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G R A M M A R

I. Read the following article. Complete the text by putting the verbs in brackets into the correct forms.

Sara is a singer. She 1. _____ (have) a hit song called *Love Song*. Now, she's successful but life 2. _____ (be not) always so easy. She 3. _____ (grow) up in California and they 4. _____ (live) in the forest. She 5. _____ (be) overweight when she 6. _____ (grow) up and some kids 7. _____ (be) so mean. She 8. _____ (become) interested in music and she 9. _____ (copy) her sister. Sara says: "Most of the time, I 10. _____ (use) real-life experiences. My sister and her boyfriend used 11. _____ (argue) a lot so I 12. _____ (write) a song."

_____ / 12 points

II. There are two grammar mistakes in each statement below (13-18). Underline the mistakes and correct them in the spaces provided.

When Sara grown up, she change schools.

13. _____ 14. _____

She starting played the piano.

15. _____ 16. _____

She write her first song when her sister go out with a boy.

17. _____ 18. _____

_____ / 3 points (half for each)

Total _____ / 15 points

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V O C A B U L A R Y

- I. Read the article below. Complete each sentence with the correct form of the word given in CAPITALS in the sentences.

'Wellies' is a short name for 'Wellington Boots', which were first worn by the Duke of Wellington. They were

1. _____ (EVENTUAL) made of rubber so they would be
2. _____ (COMPLETE) waterproof and have
3. _____ (TRADITION) been worn by children and people in the countryside. These days, most wellies are made of PVC and are often decorated so that they have become
4. _____ (FASHION), 5. _____ (PARTICULAR) at music festivals.

_____ / 5 points

- II. Choose the correct word to complete each sentence. Write the letter of each answer in the space provided.

6. I don't know how you manage to walk with such high _____ on your shoes.

- a) heels b) laces c) straps d) toes

7. Her shoes were so old that her _____ were sticking out of them.

- a) fingers b) thumbs c) tips d) toes

8. What _____ shoes do you take?

- a) length b) measure c) scale d) size

9. The first thing he did was to _____ his shoelaces and take his shoes off.

- a) disconnect b) mislead c) unpack d) undo

10. You really have to _____ your shoes repaired.

- a) do b) get c) make d) take

_____ / 5 points

Total _____ / 10 points

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Read the story carefully. There are two (2) tasks to do on the next page.

Elaine, 63, a retired GP receptionist who loves watching Piers Morgan presenting Good Morning Britain, said: "One morning during lockdown at around 8.30am, we could hear two men outside talking about signal strength. One of them was pointing at our front door. We looked out of the window and saw they were BT engineers holding some kind of meters. Next thing, they're knocking on the door and asking us to turn the telly off at the wall."

Alun, 67, a retired farmer said: "He told me we'd better get rid of the set immediately because it was interfering with the internet connection all over the village. He said we'd have the whole village on our doorstep if anyone found out we were the cause of the problem."

Alun and Elaine Rees snapped up the £30, 16" Bush set three years ago on Facebook so their grandchildren could watch DVD films. The Reeses, who have four children and seven grandchildren aged 6 to 22, live in a semi-detached home in the centre of the rural Welsh village. But the retired couple had no idea the flatscreen TV was cutting the broadband signal for everybody in their tiny village in Wales. They were mortified that their old second-hand TV was the cause of the entire village's broadband problems, and immediately agreed to switch it off and not to use it again. "Our son lives next door and he was having building work done so we chucked it on his skip," says Elaine. Despite binning the old TV and buying a replacement, the couple say the internet signal is still terrible.

Puzzled locals in the 400-strong village spent a year-and-a-half complaining to Openreach about the dreadful signal, which cut out like clockwork every day. Engineers replaced large sections of cable serving the village, but the problem continued. But engineers were left scratching their heads when repeated visits to the village found the network was working perfectly.

Openreach engineer Michael Jones said: "Not being able to solve the fault for our customers left us feeling frustrated and downbeat, but we were determined to get to the bottom of it. As a final resort, we decided to bring in a crack squad of engineers based in other parts of the UK to investigate. Experts had to stay in a guesthouse 55 miles away and make a daily 90-minute trek to the village as a result of coronavirus restrictions."

Michael added: "Using a device called a Spectrum Analyser, we walked up and down the village in the torrential rain at 6am to see if we could find an electrical noise to support our theory. And at 7am, like clockwork, it happened. Our device picked up a large burst of electrical interference coming from a house in the village. Further investigations revealed a burst of electrical interference at 7am each day, which was eventually traced to the residents' home. It turned out that at 7am every morning, the occupants would switch on their old TV, which would in-turn knock out broadband for the entire village. The engineers then realised the pensioners' ancient TV was emitting a single high-level impulse noise (SHINE) – which causes electrical interference in other devices."

Suzanne Rutherford of Openreach advised people to ensure their electrical appliances are properly certified and meet British standards.

She said: "Anything with electric components – from outdoor lights to microwaves to CCTV cameras – can potentially have an impact on your broadband connection. Such issues are not as rare as people may think."

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READING COMPREHENSION

(continued)

I. Based on what you read, choose the best answer to complete each statement (1-4). Write your answer in the space provided.

1. Who owned the TV? _____
2. The 'culprit' was finally revealed to be _____.
3. Villagers were suddenly struck with poor broadband connectivity every morning at _____.
4. A spectrum analyser looked for a phenomenon known as _____.

_____ / 4 points

II. According to the article, decide if the statements below are true (T), false (F) or not stated (NS). Circle your answers.

5. T / F / NS Some grandparents wiped out the village's internet.
6. T / F / NS The problem baffled engineers from Openreach who found the network not working.
7. T / F / NS Villagers were plagued with internet issues every morning.
8. T / F / NS Other household electrical devices can also hit the broadband supply.
9. T / F / NS Openreach replaced the TV for free.
10. T / F / NS They gave their old TV to their son's family.

_____ / 6 points

Total _____ / 10 points

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LISTENING COMPREHENSION

You will hear two people talking about April Fool's Day. Listen carefully and fill in the gaps for questions 1-5 with the most appropriate WORDS you have heard. You will hear the text twice.

1. What does Ben say Google can do? _____

2. What pet does Joe have? _____

3. What do Professor Burr Scott's students do every year? _____

4. What material did his students use last year? _____

5. What was Joe's top prank? _____

Total _____ / 5 points