

Grade 7 Life Orientation Worksheet

Further study institutions

Written presentation– passage and questions (Individual activity)

Read the following passage and then answer the questions that follow.

Abbey

Let me tell you about my friend, Abbey. She was one of those regular girls at school. She didn't do terribly well in sport, she didn't do very well in class and she passed her matric with an average Standard Grade pass. What I remember most about Abbey from school days is that none of that was important to her. She was a bubbly person, always chatting away and trying to solve other people's problems. I remember Abbey helping a friend study for a test once – for a subject that Abbey did not even take! But, that was Abbey.

When it came to deciding on our careers and future studies, the rest of our circle of friends began researching universities around South Africa. We were all intent on getting our degrees. One day, I sat with Abbey and asked her what she was going to do. With her bubbly, carefree way, I suppose I thought that Abbey might not have given her career any attention yet. I was pleasantly surprised!

"You know, Rose, I'm not terribly academic....," said Abbey thoughtfully. "But, I am creative and I do love people. I can chat all day long! And, I'm not lazy. I've been thinking that the perfect career for me would be hairdressing."

And so it was that Abbey began researching hairdressing as a career. Abbey found out the following useful and interesting information:

- She could attend college, where she would study for three years and obtain international certification in the field of hairdressing.
- Many different jobs and careers are linked to this qualification and opportunities exist in the following fields:
 - Film or television industries (grooming actors, presenters, interviewers and guests)
 - Working on luxury cruise liners
 - Styling for fashion magazines
 - Hair stylist
 - Hairdressing consultant
 - Marketing (promoting hair care and beauty products/services)
 - Sales (buying and selling of hair care and beauty products/services)
 - Self-employment

I suppose you are wondering what Abbey is doing today? She became a fabulous hairdresser and owns her own salon, employing 4 other hairdressers. She occasionally works on film shoots, but only because she has a few clients who are actresses and will not let anybody else touch their hair! I am not in the least bit surprised!

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QUESTIONS:

1. What are Abbey's personal strengths? [4]
2. Other than working in a hair salon, what else could Abbey do with a hairdressing qualification? Mention at least 5 other options. [5]
3. How do you think Abbey decided on hairdressing as a career? [4]
4. How long did Abbey have to study to be a hairdresser? [2]
5. What qualification did Abbey get once she had completed her studies? [2]
6. What do you think of hairdressing as a career? Describe your thoughts. [3]

Total marks: 20

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Suggested Solutions

Question number	Possible marks	Solution
1	4	Abbey is creative, friendly, bubbly and carefree. She is not lazy. She is likable and good at her job.
2	5	<p>There are many different jobs that Abbey could do, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Film or television industries (grooming actors, presenters, interviewers and guests) • Working on luxury cruise liners • Styling for fashion magazines • Hair stylist • Hairdressing consultant • Marketing (promoting hair care and beauty products/services) • Sales (buying and selling of hair care and beauty products/services) • Self-employment <p>Accept any 5; 1 mark per answer.</p>
3	4	Own answer. Learners may mention the fact that Abbey felt she was not terribly academic. Her strengths were her ability to communicate with people, her love for people and enjoying chatting. She enjoyed helping other people. Also, Abbey realised that to be a hairdresser she could not be lazy, as it meant many hours on her feet and she thought she could do this.
4	2	Abbey had to study for three years to be a hairdresser.
5	2	An international certificate in hairdressing.
6	3	Personal response.