

G R A M M A R

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

World Cup for Robots

This week has seen (0) the largest ever display of footballing skills – by robots. RoboCup 2010, the World Cup in robotic football, (1) _____ been taking place at an American University, with teams (2) _____ robots from all around the world participating.

The contestants in the Humanoid league are similar (3) _____ children in size, while those competing (4) _____ the Nano-Cup are (5) _____ small that a microscope is needed to see them. Compared to their human equivalents, robotic footballers (6) _____ many advantages: they can keep playing all day, they do not talk back, and (7) _____ they ask for more money, you can simply take out their batteries.

Experts are confident that in less (8) _____ 50 years' time, football-playing robots capable of taking on (9) _____ human side will have (10) _____ created. And the technology developed in order (11) _____ make RoboCup possible will be used after the World Cup for more important things such (12) _____ search and rescue missions.

Sporting competitions are (13) _____ excellent way to promote innovation. The athletic competition is also suitable as an invention laboratory if the athletes are not people (14) _____ machines. There are competitions whose regulations are already designed to use the human spirit of sport. A good example of (15) _____ is RoboCup.

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Total ____/15pts

VOCABULARY

I. Complete the text with the missing *verbs*.

Our relationships with our friends 1/ _____ an important part in our lives, and help us to 2/ _____ sense of the world. Megan has been a close friend of mine since primary school, and we are always together. In fact, some of our classmates 3/ _____ fun of us, saying that we're like identical twins. Occasionally we 4/ _____ a row, but we never really fall out. The important thing is being able to 5/ _____ sorry if you know you are in the wrong.

II. Identify and circle one word which does not belong in each group.

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| 6. | dune | mountain | hill | valley |
| 7. | lagoon | desert | lake | pond |
| 8. | field | forest | woods | jungle |
| 9. | beach | shore | coast | plain |
| 10. | bush | hedge | waterfall | tree |

Total ___/10 pts

READING COMPREHENSION (1)

Read the text carefully and for questions 1- 10, choose the people A, B or C.

A – Olaf Godin

Olaf Godin is a Belgian writer, critic and actor who has a particular dislike for public figures whom he considers to be self-important or lacking in a sense of humour. His form of protest against these people is novel: he pushes a large cream pie into their face. His most famous victim is probably Bill Gates, head of the software company Microsoft and one of the wealthiest men in the world. He “cream-pied” Gates in 1998, an incident which made it onto news bulletins all around the world. He has also singled out several French celebrities, including politician Nicolas Sarkozy and filmmaker Jean-Luc Godard. Godin insists that his actions are non-violent; he is careful to use very soft cakes filled with cream and perhaps a little chocolate. If his victim reacts badly to the stunt, Godin does it again at a later date. The French philosopher Levy became so angry with Godin that he has become a regular target, and has now been cream-pied five times.

B – PETA

PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) claims to be the largest animal-rights organization in the world. It has several high-profile faces behind it, including Hollywood star Pamela Anderson, who help to focus media attention on their campaigns. One ongoing campaign is against the fast-food chain KFC, whom they accuse of animal cruelty, a charge the company denies. In 2005, to raise public awareness of this campaign, a PETA volunteer in the USA dressed up as a giant chicken and, sitting in a wheelchair, repeatedly crossed the road outside a KFC franchise in Columbia, South Carolina. Customers who visited the restaurant during this time were not dissuaded from buying food there, but the protest achieved its wider objective: it appeared on TV news, thus bringing the issue to the attention of the public.

C – Mark Gowan

Mark Gowan is part protestor, part performance artist. His eye-catching stunts are intended to attract attention and make people think. In 2003, in order to protest students having to borrow money to pay for their university studies, he used his nose to push a peanut along the pavement for 10 kilometres, finishing outside the Prime Minister’s official residence in Downing Street. In December 2005, he crawled from London to Canterbury (approximately 130 kilometres) to raise awareness of loneliness at Christmas. Earlier that year, he turned on a tap in an art gallery in London and planned to leave it running for a year, wasting 15 million litres of water – although the water company he was protesting against forced him to turn it off after a month. In 2007, he caused a scandal by eating a swan as a protest against the monarchy. According to an old law, all swans in the UK are the property of the queen, and eating one is crime. However, it was not the police who objected but animal rights activists! Eating the swan was not an enjoyable experience, especially as Gowan is a long-standing vegetarian. “I suffer for my art”, he said. “It was disgusting, greasy and fatty.”

READING COMPREHENSION (2)

Which person or group:

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| 0 | ate an unusual meal as a way of protesting? | <u> C </u> |
| 1 | targets people who take themselves too seriously? | _____ |
| 2 | protested against a company's methods of food production? | _____ |
| 3 | has very well-known supporters? | _____ |
| 4 | made a long journey on their hands and knees? | _____ |
| 5 | is more likely to repeat the stunt if people get annoyed? | _____ |
| 6 | was very unpopular with animal rights groups? | _____ |
| 7 | used an unusual costume to gain media attention? | _____ |
| 8 | uses food as a weapon? | _____ |
| 9 | feels they endure pain for their expression? | _____ |
| 10 | makes well-known people the object of his stunts? | _____ |

Total ___/10

LISTENING

You will hear five people talking about misunderstandings. Match the speakers to misunderstandings A – F. There is one extra letter.

1. Speaker 1 _____
2. Speaker 2 _____
3. Speaker 3 _____
4. Speaker 4 _____
5. Speaker 5 _____

- A. went to the wrong meeting place
- B. gave someone the wrong information
- C. misheard directions to a place
- D. misunderstood some instructions
- E. misunderstood an invitation
- F. went to a meeting they weren't invited to

Total ___/5pts