

ANGLAIS (60 MINUTES)

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Read the text below and do the exercises that follow.**The Real Price of Fashion**

A group of young people from the UK have taken part in an interesting social experiment for the BBC. All of them were fans of the cheap clothes that you can buy in any shopping centre. The young women went to India for four weeks to work in the factories that produced the fashions they liked to wear. Mark
5 Rubens, the programme's producer, said that as clothes have become cheaper people buy more and more items and throw them away without thinking. 'We wanted to see how these young people would react if they could not only see how their clothes were made, but actually experience what it was like to make them.'

10 Georgina Briers, aged 20, went to work in a New Delhi workshop where employees work up to eighteen hours a day, six days a week, for a tiny wage. Their supervisors didn't let them get up and leave their machines without permission, even to go to the toilet.

Everything was timed and controlled. The pace of work came as an enormous shock to the youngsters.

15 After their training, they were expected to sew on collars or sleeves at a rate of two a minute. They earned less than £2 a day – the same pay as their Indian colleagues. Georgina was too slow at all her tasks so they gave her more and more basic and less demanding jobs. Sewing was too difficult so she was sent to do ironing. She wasn't able to iron fifty shirts an hour and so was given the lowest position in the factory — putting buttons on shirts. As part of the experiment they had to sleep on the factory floor, and even went to pick the cotton used to make the clothes under the hot sun. Stacey Dooley (21, a shop assistant) went to a sweatshop in Mumbai, whose low-paid workers included many children.

20 For Georgina, the turning point was when she met a worker who described how hard he had to work to support his family on the salary he made. She realised how selfish her behaviour back home in Britain was.

Georgina claims that she had a life-changing experience in India. 'Before, I was worried about how I looked all the time. The people I talked to had so many dreams and they were willing to work hard, while
25 I have thrown away so many opportunities. Now I owe it to them to work hard and make something of myself.' Now she also writes to highstreet stores to find out where and how the clothes they sell are made. These days she is more interested in fair trade than in finding a bargain. Since their return to Britain, the young women have raised money for a refuge in Mumbai.

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A. Comprehension check (see the text!)

Choose the best answer to each question. (8 MARKS)

1. **Line 10: “for a tiny wage” means...**
 - a) for a long time
 - b) for little money
 - c) for 108 hours
2. **Line 12: “The pace of work” means...**
 - a) the type of work
 - b) the hours per day
 - c) how quickly they have to work
3. **Line 21: “Selfish” means...**
 - a) thinking of yourself first
 - b) liking to take pictures of yourself
 - c) being self-confident
4. **According to the text, the young people from the UK had to stay at their machines,...**
 - a) ...unless allowed to go by the people supervising them
 - b) ...until they had to go to the toilet
 - c) ...as long as they did not want a break
5. **How much did the young people from the UK earn?**
 - a) double the salary of their Indian co-workers
 - b) the equivalent of their Indian co-workers
 - c) less than their Indian co-workers
6. **Where did the young people from the UK sleep?**
 - a) in a cheap hotel
 - b) where they were working
 - c) at an Indian colleague’s house
7. **Where did they work?**
 - a) only in the factory
 - b) only in the fields
 - c) both *a* and *b*
8. **What is less important nowadays for Georgina?**
 - a) fair trade
 - b) finding a bargain
 - c) raising money for a refuge in Mumbai

B. Vocabulary

Match the key words in the box with the definitions. (10 MARKS)

!!! There are two extra words/expressions which you do not have to use !!!

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1. _____ When something requires much skill or effort.
2. _____ When you need to do something for someone who's helped you
3. _____ An individual article or unit.
4. _____ The way a person acts
5. _____ When you require somebody to do something.
6. _____ When you collect funds from people for a particular cause
7. _____ When you foolishly fail to use something, such as a chance
8. _____ When something is low in price
9. _____ A time when an important change happens
10. _____ A room or a building in which goods are manufactured or repaired.

C. Grammar

Change the following sentences into a) questions, b) negative sentences, c) sentences in the past. (15 MARKS)

1. There is a lot of injustice in this city.

a) question: _____

b) negative: _____

c) past simple: _____

2. She thinks about them every day.

a) question: _____

b) negative: _____

c) past simple: _____

3. You can speak about your problems with your colleagues.

a) question: _____

b) negative: _____

c) past simple: _____

4. We always see new clothes in the shops.

a) question: _____

b) negative: _____

c) past simple: _____

5. Georgina has a lot of compassion.

a) question: _____

b) negative: _____

c) past simple: _____

D. Composition

Write about a life-changing experience that you have had. Your text should be approximately 100 words long (12 MARKS).
