



**PART I: ACCESS TO INFORMATION FROM WRITTEN TEXTS** (60 points)

Read the interview below and answer questions 1–5.

**KATE PLATT: WORKING IN ANTARCTICA IS PRETTY COOL!**

*by Jack Frost*

*When Kate Platt first informed her family, friends, and colleagues of her intention to accept a job with the BAS (British Antarctic Survey), they were stunned. For them, it was impossible to grasp why the 28-year-old highly successful chef at a popular five-star restaurant would risk the security of a well-paying job and abandon everything in order to spend six months in Antarctica. Now Kate shares with us the motives behind her decision.*

**JF:** So tell me, Kate, why *did* you take on the job of chef at Rothera Station? That's not exactly the typical career move most up-and-coming young professionals choose to make.

**KP:** To be perfectly honest, I was bored with my life and its lack of challenge. I'd been eating some fantastic dishes at work, collecting my salary, going home, and watching the news. I would view that as the perfect life, but I craved some excitement, adventure, and the chance to do something meaningful with my life and talents and skills.

**JF:** What made you select Antarctica as the place to satisfy all your desires? What even caused you to consider that idea?

**KP:** Quite a while back, in 2003, a BBC reporter by the name of Lizzie Greenwood took a trip to Rothera Station to film a documentary on the environment and global warming. She posted a diary of her Antarctic experiences on the BBC website, and when I read it, I was enthralled. Her description of the beauty and solitude of Antarctica, and of the very special community of people living there, made a deep impression on me. When I came across a BAS advert seeking chefs and other workers for its five research stations, I knew that if I didn't take advantage of the opportunity, I would never forgive myself.



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QUESTIONS (60 points)

Answer questions 1–5 in English as instructed, according to the interview.  
In questions 1 and 4, circle the number of the correct answer.

**2. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.**

Why did Kate Platt decide to go work in Antarctica? Give ONE answer according to lines 7–14, and ONE answer according to lines 15–26.

- i) It \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii) It \_\_\_\_\_.

(2x8=16 points)

**4. According to the interview, which statement most closely mirrors Kate's outlook on life?**

- i) Money isn't everything.
- ii) Look before you leap.
- iii) One bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.
- iv) P

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(8 points)

**5. COMPLETE THE SENTENCE.**

According to the interview, give ONE thing that Kate probably will or will not do when she returns to London, and explain your answer.

She will \_\_\_\_\_  
because \_\_\_\_\_.

(10 points)

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**PART II: READING TIPS AND STRATEGIES** (15 points)

Read the following reading tips and strategies, and answer questions 6–7.

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שאלות רבות במבחן הבגרות דורשות יותר מהבנה פשוטה של הטקסט הנקרא. לעיתים, עליך להשתמש במידע המופיע בטקסט על מנת להגיע לדברים מעבר לכתוב, כגון להביע את דעתך כשהיא מבוססת על משהו המתואר בטקסט או לנתח את הנימה של הטקסט. לדוגמה, בשאלה 5 בעמוד 7, הינך מתבקש לכתוב דבר אחד שקייט כנראה תעשה או לא תעשה כשהיא תחזור ללונדון. קייט איננה מציינת באף מקום בטקסט מה היא מתכננת לעשות בעתיד, אבל היא כן מדברת אודות החיים שלה באנטרטיקה בהשוואה ללונדון. מידע זה מרמז לך מה יהיו כנראה מעשייה בעתיד. רמז כזה נמצא בשורות 40–42 בטקסט בעמוד 6, בהן קייט מציינת את התמכרותה לעריכת קניות בחנויות כל בו. מכאן, נוכל להסיק שסביר מאוד שהיא תערוך קניות בחנות כל בו כשהיא תחזור ללונדון.

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- להלן שני  
1) Imagine you would take along in order to help you deal with the special conditions there, and explain your choice. (One answer could be: Warm clothes for the cold temperatures.)
- 2) Do you think you would enjoy working in Antarctica? Give a reason why you would OR why you would not. Base your answer on the interview. (One answer could be: I would enjoy working in Antarctica because I love animals and there is unique wildlife there.)

לסיכום, היה מודע לכך שלעיתים קרובות שאלות דורשות מעבר למיומנויות בסיסיות של הבנת הנקרא. למד לחשוב בעצמך. בהצלחה!

العديد من أسئلة إمتحانات البجروت تتطلب ما هو أكثر من فهم المقروء. يتحتم عليك أحياناً استعمال المعلومات الواردة في النص للذهاب إلى أبعد مما يحتويه النص، مثل إعطاء رأيك إستناداً على شيء تم وصفه في النص، أو تحليل لهجة النص.

فمثلاً، في السؤال رقم 5 على صفحة 7، مطلوب منك تحديد شيء واحد من الممكن أو غير الممكن أن تقوم بعمله الأنسة كيت عند رجوعها إلى لندن. لا يوجد مكان في النص حيث تذكر كيت ما تخطط بعمله في المستقبل، ولكنها تتحدث عن حياتها في قارة أنتاركتكا مقارنة في الحياة في لندن. هذه المعلومة تعطيك بعض الدلائل حول تصرفها الأكثر احتمالاً في المستقبل. أحد مثل هذه الدلائل موجود في الأسطر 40-42، حيث تذكر كيت إيمانها للتسوق في المتاجر الكبيرة. يمكننا الإستنتاج من ذلك أن هناك احتمالاً كبيراً أن تذهب للتسوق عند رجوعها إلى لندن.

بعض الأسئلة الأخرة، الممكنة على مثل هذا النمط:

- 1) Imagine that you are going to work in Antarctica. You would take along in order to help you deal with the special conditions there, and explain your choice. (One answer could be: Warm clothes for the cold temperatures.)
- 2) Do you think you would enjoy working in Antarctica? Give a reason why you would OR why you would not. Base your answer on the interview. (One answer could be: I would enjoy working in Antarctica because I love animals and there is unique wildlife there.)

في الختام، عليك أن تدرك أن الإجابة على الأسئلة تتطلب أكثر من المهارة البدائية لفهم المقروء. تعلم مهارة التفكير الذاتي. حظاً سعيداً!

Answer questions 6–7 in English, according to the reading tips and strategies on pages 8–9, and according to the passage below.



**Our Top Book Picks**

**Musings of an Undomesticated Housewife** — Humor columnist Rebecca Hawn has done it again with a refreshing collection describing the year she took a leave of absence from work in order to care for her growing brood (or pack of menaces, as she refers to them). Hawn captures the ordinary experiences of the average housewife with great accuracy, and then proceeds to give each of them her own unique, and amazingly funny, twist. All our reviewers, especially the women with young children of their own, found this to be a wonderful read.

**Life in the Shadows** — This is a book that is both heartwarming and heartbreaking. It is the true story of a courageous little boy suffering from X.P., a rare genetic condition which can best be described as "an incurable and very often fatal allergy to the sun." Reading about the challenges and obstacles seven-year-old Ted and his parents go through every day is at times painful, but always uplifting, too.

**6. COMPLETE THE SENTENCE**

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review, which one would you select and why?

I would read \_\_\_\_\_ because  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

(8 points)

**7. Give ONE reason a psychologist dealing with depression would recommend ONE of the two books described in the review to his patients.**

ANSWER: \_\_\_\_\_

(7 points)

**PART III: VOCABULARY PRACTICE** (25 points)

Translate the words and phrases, and answer questions 8–9. (The words are all from the interview on pages 5–6.)

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|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. stunned ( <i>adj</i> ) | 6. meaningful          | 10. not in the | 13. adjust                    |
| 2. grasp ( <i>v</i> )     | 7. consider            | slightest      | 14. emulate                   |
| 3. abandon ( <i>v</i> )   | 8. enthralled          | 11. lose one's | 15. staggering ( <i>adj</i> ) |
| 4. view ( <i>v</i> )      | ( <i>adj</i> )         | temper         | 16. severe                    |
| 5. crave                  | 9. regret ( <i>v</i> ) | 12. cutlery    |                               |

**8. MATCH THE WORDS AND PHRASES TO THEIR SYNONYMS.**

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| ___ i) become angry            | a) in the slightest |
| ___ ii) be sorry about         | b) lose your temper |
| ___ iii) forks, knives, spoons | c) abandon          |
| ___ iv)                        |                     |
| ___ v)                         |                     |

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(5x2=10 points)

**9. COMPLETE EACH SENTENCE WITH ONE WORD OR PHRASE.**

- i) Whenever I go on a diet, I \_\_\_\_\_ sweets, especially chocolate.
- ii) She couldn't seem to \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that she had won \$20 million in the lottery.
- iii) \_\_\_\_\_ the matter very carefully, because once you make a final decision, there's no going back.
- iv) New immigrants to Israel often find it very difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ to Israeli mentality and culture.
- v) He has turned his business into a \_\_\_\_\_ success. What was a tiny office with two part-time workers is now a huge company with thousands of employees worldwide.

(5x3=15 points)