

G R A M M A R

Read the article below. For each question 1 – 15 write ONE word in the space provided below the text.

The World of the Commercial Diver

Being a commercial diver is (0) a well-paid job. And (1) _____ needs to be, because diving is not an easy way to earn a living. The training is intense. In addition (2) _____ having diving skills, divers need advanced training (3) _____ using heavy equipment, and have to (4) _____ able to perform skilled tasks underwater. They need to understand (5) _____ the human body works under pressure, and work (6) _____ part of a team. But (7) _____ kind of work do they do? (8) _____ over the world, they regularly brave dark, deep waters to mend broken pipes or build and maintain oil platforms. They lay underwater telephone cables and repair (9) _____ when things go wrong. It's only in the last 40 years that this kind of work has (10) _____ possible in such deep water – and the dangers don't stop once the work is finished. Divers (11) _____ to wait for hours in special chambers before they can return to the surface because of the effects of pressure on their bodies. (12) _____ it may seem sensible for companies nowadays to use robots to do deep diving work – after all, (13) _____ don't need to breathe! – it seems unlikely that they will ever take (14) _____ from real divers because robots cannot think for (15) _____ in dangerous situations. Skilled divers will always be in demand.

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15. _____

Total _____ / 15pts

VOCABULARY

Read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits the space in the same line. Write your answers in the blanks provided after the text.

The Importance of Pets

Having friends is **0/** _____ important, and most people spend a lot of time with them. But is there another important type of **1/** _____ that they may be missing out on? Would having a pet be just as good? There is some **2/** _____ to support this interesting **3/** _____. It is well-known that dogs can form strong bonds with people, and also can show signs of **4/** _____ if their owner suddenly leaves **5/** _____. In the same way, some people feel as close to their pets as to their human friends, gaining **6/** _____ and comfort from their animals. It seems that the **7/** _____ between animals and people goes deeper than might be expected. Studies into the **8/** _____ of gorillas show that these creatures have **9/** _____ relationships that are not so different from our own. So although a pet may never **10/** _____ replace a friend, there is clearly a place for both.

EXTREME
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0. _____extremely_____

1. _____

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Total _____ / 10 pts

READING COMPREHENSION (1)

Read the four texts below. There are 10 questions about the texts. Decide which text (A, B, C or D) tells you the answer and circle the letter.

A The term “swing dance” commonly refers to a group that developed at the same time as the swing style of jazz music in the 1920s, ‘30s and ‘40s. The best known swing dance is the Lindy Hop, a popular partner dance that originated in Harlem and is still danced today. The majority of swing dances began in African American communities, as did swing jazz, which features the rhythms and timing associated with African American and West African music and dance.

B Dance competitions generally come in four different formats:

1. Strict: One couple competes together to randomly selected music where no pre-choreographed steps are allowed.
2. Jack and Jill: couples are randomly matched for the competition. Scoring depends on the ability of the partner a dancer draws and his or her ability to work with that partner.
3. Showcase: One couple competes together for a single song which has been previously choreographed.
4. Classic: Similar to Showcase but with rules about what dance steps are allowed.

C The annual Harvest Moon Ball dance is scheduled for 26 September. Tickets will be \$15 pre-sale and \$20 at the door and will be available for online purchase soon. Discounted rates are available for students and pensioners.

Dance to a live band, enter fun contests and watch our local band, the Hepcats, perform for you. More details to follow!

Date: Saturday, 26 September **Place:** Rice University @ Rice Memorial Centre
Free lessons followed by the dance – 8pm-12am. Live bands to be announced. Free parking!

D Besides being fun, dancing has many positive health benefits. First of all, dance requires a great amount of flexibility, and flexibility is an important part of staying healthy. Dancing also builds strength by forcing the muscles to resist against a dancer’s own body weight, and increases endurance, which is the ability of muscles to work hard for increasingly longer periods of time without fatigue. Finally, dancing is a social activity. Studies have shown that strong social ties and socializing with friends contribute to high self-esteem and an overall sense of well-being.

In which text does the writer

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| 1. mention history? | A | B | C | D |
| 2. list benefits? | A | B | C | D |
| 3. refer to ethnic influence? | A | B | C | D |
| 4. classify something? | A | B | C | D |
| 5. announce an event? | A | B | C | D |

Which text says the following?

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| 6. Dancing will make you stronger. | A | B | C | D |
| 7. You don’t need to pay for something. | A | B | C | D |
| 8. A certain dance was invented in Harlem. | A | B | C | D |
| 9. Swing uses West African rhythms. | A | B | C | D |
| 10. You cannot choose your dance partner. | A | B | C | D |

Total _____ / 10

LISTENING

You will hear an interview with a famous shoe designer. For questions 1 – 10, complete the sentences. You should use no more than 3 words.

1. The person who means the most to Manolo is his _____.
2. His family own a _____.
3. Manolo did not have a _____ when he was young.
4. Manolo's sister _____ with him now.
5. His parents wanted him to _____.
6. He did not finish his _____.
7. A famous magazine editor told him he should begin _____.
8. He went back to England to learn how _____.
9. In his house he keeps _____ of all the shoes he's designed.
10. In London there was _____ of his work.

Total _____ / 5