

Test 1

SECTION 3

TUTOR: Hello. Jonathan Briggs, isn't it?  
JB: Yes, that's right.  
TUTOR: Do come in and sit down.  
JB: Thanks.  
TUTOR: Right. Well, Jonathan, as we explained in your letter, in this part of the interview we like to talk through your application form ... your experience to date, etc. ... and then in the second part you go for a group interview.  
JB: Group interview ... yes, I understand ...  
TUTOR: So ... your first degree was in Economics?  
JB: Yes, but I also did Politics as a major strand. Q21  
TUTOR: And you graduated in 1989. And I see you have been doing some teaching ...  
JB: Yes. I worked as a volunteer teacher in West Africa. I was there for almost three years in total from 1990 to ... umm ... 1992. Q22  
TUTOR: How interesting. What organisation was that with? Q23  
JB: It's not one of the major ones. It's called Teach South. Q24  
TUTOR: Oh, right. Yes, I have heard of it. It operates in several African countries, doesn't it? And what kind of school was it?  
JB: A rural co-operative. Q25  
TUTOR: Oh, a rural co-operative, how interesting ... and what did you teach?  
JB: A variety of things in different years ... ummm ... I did ... with Forms 1 to 3. Q26  
mainly Geography and some English with Form 5. Then in my final year I took Q27  
on some Agricultural Science with the top year ... that's Form 6.  
TUTOR: Right. Quite a variety then ...  
JB: I also ran the school farm.  
TUTOR: How interesting ...

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TUTOR: ... And how did you find the whole experience?

JB: I'll be honest with you. At the end of the first year I really wanted to leave and come home.

TUTOR: Why was that?

JB: Well. .. I was very homesick at first and missed my family ... Q28

TUTOR: Umm ... I can quite understand that.

JB: ... and I also found it frustrating to have so few teaching resources, but I did decide to stay and in the end I extended my tour to a third year.

TUTOR: Right. Things must have looked up then?

JB: Yes. We set up a very successful project breeding cattle to sell locally.

TUTOR: Really?

JB: And then after a lot of hard work we finally got funds for new farm buildings.

TUTOR: And you wanted to see things through?

JB: Uh-huh.

TUTOR: And is that why you want to train to teach Geography?

JB: Yes. I've had a couple of jobs since then but I now realise I like teaching best. And I chose Geography because ... because it is my favourite subject... and also because I think it has so many useful applications. Q29 Q30

TUTOR: Well. .. you certainly have had some interesting work experience. I'll ask you now to go on to the next stage of ...