

## READING COMPREHENSION

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1 Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct option.

Coffee is popular around the world. (0) over the past centuries, few subjects have been as carefully studied as coffee. Its (1) most important component is caffeine and it has lots of benefits. Coffee has been well-known (2) since the beginning of the 14th century, (3) when Sufi Yemenis started using coffee to stay alert during special activities. It became a popular medicine (4) among Europeans in the 1600s. Caffeine was first (5) described in the 1800s by Ferdinand Runge, a doctor that found out some effects that coffee has on people. Some people say (6) drinking coffee isn't good, but doctors say you (7) mustn't believe this. Thanks to caffeine you don't get hungry. Coffee can also reduce headaches and blood problems. (8) while many people believe coffee is bad, studies show it is good for your heart.

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| 0. <input type="radio"/> a. over                | <input type="radio"/> b. by                  | <input type="radio"/> c. across           |
| 1. <input type="radio"/> a. much                | <input type="radio"/> b. more                | <input checked="" type="radio"/> c. most  |
| 2. <input type="radio"/> a. during              | <input type="radio"/> b. until               | <input checked="" type="radio"/> c. since |
| 3. <input checked="" type="radio"/> a. when     | <input type="radio"/> b. which               | <input type="radio"/> c. who              |
| 4. <input checked="" type="radio"/> a. among    | <input type="radio"/> b. about               | <input type="radio"/> c. along            |
| 5. <input checked="" type="radio"/> a. describe | <input type="radio"/> b. described           | <input type="radio"/> c. describes        |
| 6. <input checked="" type="radio"/> a. drink    | <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. drinking | <input type="radio"/> c. drunk            |
| 7. <input checked="" type="radio"/> a. mustn't  | <input type="radio"/> b. couldn't            | <input type="radio"/> c. wouldn't         |
| 8. <input checked="" type="radio"/> a. while    | <input type="radio"/> b. if                  | <input type="radio"/> c. because          |

2 Read the text and answer the questions.

### JAMES SALTER'S DAYS IN FILM

James Salter was a pilot in the United States Air Force. He abandoned the military profession after the publication of his first novel, *The Hunters*. He is best known as a novelist, and even was the director of a film called *Three*, starring Charlotte Rampling and Salter. In the sixties and seventies, he worked in film making. Salter made documentaries, wrote and even was the director of a film called *Three*, starring Charlotte Rampling and Salter. *Passionate Falsehoods*, which was adapted from Salter's book *Burning the Days*, published in the *New Yorker* in 1997, Salter tells the story of his life in film. Salter's time in the film world was not all good and bad. In Rome, he met directors and stars. In New York, he explored the city with

and enjoyed being famous. Deborah Treisman and Michael Agger have talked about Paumgarten in *The Last Book*, describes Salter's opinion about his film career: "Of six movies, only four were popular. There was money, attractive women, and entrance into there were stories more for the dinner table than for the page." Salter thought he wasted time. Perhaps he wasted his time in a larger artistic way, but it still makes for attractive *Last Book* is available to everyone in online stores.

1. James Salter is famous for

- a. his books     b. his movies     c. his plays

2. James Salter played an important part in the making of movies from

- a. 1960 to 1979     b. 1960 to 1970     c. 1960 to 1985

3. *Passionate Falsehoods* is

- a. a newspaper     b. a play     c. a movie

4. Salter had nice and difficult times in his

- a. acting years     b. big screen work     c. visit to one city

5. *The Last Book* was written by

- a. James Salter     b. Deborah Treisman     c. Nick Paumgarten

6. James Salter thinks that his work in the cinema business was

- a. not useful     b. not hard     c. not usual

7. Reading about James Salter's years in the cinema could be

- a. clever enough     b. just fair     c. quite interesting

8. *The Last Book* can be found

- a. in museums     b. at a café     c. on the web

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vocabulary coffee

centuries = siglos

blood = sangre

reduce = reducir

century = siglo

blood = sangre

yemenis = yemenis

headches = cabezales