Appendix E: Post-test (skimming & scanning)  

Text A

1) When Lydia Nash appeared on the TV program *Who wants to be a millionaire?* and was fortunate enough to win £16,000, she decided to give all the money away. This wouldn't have been surprising if she had been rich or famous, but Lydia is a 19-year-old student.

2) Lydia gave all the money to a charity which helps orphan children in Thailand and where she had also worked as a volunteer for the previous three years. ‘I first visited the orphanage when I was seventeen, and I felt very depressed by what I saw. When I got back to England I felt angry-looking around all I could see were people who were obsessed with money. That convinced me to return to Thailand the following year.’

3) After she won the money some of her friends at university thought that maybe she had made the wrong decision. 'Some people said, 'I should have saved it for a deposit to buy a house or to pay back my student loan.' Lydia said. 'That really annoyed me. Students seem to live in an unreal world, where they constantly complain about being poor. But there's an enormous difference between our situation and people who have absolutely no money.'

4) With the help of the money Lydia gave them, the charity has just finished building 'Rainbow House', a new facility that will house 50 young children, where they will live until they are adopted.

5) If Lydia had won a million pounds and not only £16,000, would she still have given away all the money? She said, ‘Before going on the show I thought a lot about what it would be like to have a lot of money, and I realized that I wouldn't like it at all. And then, of course, as I had been to the orphanage and had seen all the work that needed to be done, I knew how useful that money could be. It was far more important for the charity than it could ever be for me. I definitely think I got more enjoyment out of giving the money away than if I had kept it for myself.’
Read text A: choose the best answer.

1. The best topic for the text A is …..
   a. Why I do not like money?       b. Why I did not want to be a millionaire?
   c. I am poor but happy           d. Orphans in Thailand

2. Lydia gave her money to charity which helps orphans in …..

3. The charity will use the money to house …..
   a. Fifty young girls        b. Fifty young children
   c. Fifty young boys         d. Fifty children

4. Lydia is …..years old, she first visited the orphanage when she was …..
   a. Nineteen….. seventeen    b. Twenty……..seventeen
   c. Nineteen …. eighteen     d. Twenty …..eighteen

5. Before winning the money, Lydia had been to orphanage in Thailand for…..
   a. Once              b. Several times      c. Twice                  d. Never

Text B

1) The children who sang on Another Brick in the Wall by the British group Pink Floyd have changed their tune since 1979. 25 years later, they are trying to take the group to court because of unpaid royalties.

2) The song, which was a number 1 in the UK and abroad, was an attack on school and education and it had the famous chorus, “We don't need no education, we don't need no thought control… teacher, leave those kids alone!” The chorus was sung by thirteen school children from Islington Green School in London, who were taken to the Britannia Row record studios to sing on the recording by their music teacher. They never met the group and were not paid for their work. When the head of the school heard the song with its anti-
school lyrics, she banned the children from receiving any publicity or from appearing on TV.

3) Peter Rowan, a royalty expert from Edinburgh, has spent two years trying to find the children, now adults, and he intends to help them make a legal claim for royalties. Mr Rowan said, “They probably won't get more than a few hundred pounds each, but this is about recognition. They deserve to have their work recognized even if it has taken 25 years!”

4) Ian Abbott, 40, was one of the children who sang on the record. He said, ‘now I don't agree that “We don't need no education!”’ Education is so important. I really regret that I didn't study more at school. I would like to go to university now and get a degree. But work gets in the way when you get older. Sometimes I say to my nieces, "You must study harder," and they say, "But why? Look at what you sang on that song!"’

5) Mirabai Narayan, another one of the children, now works as a teacher herself. She said, ‘I sometimes wonder if the song influenced my career. My job now is to help kids with learning difficulties.’

Choose the best answer

6. The best topic for the text B is…..
   a. Pink Floyd  
   b. A royalty expert from Edinburgh
   c. We don’t need no education or do we?  
   d. The chorus

Read the text and mark the sentences true (T) or false (F).

7. The children got a little money for singing on the record.
   T  

8. The head of the school wasn’t happy about the song.
   T  

9. Peter Rowan was one of the thirteen children.
   T  

10. Ian Abbot is sorry that he didn’t work harder at school.
   T  

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