

1.

I really love my job because I enjoy working with small children and like the challenges and awards from the job. I also think my work is important. There was a time when I thought I would never have that sort of career.

I wasn't an excellent student because I didn't do much schoolwork. In my final term I started thinking what I might do and found I didn't have much to offer. I just accepted that I wasn't the type to have a career.

I then found myself a job, looking after two little girls. It wasn't too bad at first. But the problems began when I agreed to live in, so that I would be there if my boss had to go out for business in the evening. We agreed that if I had to work extra hours one week, she'd give me time off the next. But unfortunately, it didn't often work out. I was getting extremely tired and fed up, because I had too many late nights and early mornings with the children.

One Sunday, I was in the park with the children, and met Megan who used to go to school with me. I told her about my situation. She suggested that I should do a course and get a qualification if I wanted to work with children. I didn't think I would be accepted because I didn't take many exams in school. She persuaded me to phone the local college and it was really helpful. My experience counted for a lot and I got on a parttime course. I had to leave my job with the family, and got work helping out at a kindergarten.

Now I've got a fulltime job there. I shall always be thankful to Megan. I wish I had known earlier that you could have a career, even if you aren't the top of the class at school.

21. What is the author's present job?

- A. Working parttime in a college. B. Taking care of children for a family.
C. Helping children with their schoolwork. D. Looking after children at a kindergarten.

22. When staying with the two little girls' family, the author ____.

- A. was paid for extra work B. often worked long hours
C. got much help from her boss D. took a day off every other week

23. Why did the author leave her first job?

- A. She found a fulltime job. B. She was fed up with children.
C. She decided to attend a parttime course. D. She needed a rest after working extra hours.

24. What has the author learned from her own experiences?

- A. Less successful students can still have a career.
B. Qualifications are necessary for a career.
C. Hard work makes an excellent student.
D. One must choose the job he likes.

2.

No one can change the weather. But if we read correctly the signs around us, we can tell how the weather will be. This way of telling of what the weather will be like on the following day or two is called weather forecasting.

For many centuries and in all countries, people have studied the weather and tried to make weather forecasting. Rings around the sun are a sign of coming rain. Many people feel in their bones the coming of wet weather, their joints ache. Some birds fly high if fine weather is coming, but they fly near the ground if rainy or stormy weather is on the way. It is probably because of the insects which they are hunting that they fly low. If you see a rainbow during rainy weather, this is a sign that the weather will become clear and fine. Such rainbows come in the evening. If the stars twinkle clearly at night, then fine weather will continue. If a fog appears in the morning just above a river, then the day will be warm. If the sunset is mostly red in color, then the following day will be warm. If a rainbow appears in the morning, rainy weather will probably come.

Most of the above saying have been made by the people who have used their eyes and brains to make weather forecast.

25. People's joints ache ____.

- A. is a sign of coming rain B. without any reason
C. because they are ill D. because of the insects

26. The birds fly high and the stars twinkle clearly is a sign that the weather will ____.

- A. be warm B. be rainy C. become clear and fine D. be cold

27. A rainbow is a ____ of the fine weather.

- A. sign B. way C. method D. road

28. Which of the following signs can tell the weather will probably be warm?