

G R A M M A R (1)

Read the text below and fill in gaps 1–19 with ONE suitable word. The words to be filled in have to be words with some grammatical function (e.g. auxiliary verbs, articles, pronouns, prepositions, conjunctions, etc.). There is an example at the beginning (00).

A carbon footprint shows how (00) *much* carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases a person produces in everyday life. It measures the amount of fossil fuels and electricity someone uses up as (1) _____ as the carbon footprint of the products they buy.

When we use our cars or heat our homes with oil or natural gas, carbon dioxide and various other gases (2) _____ set free. These emissions lead to a denser atmosphere and global warming. You can measure your carbon footprint (3) _____ using a calculator that you can find on various websites. It shows you in (4) _____ ways your living habits damage the environment. Carbon footprints are usually measured in tons of CO₂ per year. In America, for example, every citizen produces about 28 tons of carbon dioxide and other dangerous gases a year; in Great Britain the amount is about 10 tons.

There are (5) _____ actions you can take to reduce your carbon footprint. The way we travel, for example, has a major impact (6) _____ our environment. Use your bike or walk (7) _____ short distances. Public transport is a way of getting to places (8) _____ putting a burden on the environment. If you use your car, make sure that it is maintained correctly and that it (9) _____ not burn more fuel than it (10) _____.

Buying local food is (11) _____ a way of curbing emissions into the atmosphere. Many environmental experts, (12) _____, argue that it often saves more energy to buy food that is produced naturally in faraway places (13) _____ consuming food grown locally in greenhouses.

In your home you can contribute to saving energy by turning (14) _____ the lights if you don't need them or by avoiding the use of air conditioners, (15) _____ contribute a lot to global warming and emit CFCs that destroy the ozone layer. Electrical appliances can save energy (16) _____ you set them to standby mode. Recycling plastic, glass and paper can also reduce your carbon footprint drastically.

It is also vital to persuade (17) _____ to take the same steps that you (18) _____. Only if we concentrate (19) _____ reducing carbon emissions together can we make our environment better.

0.5 point/correct answer

GRAMMAR (2)

Read the text below and fill in gaps 20–30 with the correct verb form or verb tense. Write your answers on the lines provided below.

So why did I decide to do a 90-km walk in six days along the Great Wall of China? Well, the truth is that when I (20) _____ (be) a young boy, I (21) _____ (always want) to be a member of such an expedition. Nevertheless, the main reason (22) _____ (be) that our local children's hospital (23) _____ (need) to raise money or it would be close. However, I (24) _____ (not realise) how big a challenge it would be.

Before I went, I thought that I (25) _____ (walk, would) along a flat surface, but when I saw the Great Wall, my heart (26) _____ (sink). Part of the time we would be trekking up hundreds of high steps and, worryingly, some of the paths had steep falls on either side and there was nowhere to go because we (27) _____ (surround) by mountains and forests. However, after a while, I started to love the experience. I was in one of the most amazing places on earth and the views were incredible.

In the end, the adventure was a great success. The hospital (28) _____ (delight) because the group of us managed (29) _____ (raise) several thousand pounds.

Would I be keen on helping the hospital again next year? Yes, but I think I (30) _____ (try) and find an easier challenge next time!

(20) _____

(26) _____

(21) _____

(27) _____

(22) _____

(28) _____

(23) _____

(29) _____

(24) _____

(30) _____

(25) _____

0.5 point/correct answer**Total: _____ / 15 pts**

V O C A B U L A R Y**A. Complete the animal chart with the correct word. There is an example in the first line (00).**

MALE	FEMALE	YOUNG ANIMAL
<i>(00) ram</i>	ewe	(1) _____
(2) _____	(3) _____	chick
bull	(4) _____	(5) _____
(6) _____	(7) _____	foal
(8) _____	Duck	(9) _____
lion	(10) _____	lion cub

B. Circle the correct answer to complete the idiomatic expressions.

11. When you want to get to the point, it means that you make a long story ____.
- A) short B) interesting C) longer D) adventurous
12. When you missed your chance, we can say that you missed the ____.
- A) ship B) bus C) plane D) boat
13. Someone who lacks intelligence is not playing with a ____ deck.
- A) bright B) packed C) full D) smart
14. Taking something with a grain of ____ means not taking what someone says too seriously.
- A) salt B) sugar C) sand D) pepper
15. When you do not want to choose or make a decision, you are ____ on the fence.
- A) dancing B) jumping C) sitting D) waiting
16. Accusing the wrong person means barking up the wrong ____ .
- A) tree B) bush C) gate D) window
17. When something is very expensive, it costs a/an ____ and a leg.
- A) head B) neck C) arm D) eye
18. When an attempt fails and it's time to start all over, we have to go back to the ____ board.
- A) drawing B) notice C) black D) white
19. It takes two to ____ means that some actions need more than one person.
- A) waltz B) tango C) polka D) rumba
20. When you are slightly ill, you feel under the ____ .
- A) moon B) weather C) water D) sun

0.5 point/correct answer**Total: _____ / 10 pts**

READING COMPREHENSION (1)

Read the following article about high heels and complete the two tasks given below.

The True Price of Fashion?

Shoes – most of us wear them, in all shapes and sizes; some spend a fortune on them. (1) ____ But when it comes to high-heeled shoes, the true cost might affect your health as well as your bank account.

Beautiful, provocative, sexy – high heels may be all these things and more, but even their most enthusiastic fans wouldn't claim they were practical. (2) ____ Women in heels are advised to stay off the grass – and also ice, cobbled streets and expensive floors. And high heels don't tend to be very comfortable either. It is almost as if they just weren't designed for walking in.

High heels are generally considered to be sexy and feminine. (3) ____ These shoes were a form of riding footwear, and were seen on the feet of 17th century Persian soldiers. When the soldier stood up in his stirrups, the heel helped him to keep balance and he could shoot his bow and arrow more effectively.

Before becoming an essential part of modern women's wardrobes, high heels were worn by Louis XIV of France. (4) ____ Wearing high heeled shoes, he added a further 10cm to his build. The heels and soles were always red – these shoes were status symbols. The reason might be that one of the best ways to show your high status is through impracticality. Let's face it – nothing screams privilege like uncomfortable, luxurious and impractical clothes. (5) ____ The fashion soon spread overseas. The coronation portrait of Charles II of England shows him wearing a pair of enormous red, French-style heels even though he was over 1.85m tall.

It is generally believed that high heels make women look good. However, this comes at a cost. Wearing heels over 10 cm high can damage your ankles. A study suggests that women continuously wearing high heels are exposed to various health risks. (6) ____ A total of 40 women who wear high heels at least three times a week took part in the study. Researchers found that two of the four main muscles became dominant after a period of between one and three years, which created an imbalance in their feet.

To sum up, the habit of wearing heels can result in deformed feet, back pain and unhealthy walking patterns. (7) ____

READING COMPREHENSION (2)

A. For questions (1–7), decide which sentence (A) – (J) below the text best fits each of the numbered gaps in the article. There are three extra sentences which do not fit any of the gaps. Write the correct letter in the blank chart provided below.

- (A) They say the wearer doesn't have to work in fields or walk very far.
- (B) They even get into debt to get their hands on (or their feet into) the latest pair of designer shoes.
- (C) Therefore, experts recommend that women limit the use of these kinds of shoes.
- (D) A wave of interest in all things Persian passed through Western Europe.
- (E) Besides, wearing high-heeled shoes makes women prone to losing their balance.
- (F) The strength of their ankles was measured regularly.
- (G) They're no good for hiking or driving and often get stuck in things.
- (H) However, the fashion started with men's feet.
- (I) But the era of men walking around on their toes seems to be behind us.
- (J) For a great king, he was rather short – only 1.63m.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)

B. According to what you have read, circle the correct answer.

8. Which of these is NOT an effect of wearing high heels?

- A) losing your balance
- B) some muscles becoming stronger than they should be
- C) breaking your ankles

9. Why did 17th century Persian soldiers wear high heels when they were riding horses?

- A) The heels helped them to stay on their horses.
- B) They made the soldiers look taller.
- C) The shoes were status symbols that showed the soldiers' position in society.

10. According to the article, wearing uncomfortable shoes shows that you are...

- A) rich.
- B) poor.
- C) stupid.

1 point/correct answer

Total: _____ / 10 pts

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 remarkable skyscrapers. Listen carefully and complete the tasks.

A. Circle the correct option. For each question there is only one correct answer.

1. Why have people noticed Mini Sky City?

- A) It's very tall.
- B) It will have indoor farms and hospitals.
- C) It was built very fast.

2. Broad Group claims that using steel parts makes their technique...

- A) quicker and safer.
- B) unique and quicker.
- C) unique but more expensive.

3. Skyscrapers built of conventional materials are...

- A) not so attractive for tourists.
- B) not so flexible in natural disasters.
- C) harmful to our environment.

4. Broad Group says that...

- A) environmental damage is the price you pay for tall towers.
- B) tall towers are more environmentally friendly.
- C) safety is more important than environmental concerns.

5. The Kingdom Tower in Saudi Arabia will be...

- A) a bit shorter than the Burj Khalifa in Dubai.
- B) as tall as the Burj Khalifa in Dubai.
- C) taller than the Burj Khalifa in Dubai.

B. Answer the questions. Write the correct number on the lines provided below.

- 6. How many skyscrapers in Shanghai are taller than Mini Sky City? _____
- 7. How many storeys of Mini Sky City were built per day? _____
- 8. What is the height of the Burj Khalifa in Dubai? _____
- 9. How many months will it take to build the 'vertical city'? _____
- 10. When is the Kingdom Tower expected to be finished? _____

0.5 point/correct answer
Total: _____ / 5 pts

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