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G R A M M A R

I Read this article about a football team and fill each gap with only one word.

A Club of Losers

The situation at Castle United looks hopeless. The team can't score goals and they can't stop other teams from scoring (1) them either. (2)of cheering, the supporters boo their team (3)the pitch at half-time. They're not going to win the Cup and they are not going to win the League (4) Something needs to be done soon, (5) the club's finances and its ability to attract the better players will be affected. Some people say they should sack the (6), but others think the players are not good enough, (7) they get a new coach or not. (8) one thing is sure, (9) serious action is taken or the situation will get (10) worse./5pts

II Decide whether each sentence is grammatically possible (P) or not (NP). Write your answer at the end of each line.

- 11 If you haven't received a letter yet, you haven't got the job.
 - 12 If it isn't for David, we are missing the bus.
 - 13 If it's raining, we're going to go to the pub on the corner instead.
 - 14 If you didn't lend us the money, we would have gone to the bank.
 - 15 If you should happen to change your mind, drop me a line.
 - 16 If it wasn't for the rain, we would have been home by now.
 - 17 If you will drive so fast, no wonder the police keep stopping you.
 - 18 If I knew you were coming, I would have met you at the airport.
 - 19 But for you helped us, we could have taken much longer.
 - 20 If Jack joins the team, I'm leaving.
-/5pts

G R A M M A R (continued)

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III Use the word given in block capitals to form a word that fits in the gap.

**AGENT, SECURE, KNOW, GLAMOUR, EVIDENT, LAW, ATTEND,
GENERAL, PREDICT, MISS**

BEING A PRIVATE DETECTIVE

Private detectives are employed by (21), businesses and ordinary members of the public. They need to have detailed (22) of the law and be good at blending into a crowd without attracting (23) The hours are very long and they are also (24) - every day is different.

Kevin Smith runs his own detective (25) in London. He has been working as a private detective now for 30 years. What kind of work does the company do?

“We (26) take on anything that a client asks us to do,” he explains. “A client might ask us for (27)..... that someone is breaking the law or someone might ask us to find a (28) member of their family. Some companies even ask us to check their (29) by breaking into their offices.”

But is the job as (30)as it seems on TV? “Not really,” says Kevin.

“You can spend 12 hours in a car waiting for someone.!”

...../ 5pts

Total Points...../15pts

V O C A B U L A R Y

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1 Make combinations using a word from box A and a word from box B to complete the sentences.

A/ long, make, nitty, half, saving

B/ grace, gritty, winded, hearted, believe

- 1 I feel we're not really getting to the of the issue.
2 The of the whole situation is that we will no longer have to spend money on a project that was doomed to fail anyway.
3 He lives in a world which is very different from reality.
4 It was a lecture which said very little.
5 She joined us in a rather way; you could see she really didn't want to be with us.

...../2,5 pts

2 Choose one of the idioms A- F to replace the underlined phrases 6 - 10 below. Write the correct letters in the space provided at the end of each line. There is one extra idiom you do not need to use.

- A to put someone in the picture
B to think the world of someone
C to look as miserable as sin
D to hit it off
E to be walking on air
F to let the cat out of the bag

- 6 Jane admires her father very much.
7 When I met my penfriend, we immediately got on like a house on fire.
8 Why have the children had such unhappy faces all evening?
9 If you come round this evening I'll explain everything to you.
10 I've been on cloud nine ever since I heard your good news.

...../2,5 pts

3 Circle the best of the underlined words to complete each sentence

- 11 That suit makes her look rather mannish / manly.
12 Go on, jump. Don't be such a tomboy / sissy!
13 Younger men are said to be more male / virile than older ones.
14 She always dressed in a very feminine / effeminate way. You never see her in trousers.
15 The masculine / male cat is less aggressive than his sister.

...../2,5 pts

4 Correct the mistakes in these sentences. Write the correct answer in the space provided.

- 16 Let me just **jott in** your e-mail address, or I'll forget it.
17 I'll just **scramble** a note for Jim to tell him where we've gone.
18 I spent the whole lesson just **dawdling** in the margin of my exercise book. I was so bored.
19 The policeman wrote him **down** for a traffic violation.
20 I'll send you a **drift** of the letter so you can suggest any changes.

...../2,5 pts

Total Points...../10pts

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Make a list of verbs for eating:

MUNCH,

You will score 1 point for every 2 correctly spelled answers.

READING COMPREHENSION

Read the text below. There are two exercises to do after you read.

It's all been done before by Linda Baxter

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Today's amazing newspaper headline!

First family of four to walk to the South Pole wearing Mickey Mouse ears and clown's shoes.

No, not really. It isn't true. I invented it. But I wouldn't be surprised to see it one day soon. It seems that every week someone becomes 'the first' or 'the youngest' or 'the oldest' or even 'the first married couple' to do something that doesn't seem to be very useful to the rest of humanity.

This year I've seen headlines saying 'The youngest person to sail the Atlantic alone', 'The youngest Briton to climb Mount Everest', 'The first person to cross the Pacific Ocean on a windsurfing board', and 'The first people to fly around the world in a hot air balloon'. Why do they do it? Don't they have better things to do with their time and money? And why should I be interested anyway?

Human beings have already climbed the highest mountains, sailed across the oceans and flown around the world. People have already reached the most remote parts of our planet. Many of these things were done a long, long time ago. There just isn't anything left to explore nowadays. I suppose there's still a lot of the universe left, and the bottom of the oceans is still a bit of a mystery, but you need a lot of technology to explore areas like that. So, those people who feel the need for adventure can only do things that have been done before. So they have to try and do it in a new way, or be 'the fastest' or 'the youngest' or 'the oldest' to do something that isn't really new at all. Or they can start new combinations of achievements - 'The first woman to walk to both the North and South Poles and skateboard down Mount Everest'. (I invented that one too, but I think you get the idea.)

What is so great about climbing Mount Everest these days anyway? It's become a popular tourist trip. People pay thousands of dollars to be taken up the mountain by the local Sherpas, who lead the way and carry the bags. At any one time there are about a thousand people either climbing up or on their way back down. As a result, Everest is covered with rubbish and the Sherpas have to make special trips up the mountain to pick it up. The climbers are often inexperienced and when they get into trouble other people have to risk their lives to bring them down to safety. Helicopter crews have been killed trying to reach people who were stuck on the mountain.

In May this year, a British man became the first person to walk alone from Canada to the geographic North Pole. Personally, if I wanted to visit the Arctic, I'd rather go as a tourist on a cruise ship, with a helicopter trip to the North Pole included in the price. But OK, this man decided that he wanted to walk. Fair enough. And I'm sure it was a difficult thing to do. The problem was that he went in the spring, when the ice begins to melt and break up. So he got stuck on an isolated piece of ice and a plane had to be sent in to rescue him. It's very difficult to land a plane on breaking ice and the people who risked their lives to do it weren't very happy. They called the timing of the expedition 'a bit stupid'.

In January 2003 a helicopter carrying two British men crashed into the sea near Antarctica. I'm not quite sure what they were trying to be 'the first' or 'the youngest' to do. The Chilean navy picked them up after a nine-hour rescue mission that cost tens of thousands of pounds. All paid for by Chilean and British taxpayers.

Talking of taxpayers, many Australians are getting a bit fed up with record breakers. A lot of people trying to break sailing or rowing records get into trouble in the seas around Australia, so the Australian navy has to send ships to save them. There have been a lot of difficult, time-consuming rescue missions in recent years costing the Australian government millions of dollars. I suppose we can't just leave them to drown, but personally, I think we should give the bill to the people who are rescued. Perhaps they would think twice about doing it if they had to pay for expensive insurance premiums. Then I wouldn't have to read about them in the newspapers either.

What do you think? Are these explorers heroes or a danger to other people? Examples of courage and determination which should inspire the rest of us? Or a waste of time, energy and money?

Rahsan Yildirim writes:

First of all I would like to say that I respect people's ideas and they are of course free to do anything and become "the first" or "the youngest" as long as they do not give trouble to other people.

Honestly I could not do these kind of expeditions done by record breakers: firstly I prefer to spend my money on useful things like education, to help people and children as much as possible or visit different countries, histories,

