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Reading Exam

ENGLISH FILE

EOI Exam Power Pack (Intermediate cycle)

PART 1

You are going to read some extracts of different people's opinions about crime. Match extracts 1–5 with sentences A–H. There are two sentences you don't need to use. Extract 0 is the example.

EXTRACT	0	1	2	3	4	5
SENTENCE	G					

				TOTAL	

EOI Topic: Crime and punishment
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 File 10B, Grammar 5A

- A The person thinks the crime is serious and the police should take a more active role.
- B The person identified the criminal in a police line-up.
- C The person was held up in a public building by an armed man.
- D The person complains there is too much vandalism where he / she lives.
- E The person thinks most people don't react when they see a crime because they are frightened.
- F The person says the victim didn't know they'd been robbed until later.
- G *The person noticed that the suspect was not wearing clothes appropriate for the situation.*
- H The person helped a person who was attacked in the street.

PART 1

Is it a crime?**Extract 0, example**

I was at the beach last summer; it was such a hot day and really packed. You could hardly find a place to put your towel down. Anyway, there were two young guys next to us, fast asleep. One of them had a small, black rucksack next to him. Just then, I saw this guy, hanging around nearby, looking shifty and all suspicious; he was definitely not dressed for the beach. I turned away to talk to my son and when I looked round again, the black rucksack had gone. It must have been the shifty-looking guy.

Extract 1

I couldn't believe it was happening; it was just like in the movies. I was standing in the queue in the bank, it was about 9 o'clock I think, when this huge bloke appeared in the doorway. I remember he was wearing a grey anorak, jeans, black boots, and his face was covered by a hood. He had a gun in one hand and an iron bar in the other. Can you believe it? I was so shocked. As I said, just like the movies.

Extract 2

What gets me is that no one does anything. Maybe it's because they're just too surprised and scared. I was out shopping late one morning, on the high street, along with hundreds of other people when I saw this girl getting pushed up against a wall by a young man with a knife. I couldn't see his face because he had his back to me. Of course, in a matter of seconds he had taken her bag and had run off. Everyone just carried on shopping.

Extract 3

Maybe it's because I'm getting older or something, but I'm fed up with all these young kids coming out of the pub on Friday night and getting into fights. Everyone in the neighbourhood calls the police, but by the time they get here, it's too late. They leave everything in such a mess and they smash up the bus stop just about every weekend. There's glass everywhere, which isn't good for the young children playing in the area. And for the record, I'm sick of all the graffiti too!

Extract 4

I just don't understand why anyone would want to do it! How can you get in your car, or a stolen car for that matter, and drive at full speed on the wrong side of the road when you know that other cars will be coming towards you? I'm amazed there aren't more serious accidents. What's really sad is that kids who do this think it's fun to take these kind of risks! I think the police have got to get much tougher on this one.

Extract 5

Most people don't believe this story when I tell them, but this actually happened to my boyfriend just last summer. He'd gone out to celebrate the end of his exams with a couple of mates, and naturally they stayed out drinking really late. At 6.00 the next morning he got the first train home, he fell asleep and when he woke up, he found two big knife cuts in his jeans, and you guessed it, his wallet and mobile phone were missing!