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**G R A M M A R**

Read the following passage and decide which ONE word best fits each gap (1-10). Write your answers in the space provided below the passage. Spelling counts!

**The Highway without Vehicles**

M-185 on Mackinac Island, Michigan, is the 1 ... carless highway in the country. The 13.4-kilometer road is usually only traveled by foot, horse, carriage, and bicycle 2 ... a result of an island-wide ban 3 ... automobiles. The ban was proposed in the early 1890s when tourists brought cars onto the island and disrupted the peace and quiet 4 ... all the traffic. Furious residents wanted nothing to 5 ... with the automobile, one resident reportedly calling it a “mechanical monster.” The ban was agreed upon in 1898, and the “horseless carriages” haven’t been allowed on the island 6 ....

One small exception to the ban 7 ... made for the film *Somewhere in Time*, directed by Jeannot Szwarc. While cars were allowed on the island during the shoot, the actors and production team were not allowed to drive them – 8 ... while they were shooting.

After the advent of electric bikes, the island also rejected those because they might scare their horses and cause accidents on the highway. One of the very 9 ... vehicles allowed by the island is a police Jeep that assists the elderly during winter.

10 ... in a while, there are small accidents on the highway. These accidents are mostly caused by tourists who choose to bike while intoxicated.

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| 1..... | 5..... | 9.....  |
| 2..... | 6..... | 10..... |
| 3..... | 7..... |         |
| 4..... | 8..... |         |

Complete the passage by filling the gaps with the proper verb form or verb tense. Write your answers in the spaces below the article. Spelling counts!

On the day Independent Booksellers Week begins, I feel I should confess: I 11 (become) a Kindle owner. Look, sometimes these things just happen, OK? It’s not as if I 12 (plan) it. I started research for a book about the history of children’s literature and was soon faced with a stark choice: disburse money and time I do not have acquiring dozens of early 19<sup>th</sup>-century tales; or download free versions in seconds on to a portable device that would obviate both.

I know. With every download, I 13 (deprive) my local and beloved independent booksellers of revenue. Moreover, all the advantages of the Kindle are external. The device itself 14 (remain) inimical to ‘proper’ reading – deep reading, immersive reading, the kind of reading that makes you understand the point of reading and actually, literally change your mind.

Maybe this is not true if you 15 (grow up) with it. But I wonder. If the screen was all I knew, would I naturally intuit there was another way of doing things? I don’t think so.

Well, better get back to the screenface, I suppose. I’ve a lot of skim-reading to do.

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| 12..... | 14..... |         |

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

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**V O C A B U L A R Y**

**Complete the gaps 1-10 in the following passage with the best answer (A - D). Circle your answers.**

Of all the things to go to war over, you probably wouldn't think a stamp ranked highly. Yet in 1937, a stamp design nearly **1...** an apocalyptic war between Nicaragua and Honduras.

Since their creation, the two nations had been locked in a protracted **2...** about where their borders lie. Thanks to **3...** jungle and a history of failed settlements, deciding where to **4...** the line was remarkably difficult. An 1894 boundary commission could only agree on one-third of it.

In 1906, the two nations **5...** to Spain, their old colonial master. King Alfonso XIII heard the arguments and promptly **6...** a huge chunk of land to Honduras. For a long time, that seemed to settle the matter.

Then in 1937, Nicaragua **7...** a new stamp. Featuring a map of Central America, it used light green for Nicaragua and dark green for everywhere else. The only problem was that it **8...** a large chunk of Honduras in light green. When news reached Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, **9...** erupted. A mob formed and nearly torched the Nicaraguan embassy. Both countries dispatched troops to the border, and it took the hasty **10...** efforts of Mexico, Costa Rica, and the US to avert an all-out war.

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|-----|--------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | A. elicited  | B. triggered    | C. roused      | D. impelled    |
| 2.  | A. dispute   | B. incongruence | C. concurrence | D. uproar      |
| 3.  | A. sparse    | B. close        | C. crammed     | D. dense       |
| 4.  | A. draw      | B. set          | C. make        | D. put         |
| 5.  | A. applied   | B. addressed    | C. appealed    | D. alleged     |
| 6.  | A. entrusted | B. conceded     | C. awarded     | D. waived      |
| 7.  | A. relayed   | B. relieved     | C. redeemed    | D. released    |
| 8.  | A. shaded    | B. dyed         | C. smeared     | D. coated      |
| 9.  | A. revolts   | B. riots        | C. strife      | D. hostilities |
| 10. | A. composed  | B. connected    | C. combined    | D. constrained |

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

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**R E A D I N G   C O M P R E H E N S I O N**

**Read the article about an alpaca farm. There are two tasks to do on the next page.**

At North Woods Farm in Inman, South Carolina, they look up at you with alert eyes more curious than alarmed. They are docile, don't challenge fences and communicate with each other through body posture and tail and ear movements. Occasionally, a visitor hears a shrill sound, or an alarm call, **1...** . But on this farm, just north of Greenville in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, it is all part of an enterprise run chiefly by two women, one raised in Idaho and another who once braved northern Maine winters and temperatures that dropped well below zero.

For Melanie Huettig, raising alpacas is a family affair. An Idaho native, she and her husband, Nathan, own the property, the animals and the mill that is part of the farm. Under their mother's watchful eye, three of her sons and a daughter mix feed and water the animals **2...** . The Huettigs bought the farm and mill earlier this year from Teri and Larry Gabric, alpaca veterans who bought their first animals in 1991 while living in Ohio. The Gabrics act as the Huettigs' advisers. Teri also owns a yarn business, which carries supplies for knitting, spinning, weaving, dyeing, crocheting, and felting.

She gets up at 6 a.m. to begin her day. She homeschools the children, alternating time for studying with work on the farm. Their home, part of the purchase from the Gabrics, sits atop a hill and looks over the roughly 11 acres that slope down to the alpaca pens and then to the building **3...** . The farm has 30 alpacas, a small and relatively easy livestock to maintain. Alpacas mainly eat grass or hay, and not much – approximately two pounds per 125 pounds of body weight each day. At North Woods, Huettig feeds her herd hay and a mixture that includes corn, extruded soymeal, grain products, cotton seed meal, soy hulls, protein products, and several vitamins.

Alpacas are raised for their fleece, sometimes called fiber. Each shearing produces roughly 5-10 pounds of fleece per animal each year. The fleece can be turned into an array of products **4...** . The Huettigs' mill is used to process the fleece, which after being sheared, is washed, picked and carded. Some is spun into yarn, which is sold in Gabric's store. "Alpaca fiber - it's very soft," Teri Gabric said. "That's one of its biggest attractions. People like to spin it. People like to knit with it. It's multi-seasonal. It's not just a winter fiber." Huettig said it costs about \$200 a year to feed, shear, and care for an alpaca. That cost can be covered, and a slight profit made, by processing and selling the fleece, she said. The mill processes fiber and wool from other farmers across the country.

The federal government officially designated alpacas as farm livestock in May 2008, when Congress enacted into law the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, better known as the Federal Farm Bill. Because of the federal designation of alpacas as livestock, alpaca owners should have access to programs previously available only to more traditional livestock producers, including grant and loan programs, according to the Alpaca Owners Association. In addition, a federal designation as livestock should help breeders **5...** , association officials said.

People often confuse alpacas with llamas. While closely related, they are distinctly different animals. Llamas are much larger, about twice the size of an alpaca, with an average weight of about 250 to 450 pounds. Llamas are primarily used for packing or for guarding herds of sheep or alpacas, **6...** . Alpacas generally live about 15-20 years. Experts say they are much

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cleaner than most livestock, having minimal smell and tending to attract fewer flies in the summertime.

Members of the camelid family, Alpacas use spitting as a means of negative communication. They do get possessive around food, and might express annoyance by spitting at other alpacas **7...**, the experts say. Also, they often spit at one another during squabbles within the herd, usually involving two or more males. Occasionally, alpacas spit at people on purpose, but it is more common that humans get caught in the cross-fire between alpacas.

**Seven phrases have been removed from the text. For items 1-7, decide which phrase below (H-Q) goes into which gap. There are three extra phrases.**

**Write the letter of the correct phrase into the corresponding gaps below.**

**H** that can generally feed a group of about 20 alpacas for one day **Gap 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I** that houses the mill and store **Gap 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**J** they perceive are encroaching on “their” food **Gap 3:** \_\_\_\_\_

**K** giving the animals a teddy bear-like appearance **Gap 4:** \_\_\_\_\_

**L** if they are frightened or angry **Gap 5:** \_\_\_\_\_

**M** who are struggling with tax or other state or local government issues **Gap 6:** \_\_\_\_\_

**N** and help with other chores **Gap 7:** \_\_\_\_\_

**O** ranging from yarn and apparel to tapestries and blankets

**P** to walk them through their little farming life

**Q** while alpacas are primarily raised for their fleece

**For items 8 to 10, decide whether the statements are true (T) or (F). For each statement, also write the letter of the paragraph (A-G) in which you found the evidence for your answer. Write your answers in the space provided.**

Statements	T / F	Paragraph
<b>8</b> Alpaca breeders used to be eligible for federal support before 2008.		
<b>9</b> Garments made from alpaca yarn can be worn in any weather conditions.		
<b>10</b> The current owners of the North Woods alpaca farm are kin of the Gabrics.		

**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 someone talking about the influence of sounds on shoppers' behaviour. For items 1 to 5, fill in the gaps with the information you hear in the form of ONE word. Write your answers in the space provided. You will hear the recording only once.**

1. Background music played in retail stores is meant to ..... consumers' shopping experience.
2. In a study on online shopping, the goods on offer seemed less attractive to customers when they heard the sound of .....
3. Shoppers are more likely to pay through the nose at the sound of ..... music.
4. eBay's intention is to come up with music that would make people shop more .....
5. In the future, shoppers might be able to get information about discounts from a special "digital tag" added to the ..... in stores.

**Total points ..... /5pts**

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