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Reading Exam

ENGLISH FILE

EOI Exam Power Pack (Intermediate cycle)

PART 3

Read the text about the history of chocolate. For gaps 1–15 choose the correct answer a, b, or c. Gap 0 is the example.

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| ANSWER | c | | | | | | | |

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EOI Topic: Education, history, and politics

See: *English File third edition* Intermediate Files 7A, 10A

0 a by

b in

c at

1 a tell

b inform

c show

2 a believed

b considered

c regarded

3 a like

b as

c by

4 a any

b lots

c some

5 a attached

b added

c joined

6 a additions

b extensions

c expansions

7 a about

b among

c in

8 a invented

b born

c given

9 a developed

b worked

c did

10 a off

b on

c away

11 a modern

b latest

c newer

12 a clients

b customers

c consumers

13 a with

b for

c on

14 a must

b would

c may

15 a becomes

b has become

c becoming

Total 25

PART 3

Chocolate in History

Traces of chocolate found **0** b an ancient Mayan pot **1** _____ that people were drinking it 2,600 years ago. In South America chocolate was consumed in a bitter and spicy drink called 'xocoatl', often flavoured with vanilla or chilli pepper. People **2** _____ that the drink could help fight fatigue. Chocolate was also an important luxury product, and cocoa beans were often used **3** _____ currency.

Christopher Columbus brought **4** _____ cocoa beans to show Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain, but it was Hernán Cortés who introduced it to the European public. Chocolate was still served as a drink, but the Europeans **5** _____ sugar and milk, and removed the chilli pepper. These **6** _____ to the taste meant that by the 17th century it was popular **7** _____ European nobility.

At the end of the 18th century, the first form of solid chocolate was **8** _____ in Italy. In 1828, Dutchman Coenraad van Houten also **9** _____ a process of treating chocolate to take **10** _____ the bitter taste. This made it possible to create the **11** _____ chocolate bar.

According to a recent survey, the British are Europe's biggest **12** _____ of chocolate, eating an average of ten kilos per year: nearly five times as much as the Italians. In 2005 they spent £4.3 billion **13** _____ 605 thousand tonnes of chocolate, almost a quarter of the continent's supply.

Chocolate **14** _____ not be a luxury item anymore, but its production **15** _____ big business.