

GRAMMAR

Complete the text by putting the verbs in brackets into the correct forms. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Ask hundreds of people what they (1) (do) on a certain day in August next year and there (2) (be) only one reply. Provided that the people you (3) (ask) belong to the Elvis Presley Fan Club.

Although the King of Rock and Roll (4) (die) nearly two decades ago, his fans (5) (meet) every year since then outside his home in Memphis, Tennessee, to show respect for the singer they (6) (love) so much.

One fan, Jean, (7) (visit) Graceland, the house where Elvis (8) (suffer) his fatal heart attack, twice in the past five years. 'I (9) (borrow) money from my mum as I (10) (not work) then. Two years later I got married and since then I (11) (work) in my husband's garage. We (12) (think) of spending two months going to all of the places where Elvis (13) (perform) next year. I (14) (always want) to visit these places.'

She says that Elvis (15) (be) her obsession ever since she (16) (be) ten years old.

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(0.5 pts each)

Choose the correct structure to complete the sentence. Circle the letter (A-D) of your answer.

9. We seem to be completely lost. What (9) now?

- A. are we going to do B. are we doing C. will we do D. are we doing

10. Just think, this time next week we (10) a taxi to the airport.

- A. are going to take B. take C. are taking D. will be taking

11. Some scientists believe that they (11) a cure for most types of cancer by 2050.

- A. discover B. are discovering C. will have discovered D. will be discovering

12. You (12) look at other students' work. It's against the rules.

- A. should better not B. needn't C. don't have to D. mustn't

13. The two climbers stopped to rest. They (13) for four hours and they were exhausted.

- A. climbed B. were climbing C. had been climbing D. have been climbing

14. They were experienced climbers and they (14) carefully for their trip.

- A. were prepared B. had prepared C. have prepared D. were preparing

15. I'm sorry to keep you waiting. I hope you (15) long.

- A. haven't been waiting B. hadn't been waiting C. didn't wait D. weren't waiting

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Total points: / 15 pts

V O C A B U L A R Y

Complete each sentence by using the word which best completes that sentence. Write the word in the space provided.

Very few popular spectator sports remain amateur in (1) _____ sense. In the past, even in cases (2) _____ payments to players or athletes were forbidden, many sports tolerated (3) _____ became known as 'shamateurism'. This (4) _____ that payments were made in the (5) _____ of expenses, (6) _____ in some extreme cases, simply made illegally. (7) _____ recently sport has become, in effect, a branch of the entertainment and advertising industry, and the top performers in sports (8) _____ as golf, tennis, football and track athletics can expect to be very rich. (9) _____ in itself worries some people. Where is the old Olympic ideal, they say, and hasn't the urge to win been transformed into mere greed (10) _____ money? But (11) _____ fact is that sport has become more and more professional in the wider sense, (12) _____ only requiring total dedication from aspiring champions, (13) _____ also requiring expensive facilities, training, and medical advice. (14) _____ is just no longer possible (15) _____ combine a career in sport with a career elsewhere. And besides, many would argue that top champions deserve large prizes. After all, (16) _____ shouldn't they be adequately rewarded for reaching the top of their profession? Perhaps most criticism is levelled (17) _____ two abuses: (18) _____ taking of performance-enhancing drugs, and the sheer lack of entertainment in many team games, (19) _____ the need to win has effectively stifled all sense of flair. Both, in a sense, are forms of cheating and both are difficult to define. (20) _____ every banned substance, there is another legal one which can also be said to be a 'drug'.

Total points: / 10 pts
(0.5 pt each)

READING COMPREHENSION

Read the article below. There is one task to do.

Useful advice before travelling

Doctors tend to be poor educators; we have depressingly little to show for our efforts to educate the general public on even such a clear-cut issue as the effect of cigarette smoking on health. **(1)**_____, is it for doctors to provide large numbers of departing travellers with detailed information and effective advice for their trip when the usual forum for doing so is a single, hurried consultation, just before departure.

There are limits to what can be achieved in or should be expected from a medical consultation **(2)**_____, even when the doctor is well-motivated and well-informed about the subject, and the traveller is receptive, has a perfect memory, and is good at doing what he or she is told.

What kind of advice should travellers receive? A list of rules and instructions **(3)**_____ carries the implication that they are incapable of understanding the principles involved, are not interested, or do not 'need' to know. **(4)**_____ advice offered on such condescending terms is seldom followed for long. The best advice is not a list of do's and don'ts, **(5)**_____, a clear rational explanation from which a conclusion is obvious. **(6)**_____, and I believe that travellers should have the opportunity to choose for themselves how much they 'want' or 'needn't' know. **(7)**_____, we have studiously avoided giving advice to consult a doctor without stating the reason for doing so.

"Consult your doctor" is a useful formula to enable advice-givers to avoid difficult issues, but is a particularly unhelpful one **(8)**_____ a problem which may rise abroad. **(9)**_____ to find a doctor in a remote place. Merely finding a doctor does not guarantee that the correct advice or treatment will be given. Some 85 per cent of the world's population have never seen a doctor, and never will. Advice for travellers must take account of the fact that travellers to many parts of the world will be **(10)**_____.

There are 10 phrases missing from the article. Put the letter (A-M) of the phrase into the correct gap (1-10). There are 3 extra phrases.

- A. *Information is a powerful weapon*
- B. *It is hardly surprising that*
- C. *But despite this*
- D. *Throughout this book*
- E. *but is based on information*
- F. *It is essential*
- G. *in the same position*
- H. *given without explanation or justification*
- I. *It is not easy*
- J. *based on the principle*
- K. *How much more difficult, then*
- L. *under the best of circumstances*
- M. *when it relates to*

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Listen carefully and choose the best answer to complete each of the statements. Circle the letter (A-D) of your answer.

1. We have a distorted picture of the world beyond our immediate experience because

- A- real events are deliberately distorted by the media.
- B- we are selective in what we read.
- C- a limited number of events are reported.
- D- the stories that are presented are not fully researched.

2. The writer implies that *The Times*

- A- never deals with any human interest stories at all.
- B- has large numbers of overseas readers.
- C- carries reports that would not interest *Mirror* readers.
- D- has the same political slant as the *Mirror*.

3. According to the writer, newspapers

- A- shape the political views of the readers.
- B- vary greatly in their degree of objectivity.
- C- are widely perceived to be politically biased.
- D- are funded by political pressure groups.

4. When the author says: ‘the *Daily Express* is biased’,

- A- he in fact means the opposite.
- B- he is citing an opinion he may not hold personally.
- C- he wishes to imply that the *Daily Express* is a special case.
- D- he wants to defend the *Socialist Worker*.

5. The writer’s attitude towards the distortion of news is that

- A- it happens more in the press than on TV.
- B- its incidence varies between different newspapers.
- C- it is far too prevalent.
- D- it is inevitable.

Total points: / 5 pts

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