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# LEARNING A NEW JOB

**Listen to Marta talking about her apprenticeship. For questions 1 to 7, choose the correct answer.**

1. What did Marta do after leaving school?
   a. She got a job.
   b. She went to university.
   c. She started her apprenticeship.

2. How did she find out about the apprenticeship?
   a. from a friend
   b. from a university jobcentre
   c. from a magazine

3. How many departments does she work in each year?
   a. three
   b. four
   c. five

4. Which department is she working in at the moment?
   a. administration
   b. services
   c. environment

5. How often does she attend lectures?
   a. one day a week
   b. two days a week
   c. three days a week

6. How many apprentices attend her lectures?
   a. four
   b. twelve
   c. fifty

7. Which sentence is NOT true about her plans for after the apprenticeship?
   a. She must work for the company for four years.
   b. She is interested in working in planning.
   c. She would like to work in Indonesia.

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# TRANSCRIPTION

Well, when I left school, three years ago, lots of my friends went to university, but it was too expensive for me to go. I was unhappy because they seemed to be having a great time. I just had a job at a building company in my home town. It was okay. At least I got paid.

I was planning to save up money to go to university, but then I read about the apprenticeship in a magazine at work, and applied for it and got it! It's the best of both worlds, I think.

Well, the apprenticeship is for a big construction company and it's four years long. I work in a different department every four months and learn what happens in each one. I'm in my second year now. Last year I worked in planning, safety and administration.

Now I'm working in the environmental department, and next, I'm going to be working in services.

I do three days a week in the office or on site, doing a normal job. Then for two days per week, we have lectures and classes at the company's offices.

They take on twelve a year, so at the moment there are, I guess, just under fifty of us altogether, over the four different year groups. Then the twelve people in my year are divided equally among the three departments, so there are three other people currently working in the environment department with me. The twelve people in my year group meet up together on study days and we learn the same things.

Well, I agreed with the company to work for them for three years after I finish the training. But that's okay. I can decide which department I work in. So far, my favourite department to work in has been planning, so I might work in that. There are opportunities to work abroad too. The company does a lot of projects in Indonesia. So, I'd like to go there. After those three years, I don't know.


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# ANSWER KEY

1. a.
2. c.
3. a.
4. c.
5. b.
6. b.
7. a.


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