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G R A M M A R

Read the text and put the single verbs or words in brackets into the most appropriate form

or

choose the most appropriate word from those given in brackets to complete the sentence.

Driver sent to prison for 60 days for driving under the influence

Tim Shanny, 30, a professional truck driver, ¹ _____ (be) stopped by police officers near his home ² _____ (last/latest) month and was found to ³ _____ (drink) almost twice the legal limit for drivers, Lake District magistrate ⁴ _____ (hear) on Tuesday.

Ten months earlier, Shanny ⁵ _____ (be) disqualified from driving ⁶ _____ (since/for/during) three years for drink-driving. He was also disqualified for twelve months in 2012 for a similar offence.

Mr. John Smith, his defending lawyer, said Shanny ⁷ _____ (use) the car in an emergency ⁸ _____ (visit) a friend in a hospital. He said Shanny ⁹ _____ (be depressed) after the visit and ¹⁰ _____ (go) to the pub and ¹¹ _____ (drink) five or six pints before driving home.

As he has repeatedly been caught drink-driving, he most likely ¹² _____ (be) forbidden to drive again after the Court proceeding next week, this time for a period ¹³ _____ (long) than five years, and may even ¹⁴ _____ (be ban) from professional driving.

According to Shanny, he has recently been considering professional retraining – he ¹⁵ _____ (like) to become a police officer.

Total Points:/15pts

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V O C A B U L A R Y

Complete the sentences by choosing and circling the right option (A, B, C, or D).

1. When your eyes *dance*, you are ___.

- A) sad B) excited C) angry| D) unhappy

2. If a piece of work is *unavoidable*, it must be done sooner or ___.

- A) at last B) in the long run C) later D) better

3. A camel has on its back a ___.

- A) bump B) lump C) thump D) hump

4. The following words have a similar meaning, but which would a person not like to be called?

- A) simple B) open C) guileless D) frank

5. *The life hereafter* means ___.

- A) life after death B) destiny C) the next generation D) the future

6. The police force keeps *law and* ___.

- A) justice B) peace C) control D) order

7. Which of these cannot shoot?

- A) stars B) soldiers C) pains D) tigers

8. Which of these cannot be blown?

- A) a candle B) a trumpet C) bubbles D) a kiss

9. *To sign* means ___.

- A) to write B) to write your signature C) to make a cross D) to underline

10. When you *chuckle*, you are ___.

- A) amused B) in pain C) scornful D) bored

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Read the article about a phone addict. Seven sentence parts have been removed from the article. Choose from parts A-H those which best fit each gap 1-7 and write the appropriate letters in the boxes. There is one sentence which you do not need to use.

- A The panic attacks and paranoia grew
- B I was trying to cut down on television
- C no misgivings and no inhibitions
- D break the spell
- E cut me off mid-call, leaving me hanging, high and dry
- F Peak rate
- G quick fix, a swift hit
- H cradling the phone

My name is Tom Shanny and I am an addict... With these words I began to 1, began to conquer the problem, the problem of my addiction, my telephone frenzy.

From waking to the darkest, deepest hours of night, I wait to be phoned, I want to phone. It started socially I suppose – a few calls each day. It seemed harmless, just innocent chat. Soon it was frequent use, then compulsive calling, until finally habitual addiction – phone fever.

Gradually, it began to affect my work. I was spending my whole lunchbreak phoning. During the day I would disappear for a 2.

People ask why I became an addict. I suppose it was boredom, insecurity, attention-seeking. My counsellor says it was really a cry for help. I think any other excuses (pressures of work, disturbed childhood, alcoholic parents) are just excuses: I have to take responsibility for the problem.

The only time I felt alive was when I was on the phone. I was charming, warm, generous and handsome; everyone liked me and I actually liked them. I had 3. Life's pressures disappeared. In no time, my best relationships were phone relationships, I became inept at the social graces. I was more at home talking to people who were like me, addicts. I developed a hatred of other users – particularly people who were phoning a lot at home, or in their jobs, people who were rich enough to phone whenever they liked. Stockbrokers and telephonists were the worst.

I spent days waiting for the phone to ring, I got agitated. In my mind I heard the first ring, heard the silence break. I concentrated on that sound, tried to make it real, but no call came. In the end, I would ring someone. Then someone else, telling myself 'just once more' but in the end, ringing everyone. In really low moments, I would call international. 4. I felt I belonged to the world.

Slowly things began to deteriorate. I was calling people and leaving messages to guarantee enough calls to see me through the day. I would arrive at friends' homes and before the door was closed, head straight for the phone with the words, 'Is it OK if I just use the phone...?' Some nights I could hear the phone ringing downstairs. I would leap out of bed and race down, only to find it hadn't rung at all.

I'd end up lying there, wondering whether the phone had become unplugged. What if all my calls were going to crossed-lines? Being intercepted? What if the exchange had been hit by a power cut?

5 so bad I would ring people and ask them if they'd been trying to ring me. I stopped going out in case people called. I had a business line and a private line installed. I borrowed money and bought an answerphone. I bought a pager and a portable, I bought a car to put my car phone in. As my addiction worsened, I no longer spoke to people at work. I became hostile and violent when colleagues attempted to stop me from phoning in an attempt to get me to do work. Finally, my superior took action. I hit him (with the phone) and ended up slumped in the corner,

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sobbing, clutching the Yellow Pages. I was dismissed and offered redundancy for one week's free calls, which I accepted.

My body had begun to suffer, my head tilted to one side, from the hours of on one shoulder. One ear was inflamed and bruised, the other was no longer as strong at actually hearing. I was always tired. Phone bills littered my room like dirty needles, red reminders of the extent of my habit. Piles of spent phone cards lay among them. No one would contribute to the bills – they knew I was 'using' more than I said.

Finally I was arrested for destroying a call box that had not only taken my last £1 coin, but had .

As a result, a counsellor was appointed. I haven't had a phone in the house for three weeks. It's several days since I used a phone box. I am trying to cut down on television – people on TV are always making phone calls, answering the phone. I stay away from stations and airports.

The first thing I have to do every day is to tell myself I do not need phones, that I am a fine human being, loved by my friends and family and that I am an addict. At least I can say it: my name is Tom Shanny and I am an addict.

*Now read the article again and decide if the following three statements are **true** or **false** according to the text. Circle the correct option.*

8. Tom's addiction resulted in his not turning up for work.

T

F

9. Tom was attacked and injured by one of his colleagues.

T

F

10. Now Tom makes phone calls only to friends and family.

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F

Total points:/10pts

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L I S T E N I N G C O M P R E H E N S I O N

You will hear some information about a few famous American newspapers. Listen carefully and then complete the five statements. You will hear the text twice.

1. One of the first examples of investigative journalism was publishing information about the _____ (two words)

2. One of the newspapers built its reputation by publishing information about the American military presence in Vietnam. It was _____.

3. The oldest American newspaper is _____.

4. Towards the end of twentieth century, the newspaper _____ became respected for publishing reliable information.

5. Conservative opinions can mainly be found in _____.
(name of newspaper)

Total points:/5pts