

## The text

### *Ruth Lawrence : Genius*

- 1- Last year, for the first time ever, a nine-year-old girl won a place at Oxford University. She is Ruth Lawrence and she comes from Huddersfield in the north of England.
- 2- Ruth has been interested in maths since she was three years old. She was skilled at solving difficult problems in maths and she enjoys collecting maths books. She's been using computers since she was four. "She can surf and chat with people from all over the world. She would rather stay alone with a computer than speak with us", her mother said. Her father, Harry, works with computers and he quickly saw that Ruth was no ordinary girl.
- 3- The surprising thing is that Ruth has never been to an ordinary school. The father taught her at home with the help of private teachers." I needed the other teachers," he explained. "Because when Ruth was seven she knew more about computers than I did".
- 4- The home teaching idea worked well, it seems. In the special exam to enter Oxford University, Ruth had the highest mark of all the students. Most of them were twice her age and they came from all over the world.
- 5- Since her success newspapers and photographers have been following her everywhere. ~~Once~~, she left a bag full of university maths books at a railway station by mistake. The next day a newspaper printed a picture of her. Ruth and her father were very angry. They just want to lead a normal life but is that possible when you're a genius?

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**I Reading comprehension : (15 marks)**

1) Tick the right answer (1 mark)

The text is about :

- a – A teenager’s life
- b – A prodigy’s life
- c - School life in Britain

2) Fill in the table with the right information about Ruth (4 marks)

Nationality	.....
Occupation	.....
What she could do at the age of 3	.....
What she could do at the age of 7	.....

3) These statements are false. Correct them with details from the text (4marks)

- a/ Ruth hated maths :.....  
.....
- b/ Ruth is not skilled at using the computer:.....  
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- c/ Ruth went every day to school :.....  
.....
- d/ Ruth enjoyed publicity :.....  
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4) Refer back to the paragraph number and find in the text words meaning nearly the same as (3marks)

- Talk through the net (paragraph 2) = .....
- Normal (paragraph 2) =.....
- Aid (paragraph 3) = .....

5) What do the underlined words in the text refer to (3mks)

She (paragraph 2):.....

Them (paragraph 4):.....

**6) Circle the appropriate function of the following statement (1mk):**

She would rather stay alone with a computer than speak with us.

Expressing : a/ ability b/ likes c/ preference

**II Language : 10 marks**

**1) Fill in the blanks with the right words from the list (4mks)**

Education-fame-record-peacefully-top-publicity-cookery-achieved-at-in

Seal's life dream was to become a rich and famous singer. He left Africa for England (1)..... the age of sixteen and started to (2).....great songs and produce splendid albums. Three years later, he made it to the (3).....and (4).....his dream by reaching number two in the Top Ten. However, he was not really happy. In an interview with Tom Parkinson, he said that he didn't know from the beginning that (5).....could have such a destructive effect on his life! He even said that, because of (6)....., he might end his career and quit singing. His great dream now is to live (7).....with his wife and daughter(8)..... his country house.

**2) Circle the correct option (3mks)**

Maria Montessorri was par excellence the great interpreter of child. She developed an increasing (interesting- interest- interested) in neglected children at a time (where-who-when) the child's psychology was the last thing to worry (of-about-on). Teaching and learning through play, together with (bright- brightly- brought) and cheerful environment, were two essential points in her philosophy.

Furthermore, she earnestly insisted ( when- what- that) flogging, smacking or any kind of corporal (punishing- punished- punishment ) should be strictly prohibited in class.

**3) Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form (3mks)**

John Lennon was born on October 9<sup>th</sup>,1940,in Liverpool,England. From 1960 to 1970, he (play) (1).....with the Beatles, the most (succeed) (2).....rock group in history. The Beatles travelled all around the world from 1963 to 1970 and they played in hundred of (difference) (3).....places. Then, in 1970, the Beatles (separate) (4)......Lennon married Yoko Ono in 1969 and he moved to the USA with (he) (5).....family. He composed and recorded many (sing) (6).....like " I don't want to be a soldier " and the famous one "Imagine ".

**III Writing (15 mks)**

**A- Reorder the following words and insert the missing ones to complete this dialogue with the right questions (5mks)**

John : 1) pocket money/how often/get  
.....?

Liza : I get pocket money twice a week.

John : 2) you/ what/ spend/ on/ it  
.....?

Liza : I usually spend it on C.D's and clothes.

John : 3) satisfied / are/ the money/ with/ parents/ give  
.....?

Liza : Yes, I'm satisfied with the money my parents give me.

John : 4) want /do/ to get/ rise  
.....?

Liza : No, I don't want to get a rise.

John : 5) think/you/getting/that/pocket money/ a right  
.....?

Liza : No, I don't think that getting pocket money is a right, but it's helpful. Children want to have their own money to spend on things they like but they shouldn't ask for more money that their parents can't give them.

**B- Your new penfriend would like to know more things about you ( your life at school and at home, your studies, your ambitions and your dreams for the future, your favourite leisure activities etc...)**

**Write him/her a letter in which you introduce yourself (10mks)**

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