

GENERAL REVISION - LEVEL 8

1) READING COMPREHENSION

A) Read the text carefully. Put the clauses (a-e) back into the blanks (1-5).

The Rolling Stones – the greatest rock 'n' roll band in the world!

The group was formed in England in 1962 by school friends Mick Jagger and Keith Richards, together with guitarist Brian Jones. Later they were joined by Charlie Watts on drums and Bill Wyman on bass. **(1)** _____. They were soon pop idols with teenage fans all over Europe and America.



In 1964, they reached the UK Top 10 and the US Top 50 with 'Not Fade Away'. The 'bad boys' were on their way. 'Satisfaction' and '19th Nervous Breakdown', written by Jagger and Richards in 1965, are considered to be two of the greatest songs ever.

In 1966 The Beatles stopped touring and The Stones started.

They've been touring the world ever since and have continued to write great hits such as 'Jumpin' Jack Flash' (1968) and 'Honky Tonk Woman' (1969). However, with their fame came tragedy, caused by alcohol and drugs. **(2)** _____. In July 1969, he drowned in his own swimming pool. It was a painful time for The Stones, but they were still writing good songs. Their albums *Beggars Banquet* (1968) and *Sticky Fingers* (1971) were a huge success. Ronnie Wood joined the band in 1974, and during the 1970s they remained the biggest band in the world.

If Mick Jagger is the 'heart' of The Stones, then Keith Richards is 'the soul'. **(3)** _____. Mick can't even read music, but he has worked hard with Richards as a songwriter, following the example of 'The Beatles' John Lennon and Paul McCartney.

Besides his music career, Mick has fathered seven children with four women and donated to numerous charities. He is now 'Sir Mick'! **(4)** _____. Keith Richards has worked as an actor, appearing in the blockbuster movie *Pirates of the Caribbean* as the father of Jack Sparrow.

The Stones have made 55 albums and sold over 200 million records worldwide. They have played in all kinds of places from small clubs to huge stadiums. **(5)** _____. They have given more shows internationally than any other band in the world. Their last tour earned over \$559 million.

Since the 1960s, The Rolling Stones have been touring the world, giving their audiences the kind of music they love – rock 'n' roll. And despite their age, The Rolling Stones is a better band now than it ever was.

- a) The two have survived ups and downs in their careers and personal lives.
- b) He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 2003.
- c) Brian Jones became an addict and could no longer tour.
- d) They wanted a 'bad-boy' gang image in contrast of the most famous band of the time, The Beatles.
- e) In 2007, they played in front of the Tsar's Winter Palace in St. Petersburg, Russia, for 50,000 fans.

B) Tick the option (A, B, or C) which best completes the sentences below.

1. Mick Jagger and Keith Richards...
 - a) ... have composed songs with John Lennon and Paul McCartney.
 - b) ... have formed another band.
 - c) ... have been the essence of the Stones.
2. The Rolling Stones...
 - a) ... used to tour in the 70s.
 - b) ... used to play with The Beatles.
 - c) ... are still very successful.

C) Choose the statement which best summarizes the main idea in the text.

- A** – The Rolling Stones used to be very famous in the 1960s.
B - The Rolling Stones have been playing together for over 50 years, and for many people they are the 'Greatest Rock 'n' Roll Band in the world'.
C – Sir Mick Jagger and Keith Richards are the most influential members of the famous band.

2) FILL IN THE BLANKS

Use only one word in each blank. Use each word once.

A famous rebel – but was he really?

Mick Jagger went back to his old school recently – for the first time since he left in 1961. He was _____ (1) to the school to open the 'Mick Jagger Performing Arts Centre', a new music and drama department at Dartford Grammar School.

Jagger told them _____ (2) he was 'honoured' because the centre was named after him. But in a newspaper interview two days before he _____ (3) told a journalist that in fact he hated school and that he _____ (4) to be a rebel.

He didn't use to do the homework – 'there was far too much' – and he was continually at war with the teachers. He used to break the rules all the time, especially rules he _____ (5) were stupid, about how to wear the school _____ (6) and things like that. Once he even organized a mass protest



against horrible school dinners. 'It was probably the greatest contribution to school I ever made', he _____ (7). Although he made a good start at school, Jagger believes his school work deteriorated because of 'music and girls'.

_____ (8), according to one of his old school friends, musician Dick Taylor, this is not true. He says that Mick wasn't a rebel at all – he was _____ (9) smart and used to work hard. He also used to do a lot

of sport.

When Mick Jagger left school he had very good qualifications – so perhaps Dick's memory _____ (10) be better than Mick's...

3) KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the key word in CAPITALS on the right. Do not change the word on the right.

1. Richards and Jagger wrote 'Satisfaction' in the 60s. **BY**

'Satisfaction' _____ in the 60s.

2. Keith Richards had a problem with his new guitar. He will return it to the factory. **BACK**

Keith Richards had a problem with his new guitar. _____ to the factory.

3. The Rolling Stones made very long tours in the 1980s. **USED**

The Rolling Stones _____ very long tours in the 1980s.

4. I'm not sure if I will go to The Rolling Stones next concert in Argentina. **MIGHT**

_____ next concert in Argentina.

5. 'I will be a Rolling Stone forever' Keith Richards said to the reporters. **TOLD**

Keith Richards _____ a Rolling Stone forever.

KEY**1-A)**

1. d)
2. c)
3. a)
4. b)
5. e)

1-B)

1. c)
2. c)

1-C)

B – The Rolling Stones have been playing together for over 50 years, and for many people they are the 'Greatest Rock 'n' Roll Band in the world'.

2)

- 1) invited / welcomed
- 2) that / -
- 3) had
- 4) used
- 5) thought / believed / thought
- 6) uniform
- 7) said
- 8) However
- 9) quite /very / really
- 10) might / may / could

3)

1. 'Satisfaction' was written **BY** Richards and Jagger in the 60s.
2. Keith Richards had a problem with his new guitar. He will take it **BACK** to the factory.
3. The Rolling Stones **USED** to make very long tours in the 1980s.
4. I **MIGHT** go to The Rolling Stones next concert in Argentina.
5. Keith Richards **TOLD** the reporters (that) he would be a Rolling Stone forever.