

Reading Part 4

Questions 21-25

Read the text and the questions below.

For each question, mark the correct letter **A, B, C** or **D** on your mark sheet.Earning your own money by *Leanne Broderick*

Most young people have heard their parents complaining when they've asked them for money. And I'm no exception. The difference between me and many other 16-year-olds, though, is that I've done something about it. I've got myself an after-school job.

What do I do? I work on the checkout at my local supermarket. I didn't know what to expect when I applied for the job but I was surprised to find that I actually enjoy it. It's not hard to do and I get to talk to lots of different people during my shift. I have to be careful though. Because I'm dealing with money, I have to make sure I don't make any mistakes.

I work every Friday evening and Saturday morning. It doesn't really affect my schoolwork and my social life hasn't really suffered either. I don't mind not going out on Fridays after school and I can still go out on Saturday night, so it's not really causing me any problems.

My parents, on the other hand, are a different story. They're now all right with it but they weren't at first. In fact, they were shocked that I had applied for the job. They were worried about the fact that it would interfere with my studies. But they've seen that I can easily manage my time when doing homework and so it really isn't a problem. They're happy that I don't have to work on a school night and, of course, they're thrilled that I've stopped asking them for money!

I've learnt a lot having a job. It's made me look at money in a different way. I'm now more careful with it - I don't spend as much. I've also managed to save some of it and plan to buy myself a car when I'm 18. I've learnt to be more responsible and can honestly say that I'm proud of myself.

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21 What is Leanne's main purpose in writing the article?

- A To inform the reader about having an after-school job.
- B To give advice to young people about getting a job.
- C To describe what it is she does in her job.
- D To complain about her parents and their attitude to her working.

22 What does Leanne say about her job?

- A She likes the fact that she deals with money.
- B She likes the fact that she can talk to people.
- C She has to be more careful than the other staff.
- D She would rather be doing something else.

23 What does Leanne say about her social life?

- A She misses going out on Fridays after school.
- B She still goes out with friends on Friday night.
- C She doesn't have a problem not going out on Friday.
- D She never went out after school on Fridays anyway.

24 What does Leanne say about her parents?

- A They are now pleased she is earning her own money.
- B They are not at all happy about her working.
- C They're worried that her schoolwork will suffer.
- D They hope she will learn to save her money.

25 What would Leanne say to her schoolmates?

- A The only way to save for a car is to get yourself an after-school job.
- B If I could, I wouldn't work. I'd rather have more time for my studies and my friends.
- C I've always wanted to work at a supermarket. I really enjoy the job.
- D Working while studying can be very rewarding. It teaches you responsibility.