Summarising, Main Ideas, and Text Flow Worksheet 1:

Instructions: The following exercise is designed to practise the skills you need for Part 6 of the Reading and Use of English paper. Understanding main points and how sentences connect will help you see how a text is built.

Read the following article and answer the questions on the following pages.

Humans have been collecting items for centuries, and there are many reasons behind this enduring behaviour. Firstly, collecting allows people to preserve memories. Items such as postcards or souvenirs often hold sentimental value, reminding the collector of cherished experiences. Additionally, collections can give individuals a sense of achievement. Completing a set or finding a rare item can be immensely satisfying, boosting a person's confidence.

Moreover, collecting often serves as a form of self-expression. People choose items that reflect their personality, interests, and values, creating a personal narrative through their collection. However, not all collections are driven by positive motivations. Some individuals collect obsessively, which can lead to issues with clutter or even hoarding.

Consequently, psychologists sometimes study collecting as a way to understand human attachment to objects. As a result, this universal habit highlights both the joy and complexity behind why people feel compelled to gather and treasure specific items.

Questions

1. Give a title for this article.

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2. Choose one sentence from the text to summarise the whole article.

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3. Sum up each paragraph in one word or short phrase.

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4. What is the main point of this article?

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5. What are the supporting points of this article?

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6. Understanding Text Flow Read the excerpts from the article. For each one, choose an option (A, B, or C) that best describes the function of the second part of the excerpt.

Excerpt 1:

> "Firstly, collecting allows people to preserve memories. Items such as postcards or souvenirs often hold sentimental value, reminding the collector of cherished experiences."

Question: The second sentence ("Items such as...") functions as:

A) A contrast to the first sentence.
B) An example that explains the first sentence.
C) A consequence of the first sentence.

Excerpt 2:

"Additionally, collections can give individuals a sense of achievement. Completing a set or finding a rare item can be immensely satisfying..."

Question: The second sentence ("Completing a set...") helps to:

A) Introduce a new, different reason for collecting.
B) Show a negative result of collecting.
C) Develop and explain the "sense of achievement."

Excerpt 3:

"...collecting often serves as a form of self-expression. ... However, not all collections are driven by positive motivations."

Question: The sentence beginning with "However..." is used to:

A) Add another example of self-expression.
B) Introduce a contrasting point to the previous ideas.
C) Give a reason for why people express themselves.

Summarising, Main Ideas, and Text Flow Worksheet 1 Answers:

Your answers may vary and they may include different words to express the same idea as the examples given in the answer key. That Is totally fine and would still be considered correct answers.

1. Some titles could be…
   - ➢ **Why Do Humans Collect Things? (best)**
   - ➢ The Joy and Complexity of Collecting
   - ➢ Collecting: More Than Just a Hobby
- Some examples of bad titles are...
   - ➢ The Economic Value of Collecting
   - ➢ A History of Collecting
2. Some sentences to summarise could be…
   - ➢ **Humans have been collecting items for centuries, and there are many reasons behind this (enduring) behaviour. (best)**
   - ➢ **…**collecting is often a way to self-express. People choose items that reflect their personality, interests, and values, creating a personal narrative through their collection
   - ➢ …this (universal) habit highlights both the joy and complexity behind why people want to gather and treasure specific items.
3. Phrases to sum up each paragraph
   - ➢ **Reasons (for collecting)**
   - ➢ **Identity (self-expression)**
   - ➢ **Psychology (of human attachment)**
4. Main point is…
   - ➢ Humans collect things for various personal, emotional, and psychological reasons, which reflect both the joy and complexity of this behaviour.
5. Supporting points are…
   - ➢ Preservation of Memories
   - ➢ Sense of Achievement
   - ➢ Self-Expression
   - ➢ Potential Negative Aspects
   - ➢ Joy and Complexity
6. **Understanding Text Flow**
   Excerpt 1- B
   Excerpt 2- C
   Excerpt 3. B