

Skills test 1

Reading

At the cinemas this week

Mitch Forman interviews Russ Sparks, the star of a new independent film. Mr Sparks is in town to promote his new film, *The University of Life*.

MF Hello, Mr Sparks. (1) d

RS Certainly.

MF (2) ___

RS Well, it's the story of a young lawyer. He lives in the centre of New York City, he's rich, he has a great apartment, he has a lovely family but he isn't happy. He has trouble sleeping, and he often works very late. Then, one day, his life changes when he becomes friends with an old man at the city hospital.

MF (3) ___

RS He gives up his job at the law firm, and he becomes a song-writer and jazz pianist.

MF (4) ___

RS The old man tells him simple stories about his life. The lawyer learns a lot from these stories – things he didn't learn at expensive private schools and university. These stories help him to understand himself and be happy.

MF (5) ___

RS One of my co-stars is the writer of *The University of Life*. Annika Fredriksen is an amazing person. She's a wonderful actress, and in her free time, she's the singer of a fabulous R&B band, The Moon Rocks.

MF (6) ___

RS She's the young lawyer's wife. I play the lawyer.

MF (7) ___

RS Yes, it does. The lawyer loves his new job. He also has time to enjoy his family again, thanks to the help of the old man. Saleh al-Ghaoui plays the old man. I love working with him. I learn a lot from him about acting, too.

MF Thank you very much for talking to us!

1 Read the interview quickly and circle the correct letter.

Who is Saleh al-Ghaoui?

- a an actor in the film *The University of Life*
- b a newspaper reporter
- c the lawyer in the film

1 point for the correct answer 1

2 Complete the interview with the missing questions (a–h). There is one extra question.

- a What's the film about?
- b Why is the title of the film *The University of Life*?
- c Who does she play in the film?
- ~~d Can I ask you some questions about your new film?~~
- e Does the film have a happy ending?
- f Is it a film about getting a good education?
- g What happens then?
- h Who is the writer of the film?

2 points for each correct answer 12

3 Read the interview again. Write true (T), false (F). If there is no information in the text about the statement, write no information (N).

- 1 Mitch Forman is the star of a new film. F
- 2 The young lawyer is unhappy because he isn't rich. ___
- 3 He goes to hospital because he has trouble sleeping. ___
- 4 The lawyer stops working for the law firm. ___
- 5 The young lawyer gives the old man a lot of money. ___
- 6 Russ Sparks sings in a band called The Moon Rocks. ___
- 7 Russ says that Saleh teaches him a lot about his job. ___

2 points for each correct answer 12

Reading total 25

Skills test 1 Continued

Writing

Write a paragraph about your family and your home.

Write about:

- who is in your family.
- what they do.
- where you live.
- what your home is like.

Write your paragraph in 60–100 words.

Writing task 25

Writing total 25

- When he gets up, he has ...
 - a shower
 - breakfast
 - lunch
- ... makes lunch.
 - He
 - His wife
 - His mother
- He likes watching ... on TV.
 - music videos
 - the news
 - cooking programmes
- He ... in the afternoon.
 - often works
 - doesn't work
 - sleeps
- He doesn't have free time ...
 - at the weekends
 - on Mondays and Tuesdays
 - when others are at work

2 points for each correct answer 18

Listening

1 Listen. **Circle** the correct letter.

1 He ... work at eight in the evening.

- a starts
 b finishes
 c goes to

2 He usually has dinner ...

- a at home
 b at the night club
 c in a restaurant

3 The club closes at ...

- a two
 b half past two
 c three-thirty

4 He goes ... around three-thirty.

- a to work
 b home
 c to bed

5 He ... all morning.

- a works
 b watches cooking programmes
 c sleeps

2 Listen again and tick (✓) seven more activities the man says he does.

- a go out to a restaurant g go to the gym
 b have a bath h play tennis
 c have a shower i go swimming
 d read newspapers j cook
 e have breakfast k read books
 f watch television l play computer games

1 point for each correct answer 7

Listening total 25

Speaking

1 Ask and answer the questions with a partner.

- Who's your favourite person in your family? Why?
- What's your ideal job? Why?
- How do you spend your free time?
- What's a typical day for you?
- What's your room like?

max. 1 point for each topic 5

Skills test 1 Continued

2 Look at the photos. Describe the rooms. Talk about the furniture, objects, and other details.



max. 10 points 10

3 A Look at the information. Use the words to make five questions.

Workout City

New sports and leisure complex in the centre of town.

Opening times 7 a.m. – 10 p.m daily:

- Outdoor swimming pool
- Modern, fully-equipped gym
- Indoor and outdoor tennis courts
- Jogging track

Spa, massage treatments

Café (snacks and refreshments available during opening hours)

Membership: €450 year, €150 month

- 1 what time / Workout City / open ?
- 2 what / activities / do ?
- 3 indoor / swimming pool ?
- 4 how much / membership / cost ?
- 5 where / eat and drink ?

1 point for each correct question 5

B Answer the questions.

1 point for each correct answer 5

Speaking total 25

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