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Jean Paul Getty

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Jean Paul Getty (December 15, 1892 – June 6, 1976) was an American industrialist and founder of the Getty Oil Company.

Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, into a family already in the oil business, he was one of the first people in the world with a fortune of over \$1 billion U.S. dollars. He was an eager collector of art and antiquities, and his collection forms the basis of the J. Paul Getty Museum in California.

He studied at the University of Southern California, then at Berkeley before graduating in 1914 from Magdalen College, Oxford with degrees in economics and political science. He worked during the summers on his father's oil fields in Oklahoma. Running his own oil company in Tulsa, he made his first million by 1916. However, in 1917, he **announced** that he was **retiring** to become a Los Angeles-based playboy. Although he finally returned to business, Getty had lost his father's **respect**. Just before George Franklin Getty died in 1930, he believed that Jean Paul would destroy the family company, and told him so.

He moved to England in the 1950s, where he lived and worked at his 16th-century Tudor estate, Sutton Place near Guildford, until his death.

I. Comprehension Check: (5)

- 1. What was Jean Paul Getty's job?
 - (A) A fortune teller. (B) A businessman.
- (C) A musician.
- (D) A factory worker.
- 2. According to the reading, at which school did Jean Paul Getty **NOT** study?
 - (A) University of Southern California.
- (B) University of California, Berkeley.

(C) Oxford University.

- (D) The University of Oklahoma.
- 3. When did Jean Paul Getty make his first million?
 - (A) At his age of 25.

- (B) When he moved to English in 1950s.
- (C) Before he was going to die in 1930.
- (D) At his study in Magdalen College.
- 4. Who is George Franklin Getty?
 - (A) Jean Paul Getty's boss.

- (B) Jean Paul Getty's father.
- (C) The director of J. Paul Getty Museum.
- (D) The president of Oxford University.

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- 5. Why did Jean Paul Getty lose his father's respect?
 - (A) Because Jean Paul Getty did not make enough money.
 - (B) Because Jean Paul Getty gave up running his father's oil company.
 - (C) Because Jean Paul Getty once was a playboy.
 - (D) Because Jean Paul Getty gave all his money to the museum.

Answers: B D C B C

II Words for Learning: (10)

publish (vt) published	發表	p. 178 (on the page of the dictionary)	
Her first novel was published. (the sentence cited from the dictionary)			
1. billion (adj)			p.
2. run (vt)			p.
3. announce (vt)			p.
4. retire (vi)			p.
5. respect (n)			p.
6.			p.
7.			p.

III. Summary or Reflection (Optional, 5)