

1> Read the article. Complete gaps 1–4 with sentences A–E. There is one extra sentence.

- a I had to be on location long before the rest of the staff and work physically all day long.
- b Becoming a waiter or a call centre worker probably wouldn't be your first choice.
- c He selected me from over a hundred candidates.
- d Can you imagine how thrilled I was?
- e Only then will you reach the stars.

What is your dream job? A programmer? An actor? A lawyer? ¹_____ But whatever your ambition is, you may not be aware of how much effort may be required to fulfil it. I have been working as a documentary maker for ten years and have been awarded a few prestigious prizes. However, my career path hasn't always been a bed of roses.

After high school, I went to a highly ranked film academy and was accepted at the first attempt. The jury found the documentary I had made especially for the exam impressive and intriguing. ²_____ But, as it turned out, the exam was the easiest step in my career.

Being a distinctive student, I was offered a job as a third assistant to a well-known film director. And here came the first disappointment. The job didn't involve sharing ideas for how the film could be shot, as I had expected. ³_____ No one cared about my working hours. Here you may ask why I didn't quit. Because I soon realised that by cooperating with specialists at various stages of film creation, I gained more than by sitting in lecture halls. Apart from practical skills, I learned to overcome temporary hardships and respect all the people who were working hard in order to succeed.

Let's return to the initial question. Who do you want to be in ten years' time? Whatever your first choice is, you need to be modest and accept the difficulties on the way to your dream with humility. ⁴_____.

2> Read the article again and choose the best title.

- A My career path
- B Through hardships to the stars
- C The dream I dreamed

3> Complete the second, sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use the word given and no more than four other words.

- 1 When we decided to take a shortcut, we were not aware of the hardships of the route. **BEING**
We decided to take a shortcut, _____ the hardships of the route.
- 2 I was offered this job eight years ago and accepted it straight away. **DOING**
I _____ eight years.
- 3 We were impressed by the start-up's portfolio. We offered them a contract. **IMPRESSIVE**
The start-up, _____, were offered the contract.
- 4 The job interview was the easiest step in my career path. **EASY**
Nothing was _____ in my career path.
- 5 Apart from the theoretical knowledge, we also gained practical skills. **ONLY**
Not _____ the theoretical knowledge, but also practical skills.

4> **EXAM TASK** Droga do zdobycia wymarzonej pracy bywa trudna i czasami zniechęcająca. Tobie się udało. Napisz artykuł do lokalnej gazety, w którym opiszesz w jaki sposób dotarłeś/dotarłaś do punktu, w którym jesteś teraz, oraz zachęć młodych ludzi do wytrwałości. Tytuł oraz pierwsze zdanie wstępu zostało podane. Twoja praca powinna liczyć 200–250 słów, włączając słowa już podane.

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