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Comprehension (阅读理解) Part A Read the following three texts. Answer the questions on each text by choosing A, B, C or D. Mark your answer on the ANSWER SHEET 1 by drawing a thick line across the corresponding letter in the brackets. Text It was a quarter past nine as Marie hurried into the office building where she was going to work. Her bus had inched along through heavy morning traffic, making her a few minutes late for her very first job. She decided to start out half an hour earlier the next day. Once inside the lobby, she had to stand at the elevators and wait several minutes before she could get on one going to the sixth floor. When she finally reached the office marked "King Enterprises," she knocked at the door nervously and waited. There was no answer. She tapped on the door again, but still there was no reply. From inside the next office, she could hear the sound of voices, so she opened the door and went in. Although she was sure it was the same office she had been in two weeks before when she had had the interview with Mr. King, it looked quite different now. In fact, it hardly looked like an office at all. The employees were just standing around chatting and smoking. At the far end of the room, somebody must have just told a good joke, she thought, because there was a loud burst of laughter as she came in. For a moment she had thought they were laughing at her. Then one of the men looked at his watch, clapped his hands and

said something to the others. Quickly they all went to their desks and, in a matter of seconds, everyone was hard at work. No one paid any attention to Marie. Finally she went up to the man who was sitting at the desk nearest to the door and explained that this was her first day in the office. Hardly looking up from his work, he told her to have a seat and wait for Mr. King, who would arrive at any moment. Then Marie realised that the day's work in the office began just before Mr. King arrived. Later she found out that he lived in Connecticut and came into Manhattan on the same train every morning, arriving in the office at 9:35, so that his staff knew exactly when to start working.

1. Marie felt nervous when she knocked at the door because _____. [A] it was her first day in a new job [B] she was a little bit late for work [C] she was afraid that she had gone to the wrong place [D] there was no answer from inside the office

2. Marie could hardly recognise the office she went into as _____. [A] she had been there only once [B] Mr. King was not in the office [C] nobody was doing any work [D] the office had a new appearance

3. The people in the office suddenly started working because _____. [A] they saw a stranger in the office [B] they had finished their morning break [C] no one wanted to talk to Marie [D] the boss was about to arrive

4. We can infer from the text that the employees of the enterprise _____. [A] would start their work by listening to a joke [B] were cold to newcomers [C] were always punctual for work [D] lacked devotion to the company

5. The best title for this text would be _____. [A] Punctual Like A Clock [B] A Cold Welcome [C] An Unpunctual Manager [D] Better Late Than Never

Part B Read the texts from a magazine article in which five women talked about their slimming failures. For questions 1 to 5, match the name of each woman (1 to 5) to each of the statements (A to G) given below. Mark your answers on your ANSWER SHEET.

Glynis Davis: I first piled on the pounds when I was pregnant and I couldn't lose them afterwards. Then I joined a slimming club. My target was 10 stone and I lost 2 stone 2lbs in six months. I felt great and people kept saying how good I looked. But Christmas came and I started to slip back into my old eating habits. I told myself I'd lose the weight at slimming classes in the new year... but it didn't happen. Instead of losing the pounds, I put them on. I'd lost the willpower and tried to convince myself that the odd bag of crisps didn't make any difference - but the scales don't lie.

Roz Juma: To be honest, I never weigh myself any more - I've learned to be happy with myself. It seemed ridiculous to feel guilty about every morsel that passed my lips. My philosophy is simple: You shouldn't be preoccupied with food and dieting. Instead, you should get on with life and stop dreaming about a super-thin body. This is obviously the size I'm meant to be and, most of all, I'm happy with it.

Lesley Godwin: I was very happy after winning Young Slimmer of the Year. I'd look in the mirror unable to believe this slim creature was me. That might have been my problem - perhaps I didn't relate to my reflection any more. Winning a national competition makes everything worse, though, because you feel the eyes of the world are on you. I feel a failure because I've put on weight again... I find it humiliating and embarrassing.

Ros

Langford: Before moving in with my husband Gavin, I ' d always been about 8 stone, but domestic bliss went straight to my waist and I put on 2 stone in a year. Every so often I try to go on a diet... I ' m really good for a few days, then end up eating the children ' s leftovers or gorging on chocolate - my weakness. I ' d like to be slim, but right now my priorities are the children and home. I may be more motivated when the kids are older.

Julia Minifie: I ' m a compulsive eater. I can ' t control my urges and I really love cakes. When I ' m slim I feel like a million dollars - and when I ' m not I get very depressed. Over the years I ' d tried and failed with just about every diet. I was determined I ' d never put the weight back on, but at some stage along the line I lost my resolution, and it started to creep on again... Certainly I will face the same problem in the future.

Now match each of the women (1 to 5) to the appropriate statement. Note: there are two extra statements.

Statements

1. Glynis Davis [A] I put on weight after I got married.
2. Roz Juma [B] The heavier, the merrier.
3. Lesley Godwin [C] Facts speak louder than words.
4. Ros Langford [D] I like myself as I am.
5. Julia Minifie [E] I ' m constantly at war with my weight.

[F] Fame doesn ' t necessarily mean success. [G] I think I ' ll be slim again.

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