

Prüfungsdauer: 50 Minuten

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Maximal erreichbare Punktzahl	50	Punkte
Reading	_____	Punkte (max. 14)
Use of English	_____	Punkte (max. 16)
Writing	_____	Punkte (max. 20)
Total erreichte Punktzahl	_____	Punkte
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Parachuting transformed my life



It was a sunny Saturday morning when Kate got into a small aeroplane at Thruxton airfield to make her very first parachute jump. She not only made her childhood dream come true, she was also starting a new life. Achieving her ambition was going to change it enormously. Seven years later, Kate and her husband James own the parachute club where they met and where she made her first jump.

“Parachuting has transformed my life,” Kate says. “I still remember the first day I came here. I was feeling so nervous watching all the experienced jumpers. Sometimes I can still hardly believe that the club is all ours and I have to keep reminding me of the fact. In the meantime I have made more than 100 jumps, which is quite a lot. But of course there are
10 members here who are far more experienced than me.”

Asked if she is never scared she says, “It is so exciting, you don’t have time to be frightened. And anyway, in this country you can’t just go up in aeroplane and make a parachute jump. There are strict regulations and you have to have proper training first. All the safety precautions are strictly enforced. In the beginning, there is a line attached to your parachute which is linked to the plane. When you fall free, this line pulls your parachute open. You are only allowed to open your own parachute once you have reached a certain standard, so there isn’t any real danger. Of course a slight feeling of fear at the thought of jumping out of a plane is also natural sometimes!

The first time I was told I was ready to go up, I really got nervous. Then it was my turn, I
20 stepped out onto the platform, the instructor said “Go”, and then I was in the air. It was so exhilarating there was no room for fear. Even now, I get nervous when going up for a jump. But as soon as I am coming down, there is peace all around and the earth below me, it is absolutely marvellous.”

Kate is a very busy woman **juggling** her career as freelance journalist with setting up a new house, managing the parachute club and following her favourite hobby. Things like washing up or cleaning the house often get neglected. “It’s a question of priorities. I’d rather spend Saturdays at the airfield parachuting than doing housework.”

“We travel the 30 miles from home to our club as often as possible, and at weekends we are there anyway. There are families who come to watch or take part and we organise a lot of
30 charity jumps as well. It is a very sociable place.”

Part I – Reading [14 points]

Answer questions 1-7 by choosing the best answer A,B,C or D.

- 1 What reasons did Kate have for beginning parachuting? 1 __
A She wanted to transform her life.
B It was something she had always wanted to do.
C She had married the owner of the club.
D She wanted to show her child what she could do.
- 2 How are things different from when she started jumping? 2 __
A She got married.
B She never feels nervous anymore.
C She has made almost 100 jumps.
D She is now the most experienced jumper at the club.
- 3 When you start parachuting 3 __
A you jump together with the instructor.
B you are not allowed to open your own parachute.
C you jump with the parachute already open.
D you are linked to the ground.
- 4 What does Kate say about the feelings involved in jumping? 4 __
A If there is an instructor, you won't be nervous.
B You never lose the fear of falling.
C You get nervous before jumping.
D You are only nervous the first time you jump.
- 5 How has parachuting changed Kate's working life? 5 __
A She has lost her job.
B She has given up her job.
C She now jumps for a living.
D She manages the parachute club.
- 6 "juggling" (line 24) means 6 __
A combining.
B organising.
C replacing.
D resigning.
- 7 How does Kate spend Saturdays? 7 __
A Looking after her family.
B Doing housework.
C Organising the club's social life.
D Pursuing her hobby.

Part II – Use of English [16 points]

Read the following text and choose the best letter A, B, C or D for each space.

Could you live without it?

In a (1) survey about 20 per cent of the people admitted that even if they (2)..... offered a million pounds, they wouldn't give away (3) televisions.

(4)average adults have 35 hours of leisure time a week and for many (5) TV is their only pastime. Some people claim that they hardly watch (6)TV, but others confess that their set is on all day. By the way, when (7) your last TV-free evening at home?

The survey also (8) that a number of parents are convinced that today's children know much more about the world (9) older generations ever did. This might just be some parents' excuse for misusing TV as a cheap babysitter.

(10) , I still remember the surprise I had when visiting my cousin Anna for the first time after she (11) to Lugano. Her then four-year-old daughter had (12)..... German simply by watching TV, although her parents only (13) Italian at home. What about you? How much would you have to (14) in order to give up your TV? To be honest, I (15) never (16)about it until I read this survey.

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| 1) A currently | B recently | C shortly | D recent |
| 2) A are | B were | C was | D would be |
| 3) A her | B its | C theirs | D their |
| 4) A On | B In | C By | D At |
| 5) A to watch | B to look | C watching | D looking |
| 6) A some | B many | C any | D the |
| 7) A has been | B have been | C was | D were |
| 8) A show | B shows | C showing | D shown |
| 9) A as | B then | C like | D than |
| 10) A Therefore | B However | C So | D And |
| 11) A moves | B has moved | C moved | D had moved |
| 12) A spoken | B aquired | C teached | D taught |
| 13) A speaked | B speak | C told | D spoke |
| 14) A need | B offer | C be offered | D be needing |
| 15) A did | B do | C had | D have |
| 16) A thought | B think | C thinked | D thinking |

