

G R A M M A R

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

Recycled Fashion

I went shopping with my mother the (0) other day. I (1) _____ used to going shopping on my own now but it was my birthday and she said she would buy me some new clothes as a present. I wanted to get a new top and some jeans, (2) _____ we went to a shop I really like called *Diva*. My mother started to laugh as (3) _____ as we got there because almost all the clothes in the window were just (4) _____ the things that she used (5) _____ wear when she was young. She told me that she used to have lots (6) _____ pairs of flared trousers and that very short skirts (7) _____ also really popular.

Back in the seventies, my mother and her friends (8) _____ spend every Saturday morning looking round the shops. Of course, they could (9) _____ always afford to buy anything but they used to decorate (10) _____ old jeans to make them look new. My grandmother is very good (11) _____ sewing and she would help my mother sew coloured patches onto her old jeans. Apparently, even the hairstyles today are very similar (12) _____ the way my mother and her friends used to wear their hair.

She says she really likes these styles and so (13) _____ I. In fact, I (14) _____ getting used to the idea that my hair looks just like (15) _____ mother's!

0 _____ other _____

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Total ____/15pts

VOCABULARY

Read the text below. Choose the best answer /a, b, c or d/.

No one can be certain who really (0) discovered silk but according to (1) _____ it was a Chinese princess. One day, this princess watched (2) _____ amazement as the caterpillars on her father's mulberry tree created beautiful silk thread. Before long, she realized that this thread could be used to (3) _____ cloth. Then, in about 1725 BC, the Chinese emperor's wife began to (4) _____ the cultivation of silk worms and the manufacture of the cloth. The process was kept secret, and the Chinese guarded the secret (5) _____ for over 3,000 years. They exported the cloth to many countries and (6) _____ the envy of their trading rivals.

But then the secret got (7) _____. Another Chinese princess married an Indian prince who (8) _____ her to tell him where the silk which her clothes were made from was produced, and how. He then got some silk worms and the Indian silk industry was born. At around about the same (9) _____, two monks (10) _____ seeds of the mulberry tree and silkworm eggs out of China by hiding them in their walking sticks.

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| 0/ | a investigated | b invented | c discovered | d founded |
| 1/ | a fable | b legend | c story | d tale |
| 2/ | a for | b on | c at | d in |
| 3/ | a grow | b make | c develop | d do |
| 4/ | a advertise | b sponsor | c publish | d announce |
| 5/ | a deeply | b enormously | c carefully | d tightly |
| 6/ | a attracted | b caused | c led to | d created |
| 7/ | a away | b through | c out | d over |
| 8/ | a made | b had | c persuaded | d suggested |
| 9/ | a time | b period | c age | d moment |
| 10/ | a exported | b stole | c smuggled | d robbed |

Total ___/10 pts

READING COMPREHENSION (1)

Read the texts below. There are 10 questions about the texts. Decide which text, A, B, C or D, gives you the answer to the question. The same text may be used more than once.

A

Swimming provides individuals with several physical, social, and mental benefits. Some of them include improved strength and flexibility, a stronger heart, and better physique or figure.

Apart from this, swimming also works as a fast and effective remedy for healing muscles. The more regularly you swim, the more you can build your strength and stamina and also your posture and flexibility.

B

We want your opinion on the services of the Amateur Swimming Association!

As governing body, the ASA would like to offer the best service it can to its membership. We need to know what members think of our services. To help with this, we are asking you to take 10–15 minutes to complete our Member Satisfaction Questionnaire, which you will find on the following link:...

C

Open-water swimming tips:

- Start slowly, stay calm, and start at the back if you are a beginner. Then pass people if you are feeling good.
- Pick an easy stroke, such as the breaststroke, that lets you rest and get your head above water while you collect yourself.
- Practise navigating to stay on course. Every five to ten strokes, lift your head and look forward, using a landmark as a reference point.

D

I have joined this swimming club. We swim all year in the indoor pool, but in the summer we do open-water swimming in the sea or in lakes and even rivers. It's great once you get used to it. The best thing is it's such a social hobby. You have a great time and meet lots of new friends while getting fit. People think this kind of swimming is cold and unpleasant, but I love it.

READING COMPREHENSION (2)

Which text

- 1 ... describes different places you can swim? _____
- 2 ... asks for information? _____
- 3 ... gives advice? _____
- 4 ... describes some health benefits of swimming? _____
- 5 ... advises how to have a rest while swimming? _____
- 6 ... suggests how you can combine enjoyment with fitness? _____
- 7 ... guesses how long it will take to answer some questions? _____
- 8 ... advises how to check where you are swimming? _____
- 9 ... describes the effect of swimming on different parts of the body? _____
- 10 ... mentions when you can swim outside? _____

Total ___/10

LISTENING

You will hear an interview with a famous shoe designer. For questions 1–10, complete the sentences. You should use no more than three words.

1. The person who means the most to Manolo is his _____.
2. His family own a _____.
3. Manolo did not have a _____ when he was young.
4. Manolo's sister _____ with him now.
5. His parents wanted him to _____.
6. He did not finish his _____.
7. A famous magazine editor told him he should begin _____.
8. He went back to England to learn how _____
9. In his house he keeps _____ of all the shoes he's designed.
10. In London there was _____ of his work.

Total ___/5

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