



ACTIVITY SHEET

EPISODE 17: WATER AND AGEING

Identify whether these sentences are formal, informal or whether the two styles have been mixed.

Question 1: The government has indicated that the system would be beneficial to the pensioners.

Answer:
a. formal
b. informal
c. mixed

Question 2: Some candidates find speaking to be the most difficult thing they've got to do.

Answer:
a. formal
b. informal
c. mixed

Question 3: As a result of the findings, the scientists commenced research into sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

Answer:
a. formal
b. informal
c. mixed

Question 4: It was shown that the conclusions didn't measure up.

Answer:
a. formal
b. informal
c. mixed [was shown – formal, impersonal construction; didn't – informal, contraction]

Question 5: The survey from which the results were tabulated indicated the standard of living for these people has declined significantly.

Answer:
a. formal
b. informal
c. mixed



Question 6: I think this project was very helpful.

Answer:
 a. formal
 b. informal
 c. mixed

Question 7: After the berries are harvested, the machine removes the pulp, leaving a thin parchment-like skin.

Answer:
 a. formal
 b. informal
 c. mixed

Question 8: There are many factors contributing to the argument and, therefore, should be considered before a decision is reached.

Answer:
 a. formal
 b. informal
 c. mixed

Question 9: The prices were increased by the company so it isn't clear what the effect will be.

Answer:
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ANSWERS

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