looking for jobs.

1. Deanna's dream job is...
2. With the financial support that has just been stopped, Deanna would have been able to pay for things like ...
3. Regarding the search for jobs after her GCSEs, she initially thought that ...
4. Her job search was also made difficult by the fact that ... (2 details)
5. Her first job interview was a good experience for her, because ... (2 details)
6. Many jobs rule Deanna out from the start, because ...
7. She would like to earn her own money, because ...

Exam Practice 3.2 S. 103

You will hear Max Henderson reading his blog post about life in London.

Make notes in English.

1. How did Max's friend Joe spend the last year? (1 VP)
2. What does Joe say about coming back to London? (1 VP)
3. What makes travelling on the Tube so unpleasant for Max? (2VP)
4. What two further criticisms of the Tube does he mention? (2VP)
5. What annoys Max about the pubs in his area? (1VP)
6. Why is Max walking back home on the day he is writing this blog entry? (1VP)
7. Despite all this, what makes the quality of life in London so good for him? (1VP)

Exam Practice 4.1 S. 104

You will hear an extract of the radio programme 'Young America', in which young people say whether or not they will take part in the presidential elections.

Complete the sentences in English. Each sentence contains two aspects.

1. Scott doesn't believe that his vote makes a difference, because ...
2. Ashley is of the opposite opinion, specifically that ...
3. Lisa doesn't believe that the politicians will really work to change anything, because ...
4. Tom believes that he owes it to different groups of people to use his right to vote, namely ...
5. Burt's opinion is that the themes which will decide the election aren't those which he finds important, namely ...

Exam Practice 4.2 S. 104

President Obama is the first US President to address the American people in a weekly podcast. In the podcast that you will now hear, he is talking about economic developments in the country.

Make notes in English.

1. How does President Obama spend most of his time as President? (2 details)
2. What progress can he already report? (3 examples)
3. What must now be done? (1 detail)
4. How is Congress dealing with Obama's plans? (1 detail)
5. Which successes has Obama been able to achieve through co-operation with different city mayors and state governments? (3 examples)

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1. ... to look after children, for example in a nursery.
2. ... food and travelling to college.
3. ... she would leave school and find a job straight away.
4. ... she is the only one of her friends who didn't go to college. This means that she is the only one looking for jobs, and she has to learn how to do a lot of things by herself.
5. ... she has a better idea of what she should say and how she should behave in her next interview.
6. ... you need to be 18 to do them.
7. ... she feels bad when her parents have to give her money, and she would be proud to pay for things with money that she has earned herself.

Exam Practice 3.2 S. 103

1. He was travelling around the world.
2. He says he is pleased to be back home in London.
3. The platforms are crowded and the carriages are sweaty and dirty.
4. The trains often do not run and they stop running too early in the night.
5. Lots of them close at 11pm, even though they do not have to anymore.
6. His train was cancelled due to an electrical fault.
7. The fact that London has a great diversity of buildings, food, music, art, languages and cultures.

Exam Practice 4.1 S. 104

1. ... it is only one of millions of votes, and one of the two big parties always wins, so a vote for a smaller party is wasted.
2. ... individual votes all add up to make a difference, and that if all young people vote then they could decide the election because they are 36% of the electorate.
3. ... they depend on the donations of large corporations to fund their campaigns. Their decisions will always benefit big businesses.
4. ... people in other countries who do not have the right to vote and have fought and died to try and get it, as well as past Americans who have fought and died for the freedom to vote that people in the USA have today.
5. ... how he will pay back his student loans and how future generations will be able to live on the planet.

Exam Practice 4.2, S. 104

1. Trying to grow the economy and grow the number of opportunities for Americans to get ahead.
2. More than 12 million new jobs in the private sector have been created in the last five years; more than 16 million Americans have gained health insurance; there are more jobs creating clean energy; more kids are graduating from high school and college than ever before.
3. They must rewrite the rules of global trade to benefit American workers and businesses.
4. It has stopped new ideas from becoming law.
5. The minimum wage has been raised in 17 states and six major cities; 19 cities have enacted paid sick days and five states have enacted paid sick days or parental leave; 34 states have increased financial support for nurseries; 34 states and cities have joined an initiative to train workers for highly-paid and highly-skilled jobs in technology.