GRAMMAR

Complete the sentences by underlining the correct verb.

1. I have had / had two teeth taken out last week.

2. If I have / had money, I'd pay for the meal.

3. Jane phoned earlier and said that she will / would be late.

4. The next two lessons were / have been cancelled.

5. I can't do these sums. I wish I have / had a calculator with me.

5 pts

Complete the email by putting the verbs in brackets into their correct forms.

Dear Frances,

I'm sorry I .........................6. (not write) to you lately, but I .........................7. (work) hard. When I received your last letter I .........................8. (act) in a play at school, and when I .........................9. (finish) that, I went on holiday with my friends. I meant to send you a postcard, but I .........................10. (forgot) to take your address with me and my phone. How are you getting on at college?

You .........................11. (not say) much about it in your last letter. I hope you still like it. I .........................12. (start) work in London after I .................................13. (leave) school in July, and I want to see you before then.

Do you want to come and stay for a few days? I .........................14. (do) so many exciting things lately. I've just learned to drive and my parents sometimes lend me their car, so I often go out with friends. Maybe I .........................15. (drive) to York and see you one day.

5 pts (0.5 each)
Choose the best answer (a-c) to complete each sentence below. Put the LETTER of your answer in the space provided.

16. I didn't know ................. to ask about my timetable.
   a/ who   b/which   c/whose

17. Sorry, I can't hear ............. of you properly.
   a/either   b/neither   c/both

18. She won the race, ............... falling over.
   a/although   b/ despite   c/however

19. Sally had her windows ............. by vandals.
   a/breaking   b/broken   c/broke

20. I congratulated Tina ............. passing her exam.
   a/of   b/on   c/at

Total points: ............ / 15 points
Complete each sentence (1-10) with the best answer (A-C). Put the LETTER of your answer in the space provided.

1. He gave up his job and __________ out of society. He is homeless now.
   A dropped              B left              C ran

2. One of the issues which is still a taboo topic is __________ violence.
   A family                 B home              C domestic

3. The kidnappers demanded a 100,000 euros __________ for releasing the girl.
   A charge                    B ransom              C fine

4. In many countries, men over 18 have to do __________ service.
   A army                    B soldier                C military

5. We should protect __________ species from extinction.
   A danger                 B dangerous            C endangered

6. Drop me __________ when you get a chance.
   A a word                     B a sentence            C a line

7. Don't worry; I'll __________ you when I arrive.
   A copy                       B text                        C sms

8. This is a major scientific __________ that marks the beginning of a whole new era.
   A breakthrough            B outbreak              C break-in

9. The school is not subsidised by the state, so you have to pay a/an ___________.
   A price                         B fee                     C schooling

10. You should get __________ of all these knickknacks; they're just taking up space.
    A rid                           B out                      C off

5 pts (0.5 each)
Complete the text below by putting the WORD in brackets into the correct form in the gap provided.

6. The resort was crowded with ................................................... (HOLIDAY) who occupied all the hotels and restaurants.

7. This ................................................... (PICTURE) village is situated on a beautiful lake.

8. I decided to go on a ................................................... (SIGHT) tour around London.

9. The storm was about to start and I had that ................................................... (SECURE) feeling it might be fierce.

10. It was ................................................... (RESPONSIBLE) to make a campfire so close to the forest.

5pts

Total points: ............... / 10 points
The Adventurous Race

As Tim Bellimore, an experienced yachtsman, stood alone on his boat at the beginning of the Vendee Globe round-the-world race, he was impatient to get going. Being at the starting line on this cold winter's day was a moment that he had waited for for five years. This was the race that he had always wanted to win, and he was looking forward to the 35,000 km voyage that lay ahead.

Within five days, he was back at the start because he had lost half his fuel. The boat was repaired, and he set off again, determined to catch up with the others. He continued to have problems with his equipment - his satellite communication system broke down, which meant that he was unable to receive weather forecasts.

By New Year's Day, however, he had made excellent progress and was in the Southern Ocean, only 900 miles north of Antarctica. Over the next few days, the weather began to change, and he felt sure that a storm was coming. He was right. The seas continued to get rougher and the winds grew stronger. When he was hit by the full force of the storm, the winds were blowing so strongly that the waves were as high as six-storey buildings. He tried to steer the boat out of the storm for ten hours, but as night began to fall, the exhausted yachtsman decided to go below.

As he was sitting in the cabin, he suddenly heard a deafening noise and the whole boat turned upside down. He found himself standing on the ceiling, but unhurt. He held on and waited for the boat to turn back over, but in the long silence that followed, he began to realize what had happened. The keel, which helps to keep the boat the right way up, had broken off. The boat was not going to turn over.

Worse was to come. As day began to dawn, he heard the noise of something tapping against the big window below him. Suddenly, the window broke and the sea came rushing in. The lights went out and he could only wait and see if the water would fill the boat. It stopped at waist level, leaving him soaked but with enough air to survive for the time being. He climbed up onto a shelf and began to think of some way of getting out. He tried to stay calm and hopeful - maybe a ship would pass by, and someone would notice the boat and send for help. But he knew he did not have long, although there were supplies of food on the boat, they were out of reach, and there was no way he could get to them.

By the third day, the cold and dark were making him very tired. He thought of his wife and friends and admitted to himself that there was little chance he would ever see them again. But then, just as he was beginning to lose hope, he heard the noise of a helicopter. Soon afterwards he could hear footsteps above him and the sound of a human voice. He shouted out that he was still alive and was coming out. He dived down into the icy water that had imprisoned him and swam deep to get clear of the boat.
When he came up to the surface, he saw his rescuers. As they pulled him into the rubber boat, he looked at the man who was helping him and joked, "If you didn't have a beard, I'd kiss you." Everyone laughed, and that wonderful moment was captured by TV cameras and sent round the world.

Decide whether each of these statements is true (T) or false (F). Circle your answers.

1. He was keen for the race to start because he had wanted to take part in it for years.  
   T  F

2. He returned to the start because his radio had broken down.  
   T  F

3. The storm lasted for ten hours.  
   T  F

4. The boat turned upside down because it was blown over by the wind.  
   T  F

5. After the water came into the boat there was still some air in the cabin.  
   T  F

6. He did not panic because he knew that he had enough food to eat.  
   T  F

7. He decided to swim out of the cabin when he thought that his situation was hopeless.  
   T  F

8. Rescuers used aircraft to find him.  
   T  F

9. His wife thought she would never see him again.  
   T  F

10. He was so happy that he kissed the man who rescued him.  
    T  F

10 points

Total points: ............./ 10 pt
LISTENING COMPREHENSION

You will hear Tom, a student, talking about the A-level exams. Listen carefully and decide which of the statements (a, b, c or d) best completes each statement. Circle the letter of your answer.

1. Tom wanted to get a place at the Faculty of Law so...
   a/ he did all the old tests before taking A-levels.
   b/ his mother asked him to work hard.
   c/ he did very well during the last school year.
   d/ he worked harder than before.

2. Tom is ...
   a/ disappointed with all his results.
   b/ satisfied with all his results.
   c/ disappointed with one subject.
   d/ sure he could have done better in all the subjects.

3. Tom thinks that...
   a/ the exams were more difficult than last year.
   b/ not so difficult as before.
   c/ similar to those that were given last year.
   d/ much easier than last year.

4. Other students think the opinion presented in the media that the exams were too easy...
   a/ is not justified.
   b/ is right.
   c/ doesn't matter.
   d/ makes them feel proud.

5. Tom worked as a paper boy...
   a/ because he liked the job.
   b/ because he wanted to pay for his tuition.
   c/ because he had a lot of spare time.
   d/ because he couldn't find anything else to do.
LISTENING COMPREHENSION (continued)

6. Tom has chosen to study in Birmingham because...
   a/ his friends live there.
   b/ he has an uncle there.
   c/ he has a place to live there.
   d/ Birmingham offers better opportunities.

7. Tom isn't going to study Law because...
   a/ his friend is studying Political Sciences.
   b/ he didn't get a place at the Faculty of Law.
   c/ he knows he will get a job in Brussels.
   d/ after completing Political Sciences he hopes to find a good job.

8. Tom's friends ...
   a/ got places at universities they'd applied for.
   b/ didn't get places at universities and they go to work.
   c/ got places but not at the particular universities they'd applied for.
   d/ aren't very ambitious.

9. Tom is going to study at university because...
   a/ his mother told him to do so.
   b/ his friends are going with him.
   c/ his uncle studied at the university too.
   d/ he is a very ambitious boy.

10. Tom's uncle...
   a/ is going to work in Brussels.
    b/ is going to live in Edinburgh
    c/ is going to work in the Emirates.
    d/ is going to live in Birmingham.

Total points:............./ 5pts (0.5each)

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