Preliminary Reading Part 4 – Student’s Worksheet

Decide with your group if the following sentences about Part 4 are true or false.

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<th>Sentences about Part 4 reading</th>
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<td>1. The questions are all multiple choice.</td>
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<td>2. The first and last questions are global questions about the whole text.</td>
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<td>3. The middle three questions are in random order compared to the information in the text.</td>
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<td>4. The final question looks different from the other questions.</td>
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<td>5. The questions ask about attitudes and opinions, not just facts.</td>
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<td>6. You don’t need to read the text in detail to answer Part 4.</td>
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<td>7. Paraphrasing is not important in Part 4. 8. Sometimes more than one answer choice is possible.</td>
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Preliminary Reading Part 4 – Sample task

Read the text below and answer the questions (21-25). Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

Ainsley Harriott

I've always been a bit of an entertainer and played the funny man. I was a part-time comedian for years, so I learned how to stand in front of audiences. It made me sure of myself. I like being liked and I love making everyone smile.

I live in London with my wife and children. We spend a lot of time just singing and dancing around the house. I grew up with music; my dad is the pianist, Chester Harriott. My working day is divided between television and writing cook books, though TV takes most of my time. I spend about five days a fortnight working on the cooking programmes I appear in. I eat all sorts of things at home but I only buy quality food. When I'm cooking, I experiment with whatever is in the fridge – it’s good practice for my TV series.

I'm a football fan and enjoy going to matches, but I'm a home-loving person really. I don't like going to the pub but we do go out to eat about once a month. There's nothing better than a night at home playing with the children. I rarely go to bed before midnight. Late evening is when fresh thoughts on cooking usually come to me, so I often write or plan my programmes then.

21 What is the writer's main purpose in writing the text?

A to describe how he lives  
B to say what makes him laugh
C to talk about his cooking ideas
D to explain how he started in TV

22 What would a reader learn about Ainsley from the text?
   A He is a very good musician.
   B He likes to plan the family meals.
   C He is nervous about performing on stage.
   D He enjoys spending time with his family.

23 What does the writer say about himself?
   A He loves going out and meeting people.
   B He is very similar to his father.
   C He enjoys being popular.
   D He should go to bed earlier.

24 What does he say about his working life?
   A He would like to appear less on TV.
   B He gets his best ideas at certain times.
   C He prefers being a comedian.
   D He should practise cooking more.

25 Which of the following is the best description of the writer?

A The popular TV comedian who enjoys cooking, watching football, and having a busy social life.

B The TV cook who loves making people laugh, watching football and, above all, having a happy family life.

C The singing TV cook who likes making jokes, playing with his children, and having an early night.

D The cook and comedian who takes great care about the way he cooks his food and enjoys listening to music more than anything.