

The text

- 1) Emma Gardner is managing to juggle a demanding full-time job with her law studies. The 26-year-old marine engineer is studying for a graduate diploma in law in her spare time through distance learning. She started the two-year course last September with the Surrey-based College of Law, the largest provider of vocational legal education and training in Europe. Emma believes that the qualification will not only help her enrich her job with the Ministry of Defense at Abbey Wood in Bristol, but it will also keep her options open if she decides to change her career and go into criminal law.
- 2) The graduate diploma in law is effectively a conversion course for students who do not have law degrees. It provides the first stage in training to become a solicitor or a barrister. Students are expected to do around 20 hours personal studying a week. They undertake study weekends in Birmingham, which comprise nine-and-a-half days of face-to-face tuition in the first year.
- 3) Emma who has a master in mechanical engineering from Exeter University, admitted that it was tough studying on top of work. But she is determined to finish the course, adding: "It is something I have always wanted to do. When I was at school, I really liked doing science and maths, so I was a bit torn. But I could become a lawyer by doing a non-legal degree and then converting later. The course is very useful for my current job. There are many areas where the two overlap. It is useful in that respect even if I don't decide to take it further. I haven't absolutely made up my mind about the future. It might be that I really enjoy criminal law and want to pursue a completely different career path, but I don't know yet.
- 4) Emma tries to set aside time, two or three weeks, to work on her legal studies. "It is quite demanding. You have to come in from work and get straight on with it. If you come in, have tea or watch TV, you will never do **it**", she said. "But I'm enjoying what I'm doing and my husband, Dan, is understanding and helpful". Jayne Jeffcott, who is in charge of the distance learning graduate diploma in law at the college, said that the typical student, like Emma, has already gone through a traditional educational route. She said: "**they** have their degree and often have successful careers but have always hankered to be a lawyer. It is not easy. Determination is the biggest thing you need."
- 5) Many colleges and universities offer distance learning programmes including language courses, undergraduate, and post-graduate degrees. Students may be taking an Open University Degree for a possible career change or simply because they want to take their studying further. But whatever the reason driving them to undergo distance learning, students all share the determination to stay the course.

GLOSSARY

- **To juggle:** to do many things at the same time.
- **Barrister:** a lawyer who is qualified to speak in the higher court.
- **Solicitor:** a person whose job is to give legal advice.

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS: (12 marks)

1-Read the text and tick the correct alternative. (1mark)

- The text is:
- a) informative
 - b) descriptive
 - c) narrative

2- Correct the following statements with details from the text. (4marks)

a) Emma Gardner is a lawyer.(paragraph 1)

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b) The course that Emma is taking is useless for her job.(paragraph 3)

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c) Emma’s legal studies are easy. (paragraph 4)

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d) Emma’s husband doesn’t like her to pursue her studies.(paragraph 4)

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3-What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (2 marks)

- it (p4):
- them(p4):

4- Find in the text words/ expressions that approximately mean (3 marks)

a- changing (paragraph 3):

b- to have a strong desire to do something (paragraph 4):

c- to finish something even though it is difficult (paragraph 5):

5- Answer the following question with reference to the text: (2 marks)

According to the text, what are the reasons for distance learning?

a)

b)

LANGUAGE: (6 marks)

1) Put the bracketed words in the right tense and / or form: (3 marks)

Alexander Graham Bell was always curious about sound. His father and his grandfather were both teachers of (**deaf**).....; so young Alexander knew that sound was important. He had learned not to take sounds for (**grant**)....., because he knew many children who had been deprived of it. Eventually, the (**curious**).....which he had developed as a boy led him to study and experiment until he (**invent**).....the telephone. He was lucky that he grew up in a surrounding which attached (**important**)to something that interested him very much. Or perhaps it was the other way round: he had a great interest in sound because he grew up with people who talked and (**think**).....about it and studied its nature.

2) Circle the right alternative: (3 marks)

Bedrooms equipped with televisions, videos and computers are resulting in a generation of sleep-deprived children, a study has found. Youngsters playing games, watching TV and texting on mobile phones late into the night are (**earning / losing / spending**) up to a month's worth of sleep a year. They go to school the next day feeling (**relaxed / irritable / confident**) and drowsy, which affects their (**presence / performance / rehearsal**) in class and in exams. Researchers found a (**depth / excess / lack**) of sleep was threatening the physical and mental health of up to one million children. One in five (**of / out / on**) this age group have between two and five hours less sleep at night than their parents (**realized / did / made**) as children.

WRITING: (12 marks)

1) Express these statements differently starting with the given words: (4 marks)

a) The mother said: "we have been on a holiday for a week.

The mother said that.....

b) Despite the popularity of the mobile phones, many people think that they can cause brain cancer.

Although

c) I don't have a passport so I will not be able to travel to France.

If I

d) If you don't have a doctor's note, you won't get paid for time off.

Unless

ESSAY (8 marks)

Because of some personal problems, your friend decided to leave school and to stop his studies. Write him a letter in which you try to convince him / her about the importance of learning. Meanwhile you can suggest for him / her some solution to pursue his / her studies.

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