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## **G R A M M A R**

**For questions 1 – 10, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers in the space provided below the text.**

The idea of trying to imagine (0) what sort of animals will be living on our planet in thousands (1)..... not millions of years' time seems at first sight to be futile. Can we possibly imagine what's in store so far in the future? The team of scientists (2) ..... work on this question is to be published soon have, all the same, applied a great deal more than guesswork (3)..... the task.

Each of them, specializing in a different scientific discipline, has used understanding of the past to figure (4)..... all the environments that may be available to future life forms. By studying past ice ages and climates, they have deduced the (5)..... in which weather patterns will, in all probability, affect different areas of the globe. From their study of past evolution, they claim they can predict (6)..... life will adapt to fit the new ecological conditions (7)..... about by these changes. Because there was a series of rules governing evolution in the past, it requires no great leap of faith to look in the other direction. The result is a collection of very weird-looking creatures. (8) ..... the scientists admit they may be wrong, they say it is the (9) ..... they can come up with, based on what they know, with just a little imagination thrown in for really ( 10) ..... measure.

1 ..... 2 ..... 3..... 4 .....

5 ..... 6 ..... 7 ..... 8 .....

9 ..... 10 .....

**10 points**

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**Finish each of the sentences (11 – 15) in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence printed before it.**

- 11 In order to get to the solution, we had to start again from the beginning.

Only .....  
.....

- 12 The investigators think a fault in the fuel lines caused the crash.

A fault .....  
.....

- 13 Do you think you could take charge of the catering?

You .....  
.....

- 14 We expect everything to be all right at tomorrow's tournament.

Nothing .....  
.....

- 15 The Principal will make a speech and present you with the certificate.

A speech will be made by the Principal from .....  
.....

**5 points**

**Total Points: ..... /15 pts**

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## VOCABULARY

**Complete each sentence (1-10) with the best answer (A - D). Circle the correct answer.**

- 1 He finally got the reward he so richly .....  
A owes                      B earns                      C deserves                      D justifies
- 2 My watch seems to be ..... several minutes a day.  
A forwarding                      B gaining                      C progressing                      D moving on
- 3 What is your attitude to the .....of performance-enhancing drugs for athletes?  
A legalising                      B legality                      C permission                      D allowance
- 4 He is a (an)..... authority on the subject.  
A eminent                      B expert                      C prominent                      D quality
- 5 Her performance in the last scene was quite.....  
A describable                      B remarkable                      C notable                      D noticeable
- 6 The painting bears a ..... resemblance to El Greco's earlier works.  
A heated                      B fine                      C striking                      D comparable
- 7 Considerations of safety were eventually ..... by those of the cost.  
A compared                      B outweighed                      C predominated                      D prevailed
- 8 These days the castle is swamped with ..... of tourists.  
A hordes                      B cliques                      C mobs                      D assemblies
- 9 They continually tried to ..... the opposition in the final match.  
A outdo                      B surmount                      C excel                      D compete
- 10 The sudden ..... in viewing figures encouraged more advertisers.  
A upshot                      B upturn                      C upkeep                      D uptake

**Total Points: ...../ 10 pts**

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**V O C A B U L A R Y:   P R O G R E S S I V E   T E S T**

**Make a list of positive and negative adjectives.**

**You will score 1 point for every three pairs of correctly spelled adjectives.**

**(Time limit: 3 minutes)**

**Example:     legal   -   illegal**

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## **READING COMPREHENSION**

**Read a magazine interview with five female MPs (Members of Parliament). There is one task to do on the next page after you have read the text.**

Women have been taking up seats in the Parliament since 1920. Sharon Garfinkle talks to female MPs about the pressure and prejudice they still face today.

### **Edwina Currie**

This place is full of people whose way of thinking is amazingly old-fashioned. When my novel was published, I was talking to a journalist friend when a male colleague came and put his arm around me. I introduced him to the journalist and the MP said: 'I have always said we shouldn't have women in this place. They aren't suited for it. They ought to be at home looking after children.' The journalist's mouth dropped open. My own feeling is that when we get 200 hundred women here, this tone will disappear.

Being a Parliamentarian is a very demanding job. It means conflict between home and occupation for both men and women. It is no ordinary job – you must have a huge amount of commitment and energy.

### **Harriet Harman**

If Parliament is to include women, it has to be run in a different way. The issues for me are different to the issues for male MPs because they might have a wife who is taking responsibility for their children, whereas I don't. I became a new MP and a new mother at more or less the same time. Both of these were overwhelming experiences. One of the critical things for me is that my constituency and home are in London and only fifteen minutes from the Houses of Parliament.

In the future women in Parliament will not be an issue. We'll be here in equal numbers and on equal terms.

### **Diana Maddock**

I knew that Parliament would be a strange place and I would be surrounded by arrogant men, but the reality was twenty times worse. Taking my seat was quite an upheaval. I have a pager, so my two teenage daughters can always get a message to me. As I've become more involved with politics over the years it has played a greater part in their life. But they both did well in their exams this year, so it can't have affected them academically.

During my campaign newspapers described me as a 'nice, grey-haired granny type'. Yet I see these characteristics as being important as it means I can relate to people.

### **Tessa Jowell**

I do feel fortunate that I am a London MP and live at home. My little boy is very interested in politics and likes coming along. But it's not a building which is terribly well organized for children. There's only one family room. I manage because my husband is incredibly supportive.

What I'm doing is what so many women up and down the country are doing with no recognition at all. It is a fact that as women increasingly combine home and career they are coming under pressure to strike balance between the two jobs. There are some wonderful women in Parliament and I think we're working cooperatively more and more. That's something women are better at doing than men.

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**Anne Coffey**

I think my career has made life very difficult for my 17-year old daughter. She was 14 when I was elected and it was very disruptive for her since I had to leave her during the week. Her exam results were terrible and I'm convinced that if she had had a more stable situation, she would have done better.

I think it's very difficult to escape from this type of guilt if you are a woman, but if I hadn't become a politician and stayed at home I would simply have ended up reproducing my mother's life. If you put your children first, then you limit the world for yourself.

Nothing prepares you for the complexity and enormity of this place, and I had problems at first due to ignorance of how things work.

**For questions 1 – 10 choose from the list of women (A – E). Some of the women may be chosen more than once. When more than one answer is required, these may be given in any order. Write your answers in the space provided. There is an example at the beginning (0).**

**A Edwina Currie**

**C Diana Maddock**

**E Anne Coffey**

**B Harriet Harman**

**D Tessa Jowell**

Which of the women MPs:

is also a writer?

(0) .....A .....

complain about the attitude of male MPs to women?

1 .....

think there will be no problem with female MPs in the future?

2 .....

mention women's problems in other areas as well?

3 .....

thinks it is an advantage to be an older woman in the Parliament?

4 .....

complains about the arrangements for children in Parliament?

5 .....

feels female MPs work together more than men do?

6 .....

feels that her work has harmed her family?

7 .....

thinks Parliament should change fundamentally?

8 .....

thinks male and female MPs face the same type of difficulty?

9 .....

live near the Houses of Parliament?

10 .....

**10 pts**

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## LISTENING COMPREHENSION

You will hear a story about an unfortunate driver. For questions 1 - 5, choose the alternative ( A, B, C or D). Circle your answer. You will hear the story once only.

**1 What did the court decide about Mr. Howarth?**

- A That he should never be allowed to drive again.
- B That he should pay a fine and be prohibited from driving for a year.
- C That he should take another driving test at once.
- D That he should not be punished.

**2 How did the police learn about Mr Howarth?**

- A Another driver telephoned them.
- B Other drivers reported him.
- C A police car had to swerve to avoid him.
- D They saw him.

**3 Mr Howarth did not realize his mistake at first because**

- A there were other cars traveling in the same direction.
- B the incident happened at night.
- C there were not many cars and he couldn't see the other side of the road clearly.
- D he was not wearing his glasses.

**4 Why did Mr Howarth plead guilty?**

- A Because he thought he had done a terrible thing.
- B Because he was dazed and confused.
- C Because he had driven off when the policeman stopped him.
- D Because he had not stopped as soon as he could have done.

**5 Mr Howarth**

- A was not aware he was on the wrong side of the road when the police stopped him.
- B did not realize he was on the wrong side of the road until he had driven 17 miles.
- C realized he was on the wrong side of the road when he saw other cars swerving to avoid him.
- D realized he was driving on the wrong side of the road after he had driven about a mile.

**5 pts**

**Total points:.....**

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