



## Reading 144

*You are going to read an article about student life in Cambridge. Five sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A–H the one which fits each gap (1–5). Put the correct letter into the square [ ]. There are 3 extra sentences.*

### Student life in Cambridge

Many students live and study in the ancient college buildings, but the popular image of the Cambridge undergraduate waited on by college servants, climbing in after hours, getting up to pranks and being chased by proctors in flapping gowns has now passed onto history. [ 1 ] Students' rooms in college are still cleaned, and their beds often made, by 'bedders', but the 'gyp', or manservant, has disappeared. The old rules making students get back at night before the gates closed have also vanished, along with the celebrated practice of climbing in.

Undergraduates no longer go about the city wearing gowns. They used to have to wear them for lectures, supervisions, chapel, meals in hall and outside the college after dark.

[ 2 ]

The famous May Balls are held to celebrate the end of exams, when undergraduates have finished their degree courses studying subjects which range from accountancy to zoology. [ 3 ] They are held in May Week, a round of celebration actually held in June. Another May Week event is the 'bumps', a rowing 'race' designed for the narrow Cam in which rowing 'eights' race one behind the other, starting one and a half lengths apart, the aim to bump the boat in front.

Rowing is a traditional sport for Cambridge students and many colleges have their own boathouses beside the river opposite Midsummer Common. For the famous Oxford-Cambridge boat race the Cambridge crew practise at Ely. [ 4 ] Cambridge students are also renowned for music and drama, the chapel choirs of King's and St John's colleges. [ 5 ] The famous Footlights comedy group has launched many a star to success.

- A) They are known throughout the world for their broadcasts and recordings.
- B) Years ago university officials called proctors used to patrol the streets.
- C) The lavish balls are held by colleges and a traditional way to round them off is to punt to Grantchester for breakfast.
- D) With so many students and dons in Cambridge, its bookshops are among the finest in the country.
- E) May Balls, bumps and rags still, however, live on.
- F) Now they are worn mainly on special occasions such as chapel services, formal college meals in hall and degree ceremonies.
- G) The conditions on the Great Ouse are closer to those on the Thames.
- H) Graduation Days are known as 'General Admission'.

# Reading 144 — Keys

## KEY

1 E

2 F

3 C

4 G

5 A

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