

**G R A M M A R**

**Read the text below and fill in gaps 1 – 15 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.). Write your answers on the lines provided below. There is an example at the beginning (00).**

(00)\_\_\_\_\_ conducting DNA tests, Munich scientists (01)\_\_\_\_\_ revealed that Charles Lindbergh had a secret second family in Germany (02)\_\_\_\_\_ he was apparently happily married (03)\_\_\_\_\_ Anne Morrow. (04)\_\_\_\_\_ before the scientist made their announcement, the three children of this family, (05)\_\_\_\_\_ only discovered their father's true identity (06)\_\_\_\_\_ his death in 1974, were sure they knew who their father (07)\_\_\_\_\_. They say that he met their mother, Brigitte Hesshaimer, 17 years earlier in 1957. (08)\_\_\_\_\_ to one newspaper, some time later Lindbergh met Brigitte's sister and (09)\_\_\_\_\_ had two sons with her, but this has not (10)\_\_\_\_\_ proved. The announcement (11)\_\_\_\_\_ Lindbergh's second family attracted a (12)\_\_\_\_\_ of media attention. Afterwards Lindbergh's American and German children said that (13)\_\_\_\_\_ intend to meet regularly and may become close, but the gap of so many years (14)\_\_\_\_\_ be bridged in a (15)\_\_\_\_\_ hours.

(00) *After*

(01) _____	(06) _____	(11) _____
(02) _____	(07) _____	(12) _____
(03) _____	(08) _____	(13) _____
(04) _____	(09) _____	(14) _____
(05) _____	(10) _____	(15) _____

**1 point/correct answer**

**Total: \_\_\_\_\_ / 15 pts**

**V O C A B U L A R Y****A. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.**

1. Her \_\_\_\_\_ was desultory and she does not appear to have completed her language course. **(ATTEND)**
2. Susan took a quick step \_\_\_\_\_, blood racing up her neck and warming her cheeks. **(BACK)**
3. He explored one hallway and found two guest bedrooms and an office, all decorated in the same cold, \_\_\_\_\_ colours. **(PERSON)**
4. Since then, governments have failed to deliver \_\_\_\_\_ change – corruption is endemic and the economy has faltered. **(MEANING)**
5. The second \_\_\_\_\_ made by his expedition at Buenos Aires was even less successful and long-lived than the first. **(SETTLE)**

**B. In each of following questions 6-10, five words have been given, of which four are alike in some way and one is different. Find the odd one out and circle it.**

6.	hornbeam	cone	spruce	aspen	fir
7.	buttercup	snowdrop	cowslip	horseback	dandelion
8.	marmot	sparrow	tomtit	crow	bullfinch
9.	spade	hoe	rake	scythe	hay
10.	burp	chomp	crawl	hiccup	snore

**1 point/correct answer****Total: \_\_\_\_\_ / 10 pts**

**R E A D I N G   C O M P R E H E N S I O N**

**You are going to read an article about Vladimir Kramnik, a world champion chess player. Read the article and answer the questions below.**

1        It's quite difficult for me to get up in the morning. I like to lie in bed for ten minutes and think of nothing – it's my favourite ten minutes of the day. I don't get out of bed much before noon. There's no point in having a proper breakfast; I sometimes have just a cup of coffee, as lunch is at three o'clock. It's two hours before I feel completely fresh.

2        I don't care much about money. I've been a millionaire since my world championship with Kasparov, but I live like an ordinary Russian citizen. I don't have any special hobbies, like buying designer clothes or Ferraris. I have one luxury. I like caviar. Who doesn't? But if you eat it daily, you don't appreciate its delicate taste, so I eat it every other day! I like having money, but mainly so that I can help my family.

3        Since I became world champion, I get too many phone calls. Whether it's journalists or tournament organisers, it all takes time from my day. A year ago I could read a book for two hours – now I don't even have two hours in a row free – more like 15 minutes. Everybody wants to speak to me. I've got four mobile phones, one that works around the world and three that work in Russia.

4        Being a chess world champion is a bit different from being a tennis champion. You don't need to practice chess to play well. It's more like scientific research. Preparation in chess is far more about thinking what your opponent will play. There are now more than a million chess games on the Internet. So I often study games and analyse them. I need to know what kind of openings and strategies my opponents are using.

5        I usually go to bed at 4 am. Almost all the chess players do. It's because chess tournaments don't finish until 10 pm. You can't go straight to bed after that. You need to unwind. You need to eat dinner, take a little walk and work on how to improve your game. Chess is intensive mental work. The last match I played against Kasparov went on for about a month, and I dreamt about chess every night. I was trying to solve chess problems in my dreams. Chess is like that.

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**( c o n t i n u e d )**

**A. Are these statements about Vladimir true (T), false (F) or not stated (NS)? Circle the correct answer.**

1. T / F / NS    Breakfast is an important meal for him. It helps to make him feel fresh.
2. T / F / NS    Every week he spends \$500 on the best caviar.
3. T / F / NS    He feels that the best way to improve is by playing games with other people.
4. T / F / NS    He goes to bed late because he needs time to relax after a tournament.

**B. Find words or phrases in the text which mean:**

5. purpose, value or reason (paragraph 1) \_\_\_\_\_
6. pleasant and not too strong (paragraph 2) \_\_\_\_\_
7. one after another (paragraph 3) \_\_\_\_\_
8. somebody who takes the other side in a contest (paragraph 4) \_\_\_\_\_
9. a series of matches which shows who is the strongest player (paragraph 5) \_\_\_\_\_
10. to begin to relax after a tense situation (paragraph 5) \_\_\_\_\_

**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 a text about Agatha Christie, a famous detective story writer. Listen carefully and decide whether the statements below are true (T), false (F) or not stated (NS). Circle the correct answer. You will hear the text twice.**

- T / F / NS      1. Agatha Christie's mother insisted on her education. As a result, Agatha had to attend the best schools in England.
- T / F / NS      2. Frederick Miller, Agatha's father, died in 1907.
- T / F / NS      3. Agatha Christie's job during the war gave her knowledge that was later used while writing her murder mysteries.
- T / F / NS      4. Agatha Christie and her husband Archibald had three daughters.
- T / F / NS      5. Roger Ackroyd is Agatha Christie's most famous sleuth.

**1 point/correct answer**

**Total: \_\_\_\_\_ / 5 pts**

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