

Part VII: Reading Comprehension

In Part VII you will read passages in the form of letters, ads, memos, faxes, schedules, etc. The reading section has a number of single passages and 4 double passages. You will be asked 2-4 questions about each single passage, and 5 questions for each double passage. Sometimes you will be asked for specific details. Other times you will be asked about what the passage implies. In the paired passages you will also be asked to make connections between the two related texts. On the real test you will not have time to read every word. You need to practice scanning and reading quickly for details.

Questions 1 - 5 are based on the following advertisement and article

Overcome Your Most Difficult Weight Loss Obstacles!

With The DietMax Weight Loss System!

Now you can attack your toughest weight loss obstacles head-on, with the revolutionary DietMax Weight Loss System. Here's how our 3-step system works in conjunction with the DietMax Plan! The DietMax all-natural herbal formula works by increasing thermogenesis, the body's calorie burning process. This helps stimulate metabolism and energy levels naturally. Fat Control targets the body's fat storage at the cellular level. As a result, fat calories are burned for optimal weight loss. The all-natural Sweet Balance formula, as part of the DietMax Plan, allows you to eat six times a day while losing weight so you fight hunger and minimize food cravings.

So lose weight now ... results guaranteed with the revolutionary new **DietMax Weight Loss System!**

Available at Fine Wealth Stores Everywhere!

NOTE- For many dieters, weight loss is only temporary. A development of lifestyle patterns for long term weight loss is recommended.

Excess weight is becoming a serious problem worldwide and dealing with it has become a multi billion dollar industry with all types of so called 'miracle cures' on offer, some really work while others offer some help, but most do not help at all. A respectable weight loss routine will be to illustrate the necessity of fat loss, maybe being the key to lasting weight loss. After all, weight takes time to accumulate and will also take time to lose, if done safely.

Other than carrying out some investigation of your own on the subject, seek medical counsel, preferably an individual who specializes in weight loss. Always be careful where you spend your money as not all the diets are worth pursuing and they may also make you sad as well.

All the same, it is important to bear in mind that there is some risk with weight loss plans that rely on a strict adherence to rapid fat loss. Starvation type diets programs may reduce weight, but they can also seriously reduce body tissue, such as muscle, that is important for the body's well-being. It is more important, and ultimately more effective, if you reduce body fat which will assist to guarantee a long term reduction in overall weight.

1. Read the advertisement. Who is it targeted at?

- A. People with psychological problems
- B. Overweight people
- C. People with health problems
- D. Teenagers

2. DietMax is probably NOT. . .

- A. a drink.
- B. exercise equipment.
- C. tablets
- D. pills

3. What is the purpose of the article?

- A. To persuade people to use DietMax
- B. To teach people how to lose weight
- C. To promote weight loss
- D. inform people about losing weight

4. How many times a day can you eat with the DieMax plan?

- A. Five
- B. Four
- C. Three
- D. Six

5. According to the article, successful weight loss. . . .

- A. requires a crash diet.
- B. is impossible.
- C. is a long-term process.
- D. is a fast process

Questions 6 - 8 are based on the following article

FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS CLOSED FOR HEALTH-CODE VIOLATIONS

Name of Business	Date / Closed	Cited for closing
Mandy's 910 12th St.	1/16	Inadequate ventilation Improper food storage
Valley Restaurant 815 23rd Ave.	1/16	Plumbing fixtures in poor repair No certified food supervisor
Market Grill 770 Golden Rd.	1/16	No certified food supervisor Improper food temperature
Peppo 104 Main St. (food sales section only)	1/17	Operating without a health department permit Inadequate refrigeration
Lawville's 872 N. Jackson St.	1/18	No hot water Unclean food contact surfaces

6. Why are these establishments closed?

- A. They are in violation of the building code
- B. They have been cited for unsanitary conditions.
- C. They are undergoing renovations.
- D. They are open for only part of the year.

7. Which business will remain partially open?

- A. Peppo Mart
- B. Valley Restaurant
- C. Mandy's
- D. Lawville's

8. What should the Valley Restaurant do?

- A. Check its sinks and pipes
- B. Offer takeout service
- C. Change its menu
- D. Renew its permit

Questions 9 - 13 are based on the following article

Business travelers usually find they have little time to exercise, especially when their schedules are suddenly changed by late meetings or late flights. But everyone should get some exercise. There are ways to make exercise part of your day, even when you cannot make it to the hotel's exercise room. Experts suggest stretching your neck, arms, back, and shoulders while sitting in your airplane seat. At your hotel, you can stretch your legs and abdominal muscles. Then, you can run in place for a good aerobic workout.

Exercise is not just for your body: it is for your mind as well. The mind-body connection has long been established by professional medical associations. People who exercise regularly perform more efficiently at work and perform more effectively than their colleagues who don't exercise. So to get ahead of everyone else, try to exercise every day, even when traveling.

9. Who would be likely to read this article?

- A. Overweight people
- B. Frequent vacation-goers
- C. Businesspeople who take trips
- D. Pilots and flight attendants

10. Why is it difficult for travelers to get exercise?

- A. Their schedules may change unexpectedly.
- B. They work too hard
- C. There are no place to exercise
- D. They don't want to exercise.

11. Where can you exercise if you can't go to the exercise room?

- A. In your meetings
- B. In your airplane seat
- C. In your car
- D. On the bus

12. How can you get aerobic exercise in the hotel?

- A. Take the stairs
- B. Work your abdomen
- C. Stretch your arms
- D. Run in place

13. According to the report, why should one exercise?

- A. To perform better at work
- B. To lose weight
- C. To feel younger
- D. To be better at sports

Questions 14 - 16 are based on the following report

Food products account for the largest portion of our agricultural exports, although it is traditionally thought that pesticides and other agricultural chemicals are in the lead. The value of food product exports has increased in recent years, with the increased interest among consumers in more exotic food products. Our growers have responded to the demand and we have established one million hectares as a special development region for these products. Our low night time temperatures combined with the fact that we have little rain and plenty of sun in the daytime. gives us a competitive edge over growers in other regions.

Our exports of native tropical fruits and root vegetables have increased from less than 2% to more than 5% of total agricultural exports in the past two years and growth is expected to continue. But we continue to anticipate new food trends and will be ready to respond as the market changes.

14. What is exported the most?

- A. Pesticides
- B. Fibers
- C. Foods
- D. Chemicals

15. Why has the value of their food product exports increased?

- A. Increased interest in unfamiliar foods
- B. Drought in other countries
- C. Higher prices
- D. Consumers who are willing to spend more

16. What trend do they expect to continue?

- A. Regulations on agricultural exports
- B. High demand for exotic fruits and root vegetables
- C. High prices for foods
- D. Desire to produce more