

G R A M M A R

In some lines of the following text, there is ONE unnecessary word. It is either grammatically incorrect or does not fit in with the sense of the text. Indicate the incorrect words and write them in the space provided. Indicate the correct lines with a tick (✓) in the space provided.

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| 0 | In times of trouble when snails have the perfect escape, | _____ when _____ |
| 00 | but retreating into a shell does not always guarantee | _____ ✓ _____ |
| 000 | a survival. For the land snail, <i>Arianta arbustorum</i> , | _____ a _____ |
| 1 | faced with local climatic warming in the Swiss city | _____ |
| 2 | of Basle, having had a shell has not helped a bit. | _____ |
| 3 | Between 1903 and 1991 this snail became really extinct | _____ |
| 4 | at 16 out of 29 localities around the city. All eight | _____ |
| 5 | populations were killed off by urban development but | _____ |
| 6 | the other eight sites continue on to support healthy | _____ |
| 7 | populations of these other mollusc species. Snail | _____ |
| 8 | experts at Basle University checked on the differences | _____ |
| 9 | between the sites where the snails all live and those from | _____ |
| 10 | which they had been disappeared. The only difference | _____ |
| 11 | was ground temperature. Built-up districts which emit | _____ |
| 12 | more heat, and in otherwise perfectly suitable habitats | _____ |
| 13 | <i>Arianta</i> had died out at sites that were quite artificially | _____ |
| 14 | warmer. The difference was often just a few warm degrees. | _____ |
| 15 | Small as this very difference was, its effect was huge. | _____ |

Total: ____/15pts

VOCABULARY

I. Choose the word which best completes each sentence by writing either A or B in the space provided.

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| 0. Universities can only <u>A</u> a few students. | A/ admit | B/ receive |
| 1. What _____ did you get for the spelling test? | A/ mark | B/ degree |
| 2. _____ lessons are very expensive. | A/ Particular | B/ Private |
| 3. No one likes to _____ an exam. | A/ fail | B/ lose |
| 4. History is my favourite _____ at school. | A/ topic | B/ subject |
| 5. Discipline is the best _____ . | A/ politics | B/ policy |
| 6. It's hard to _____ into university. | A/ get | B/ enter |

____/3 pts

II. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

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| My friend Emma goes to my school, and we are (0) <u>classmates</u> this | CLASS |
| year. She likes to do new things, as she's quite (7) _____, | ADVENTURE |
| but she's also very (8) _____ because she does not take | SENSE |
| unnecessary risks. She never gets (9) _____, which is another | ARGUMENT |
| thing I like about her, and she's never (10) _____ either. | BOSS |
| Ben is different. He's (11) _____ in the way he dresses, and | CONVENTION |
| he never does what people tell him to do. He's (12) _____, | REBEL |
| but at the same time he has a lot of special (13) _____ . | ABLE |

____/7 pts

Total: ____/10 pts

READING COMPREHENSION (1)

You are interested in buying a car and a friend gives you an article on cars and their colours.

SHOWING YOUR TRUE COLOURS

You may have thought that the car you drove was statement enough, but have you ever asked yourself what the colour of your car may say about your true personality?

YELLOW: Still children at heart, these are people who are always planning to take their vehicle somewhere really exciting, and can usually be heard talking about the next car they are intending to get rather than the one they actually have. Easy to get money out of, they think they have an eye for a bargain but as the state of their wheels will confirm, this is unlikely to be true.

RED: They think they are the king of the road and woe betide anyone who even thinks about overtaking them. Usually the majority of the people with red cars can never get their vehicles to go quite as fast as they would like. And they always have one fault with their car that they choose to ignore but have been meaning to get fixed for weeks or even months!

SILVER: Move over Tom Cruise, it really is mission impossible to get past this person. They not only own the road; they know everything there is to know about it. Don't believe too much of what they say though, it would probably prove impossible to have done all they claim, but theirs is definitely one of the more entertaining cars to hop into for a ride.

GREY: Old before their time, they think they know all the rules of driving but are actually too thoughtful for their own good. You will usually see a litter of kids and sweet wrappers on the back seat, but don't stare; after the week they are likely to have had, they may just hit you. Smile though and you never know where it may lead.

BLUE: Check out the person in the blue car and you will notice that they are not really on this planet but in another world planning their future and what they are going to do next. These people are never happy with what they have got and expect everyone else to do things for them. Erratic drivers whose mood swings, they can be identified from the way they are steering!

GREEN: Rather selfish drivers who always run out of petrol at silly times, so make sure you take a can with you if you are grabbing a lift or you may have a long way left to walk. Taking public transport is definitely more reliable. They believe that one day they will win the lottery, but I don't think they would buy a different colour car even if they did.

BLACK: This person thinks they have got life sussed, but little do they know that what they are doing or indeed thinking is actually written all over their face! Look out for the car sticker on the windscreen; from the sublime to the ridiculous, they are nine times out of ten to be found there. A dark horse this one, though, who is thinking more than you may realise as they cruise through amber lights with that big wide grin on their face.

WHITE: This person is likely to have the highest score for insurance claims, but of course they will swear that it was never their fault. They are also the most likely to make you pay for a lift or to chip in towards the petrol. They usually keep the inside of their cars nice and clean, but watch out for the outside, which should be able to tell you more than their mothers can about exploits and adventures.

PINK: They want you to notice them but will pretend to be shy just to try and throw you. A change of clothes can usually be found on the back seat of their car and they are always on the run to the next important gathering or party. They believe in true love, even though many of them have gone right through the phonebook with relationships. Fun and flirty.

READING COMPREHENSION (2)

I. Read the descriptions of the drivers below and match them to the colour of their car. For each description write the appropriate COLOUR in spaces 1 to 8.

0. Being a millionaire would not change their choice of colour. GREEN

1. They are accident-prone and likely to be mean. _____

2. They tend to dream about the future and aren't as shrewd
as they think they are. _____

3. They are opinionated and sometimes exaggerate
their achievements. _____

4. They have family responsibilities and a stressful life. _____

5. They are sociable and enjoy attention. _____

6. They are dominant and aggressive. _____

7. They are dreamers who are often demanding and can be
emotionally unstable. _____

8. They have conservative tastes and aren't always dependable. _____

____/8 pts

I. Match the definitions below with words or phrases from the article.

0. deep down at heart

9. a person with secrets _____

10. contribute _____

____/2 pts

Total: ____/10 pts

LISTENING

You will hear a part of a radio programme about sharks. For questions 1 – 5 fill in the missing information.

Paul had doubts about the success of his book because it was a (0) first novel.

He was convinced the book could never be made (1) _____.

He thought a real great white shark could never be (2) _____ and _____.

He didn't expect to have that much success with such a (3) _____.

We react to sharks with feelings of (4) _____ and _____.

Paul says that sharks help to preserve (5) _____.

Total: ___/5 pts

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