

READING 2: Read the text and decide if the statements below are true (T), false (F) or not given (NG). (5 points)

Learning later in life

It is often said that we learn things at the wrong time. University students frequently do the minimum amount of work because they are crazy for a good social life instead. Children often scream before their piano practice because it is so boring. They have to be given gold medals to be persuaded to swim, or have to be bribed to take exams. But when you are older? Ah, now that is a different story!

When I was 30 I went to a college and did courses in History and English. It was an amazing experience. For starters, I was paying, so there was no reason to be late – I was the one frowning and drumming my fingers if the tutor was delayed, not the other way round. Indeed, I wasn't frightened to ask questions and homework was a pleasure not a pain. When I passed, I had passed for me alone, not my parents or my teachers.

Some people fear going back to school because they worry that their brains are not able to work properly. But they forget that their brain has learnt a large amount of other things since they were young. It has learnt to think independently and flexibly and is much better at relating one thing to another.

1. Piano practice is an example of something that people should not be forced to do because it is a very boring activity. ____
2. Children often refuse to do anything unless they are rewarded somehow. ____
3. Older people are not able to concentrate as well as when they were young. ____
4. When there is some tuition fee to be paid some students may be more motivated to take their studies more seriously. ____
5. Adult learners' big advantage is in their ability to use their brain in a more effective way. ____

KEY

1.F 2.T 3.NG 4.T 5.T