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Business is a laughing matter



Fledgling businesspeople may be better off practising stand-up comedy rather than signing up for academic courses. Can ¹ ? a stand-up comedian really make a good alternative to studying at university? Why not? One young entrepreneur has decided that the risk of humiliation one faces while trying to make people laugh is far better preparation for ² ? the dream of running your own company than studying for three years. ³ ? gone into stand-up comedy instead of university, he discovered that the resulting self-confidence helped him ⁴ ? far greater insight into risk-taking than any amount of theoretical knowledge. In stand-up comedy, you either fail completely or you carry it off. Similarly, in the world of business there is always a danger that a start-up may fail, sustain huge financial ⁵ ? and result in bankruptcy. So, despite the need to make ⁶ ? meet, for the time being put off the idea of starting your own company and get practising your comedy routine!

8 In your notebook, write one word for the three gaps in each set.

- 1 a Water levels were rising and beginning to ? the fields.
b I was really surprised by parts of the exam. I'm sure we didn't ? some of the topics.
c I'm being sent to Prague for the week and the company is going to ? all my expenses.
- 2 a Most new businesses don't see a decent ? for a couple of years.
b I can't wait for Matthew's ? . I haven't seen him since 2015.
c Train travel is much cheaper if you buy a day ? .
- 3 a I know it might rain, but let's take a ? on it. It's been ages since we've had a picnic.
b You stand little ? of gaining employment with no experience.
c I met her completely by ? . I never even knew she was back in the country.
- 4 a I'm completely at a ? . I can't explain it.
b After the ? of his father, he became head of the company.
c Many new ventures make a ? in the first year.

LISTENING



Multiple choice

- 9  2.10 Listen to two colleagues discussing their results of a personality test. For questions 1–6, choose the best answer (A–D) and write it in your notebook.
- 1 Which of these qualities is NOT listed in the test as a feature of being a thinker?
A Being introverted.
B Listening rather than contributing.
C Preferring to reflect rather than take action.
D Tending not to compete for attention.
 - 2 According to the next part of the test, what qualities do Marcia and Rob share?
A They are able to think creatively.
B They are resourceful.
C They look for realistic solutions.
D They like to see the whole picture.
 - 3 Why does Rob bring up the Higgins case?
A To justify a decision he made.
B To provide evidence of one of Marcia's skills.
C To disprove the results of the test.
D To support the results of the test.
 - 4 What do the two speakers agree on in regard to Rodgers?
A He wasted a lot of the company's money.
B He was rightly released by the company.
C He made no contribution to the company.
D He showed no interest in developing himself.
 - 5 Which of the following does NOT describe Marcia?
A She tends to be very detail oriented.
B She thinks you can never be too well-prepared.
C She is reliable and always on time.
D She needs deadlines to help her perform.
 - 6 Which statement is true?
A Both speakers find tests like these generally very accurate.
B Managers rarely find such tests a valuable corporate tool.
C Rob is unconvinced by the usefulness of such tests.
D Marcia is sceptical about the validity of such tests.

WRITING



Essay

10 Do the task in your notebook.

W polskich szkołach coraz częściej pojawiają się doradcy zawodowi, którzy pomagają młodym ludziom w podejmowaniu decyzji dotyczących ich przyszłości. Napisz **rozprawkę**, w której przedstawisz swoją opinię na temat ich obecności w szkołach. W swojej pracy przedstaw argumenty odnoszące się do:

- znajomości mocnych stron uczniów,
- realiów lokalnego rynku pracy,
- nowo powstających zawodów.

Write a composition following the conventions of the **enre** indicated in the topic. Use between 300 and 350 words.