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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/285/2021_2022__E4_B8_8A_E5_A4_96_E7_89_88_E5_c83_285086.htm UNIT 4 TEXT Trying to make some money before entering university , the author applies for a teaching job. But the interview goes from bad to worse..... My First Job While I was waiting to enter university , I saw advertised in a local newspaper a teaching post at a school in a suburb of London about ten miles from where I lived. Being very short money and wanting to do something useful , I applied , fearing as I did so , that without a degree and with no experience in teaching my chances of getting the job were slim. However , three days later a letter arrived , asking me to go to Croydon for an interview. It proved an awkward journey : a train to Croydon station ; a ten-minute bus ride and then a walk of at least a quarter to feel nervous. The school was a red brick house with big windows , The front garden was a gravel square ; four evergreen shrubs stood at each corner , where they struggled to survive the dust and fumes from a busy main from a busy main road. It was clearly the headmaster himself that opened the door. He was short and fat. He had a sandy-coloured moustache , a wrinkled forehead and hardly any hair. He looked at me with an air of surprised disapproval , as a colonel might look at a private whose bootlaces were undone. Ah yes , he grunted. Youd better come inside. The narrow , sunless hall smelled unpleasantly of stale cabbage ; the walls were dirty with ink marks ; it was all silent. His study , judging by the crumbs on the carpet , was also his

dining-room. You'd better sit down , he said , and proceeded to ask me a number of questions : what subjects I had taken in my General School Certificate ; how old I was ; what games I played ; then fixing me suddenly with his bloodshot eyes , he asked me whether I thought games were a vital part of a boys education. I mumbled something about not attaching too much importance to them. He grunted. I had said the wrong thing. The headmaster and I obviously had very little in common. The school , he said , consisted of one class of twenty-four boys , ranging in age from seven to thirteen. I should have to teach all subjects except art , which he taught himself. Football and cricket were played in the Park , a mile away on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. The teaching set-up filled me with fear. I should have to divide the class into three groups and teach them in turn at three different levels ; and I was dismayed at the thought of teaching algebra and geometry-two subjects at which I had been completely incompetent at school. Worse perhaps was the idea of Saturday afternoon cricket ; most of my friends would be enjoying leisure at that time. I said shyly , What would my salary be ? Twelve pounds a week plus lunch. Before I could protest , he got to his feet. Now , he said , you'd better meet my wife. She's the one who really runs this school. This was the last straw. I was very young : the prospect of working under a woman constituted the ultimate indignity. PHRASES & EXPRESSIONS be short of not having enough of 缺少 smell of have , give out the smell of 有.....的气味 judging by forming an opinion based on attach importance to consider important 重视 in

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