

Self Check

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Reading

2.

a) notwithstanding (l. 7); b) dissimilarity (l. 14); c) drop (l. 21); d) uneven (l. 22).

3.

a) A process which, when started, is difficult to reverse.

b) Peace is obtained through barriers which avoid confrontations between different creeds.

c) It's difficult to implement changes there.

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Reading

4.

a) the diversity of cultures, ethnic groups or religious groups coexisting in the same place (country, city)

b) between Catholics and Protestants, who find it difficult to reach a peaceful agreement

c) he/she tends to leave that place which creates more segregation

5.

a) The relationship between Catholics and Protestants is very conflictuous, because they can't seem to find peace and keep on clashing due to their different religious beliefs.

b) The influx of immigrants in Northern Ireland has blurred a little the tension between Catholics and Protestants, as there's a greater mixture among the different creeds.

c) The last sentence of the text suggests that the diversity of people can lead to a global future, when people will have to accept each other's individuality, beliefs and traditions.

Vocabulary

a) heritage; b) naturalisation ... citizens; c) ethnic ... immigrants.

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Grammar

1.

a) She said that it reached a point when that minority thinks 'uh oh, I'm the only one here' and leaves.

b) She said that once an area was segregated, they never came back.

c) The author mentioned that reflected the proportion who would have to move in order to spread themselves evenly across the province's 582 wards.

d) She said that they had had some success in areas that were already /had already been fairly mixed.

e) He said that over the years officials had worked to create shared housing estates.

2.

Sugestões de resposta:

a) they will probably find it difficult to accept other cultures and traditions/they won't understand the value of each person.

b) prejudice will remain and cause suffering. / countries won't move forward / people won't live in a peaceful environment.

c) I would choose Switzerland to settle.

d) we would choose to be firefighters, because they give an essential help to everyone.

e) I would find a school for children in need.

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Grammar

3.

a) Although immigrants have to face obstacles, they are courageous and tenacious enough to overcome difficulties.

b) Being a refugee is devastating, because people's lives are turned upside down.

c) In times of war people have to accept change. However, the important thing is to survive.

d) Even though there are a lot of organisations which help the homeless and the poor, the aid provided is not enough to eradicate hunger and misery.

e) A lot of people do volunteer work, so that they can help others.