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Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense. Write your answers in the space below the text.

There is an example at the beginning (00).

Hi Harry,

I just (00)_____ (*get*) your email. It (01)_____ (be) great to meet up last month. My journey back was fine but I was a bit tired in my classes the next day. My lessons this term (02)_____ (be) hard, but I'm still enjoying them. I (03)_____ (tell) you about Sarah, didn't I? Well, I'm still going out with her – almost eight months now and we (04)_____ (get on) really well. I'd love (05)_____ (introduce) her to you. I'm sure you'd hit it off straight away.

I've been thinking about your dilemma. To be honest, I think you should just go to Norway – you (06)_____ (not see) your parents for ages! If your relationship can't last a five-week break, it (07)_____ (never, last). You can always call each other and email every day, and I know you (08)_____ (really, not believe) that she (09)_____ (run off) with anyone else. If I (10)_____ (be) you, I'd plan a long trip together after you (11)_____ (finish) university. Plus, Harry, if you (12)_____ (not go) to Liam's summer party, he'll never forgive you!

By the way, (13)_____ (you, go) to Kate's birthday dinner next month? She (14)_____ (finally, make) it to her twenties. It would be great to see you there. Hopefully you (15)_____ (make) the right decision by then!

Take care and see you soon.

All the best,

Niall

(00) *got*

(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

Fill each blank space in the article below with the correct form of the word written in brackets.

Write your answers on the lines provided below. There is an example at the beginning (00).

Fast fashion is 'fast' in a number of senses: the rate of (00)_____ (*PRODUCE*) is fast; the customer's (01)_____ (*DECIDE*) to purchase is fast; (02)_____ (*DELIVER*) is fast; and garments are worn fast, usually only a few times before being discarded.

It is a model that is entirely (03)_____ (*SUSTAIN*) as it is encouraging (04)_____ (*CONSUME*) and generating (05)_____ (*EXCESS*) waste. The short lead times necessary to deliver such vast quantities of new designs mean that wash tests and wearer trials are usually not possible, which has implications for garment quality and (06)_____ (*ENDURE*). Furthermore, many of the products are made with materials that cannot be recycled. Fast fashion brands make heavy use of social media platforms, where users are able to purchase the clothes they see upon the bodies of models and (07)_____ (*INFLUENCE*). Low prices mean that buying an item requires little (08)_____ (*CONSIDER*).

While the average person buys 60% more items of clothing than they did 15 years ago, that clothing is kept only half as long. A lot of studies suggest that a quarter of people would be (09)_____ (*EMBARRASS*) to wear an outfit to a special occasion more than once. Supporting sustainable fashion might be the only (10)_____ (*SOLVE*) to the current fast fashion phenomenon.

(00) *production*

(01) _____

(06) _____

(02) _____

(07) _____

(03) _____

(08) _____

(04) _____

(09) _____

(05) _____

(10) _____

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

Read the text carefully and complete the two tasks.

THINGS TO DO WHEN BORED AT HOME

Although everyday duties keep us busy through the day, after that, boredom starts creeping up on you and that leads to frustration. A little creativity and enthusiasm can help you tide over the boredom and put the time to some good, constructive use. Why do we get bored? (1)_____ Nevertheless, if your hands are full of work or creative endeavours, you will never feel bored.

Here are some ideas you can choose from to kill your boredom. However, it is every individual's prerogative to spend time as they want.

Re-decorate and beautify the place: When you have tidied up the house and disposed of all your unwanted stuff, you will find the place more open and barer. Use your imagination and unleash your creativity to re-do the place by simple reshuffling of furniture or art pieces. If your creative self permits, then try to do a small canvas painting or handicraft to brighten up the space.

Old is gold: Nowadays, everyone is so hooked up on computers and mobiles that old board games like Chess, Ludo, Snakes and Ladders, Monopoly, and others are long forgotten. (2)_____ However, since video and online games have taken over, these old favourites have been confined to a box or cupboard. Now is the moment to bring them out and spend quality family time while enjoying the games.

Gardening: Your busy schedule never permits you to spend any quality time in nature. What are you waiting for? Now is the time to show the world that you have a green thumb. Plant some decorative or floral plants to beautify your home. Do not forget to create a small kitchen garden in a few pots with daily essentials like tomatoes, quick-growing veggies or some herbs. Caring for the plants will keep you busy in a constructive way.

Jigsaw puzzles: Remember the time when parents wanted to keep their kids busy so that they would be less mischievous. They would entrust to their children some jigsaw puzzles that took hours to complete. The bigger the puzzle and the more pieces it had, the more complicated it was to solve. (3)_____ This can come in handy when you feel bored now, too. Sit with a puzzle of over 100-odd pieces and you will be lost in setting it right.

Connect with family and friends: One may feel that in this computer age, everyone stays connected with each other through social media platforms. However, these are all virtual meetings. Take some time to call them on the phone and talk to them. (4)_____ This helps to establish a better bond that is more real and warm.

To sum up, when you are busy, you keep complaining for the lack of free time or quality time to spend doing something you like. The irony is that when you have that time, you are complaining about how to pass it! Humans can never be satisfied with anything, there is always some new

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complaint popping up. Thus, unless you learn to respect time, you will be forever at a loss. (5)____
 If there is a creative streak in you, you will never be bored. This is the secret to leading a fulfilled life.
 Time is precious, do not waste it and regret it later.

A. For questions (1 – 5), decide which sentence (A) – (G) below the text best fits each of the numbered gaps in the article. There are two extra sentences which do not fit any of the gaps.

Write the correct letter in the blank chart provided below.

(A) Boredom is how you look at it.

(B) Catch up on the good old days and relive your memories.

(C) Since many children are constantly complaining about boredom, their parents are going to assign each of them chores.

(D) It was surely a game of patience and concentration.

(E) Some people like to combat boredom by reading a book.

(F) Well, the simple reason is that we do not have any aim or task to look forward to.

(G) During the holidays, they were the main means of keeping everyone occupied and happy for long hours together.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

B. The following words (6 – 10) all appear in the text. Match each one with its correct meaning (H) – (N). There are two extra definitions you will not need. Write the correct letter in the blank chart provided below.

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| (6) to tide over | (H) to refuse to obey the orders of somebody in authority |
| (7) a prerogative | (I) a right belonging to a particular person |
| (8) to dispose of | (J) to help during a difficult period by providing needed things |
| (9) mischievous | (K) to get rid of things that you do not want or cannot keep |
| (10) a bond | (L) something that forms a connection between people |
| | (M) enjoying playing tricks and annoying people |
| | (N) having an unreasonable dislike of somebody |

(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	

1 point/correct answer

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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 some information about Marie Skłodowska Curie, one of the most famous scientists of her time. 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.

1. T / F / NS Marie's father, who was a teacher, lost all his savings through bad investments.
2. T / F / NS Marie Curie's husband wasn't a joint winner of both of Marie's Nobel Prizes.
3. T / F / NS In 1906 Pierre Curie was killed in a traffic accident, leaving Marie to continue their research.
4. T / F / NS During World War One, Marie Curie helped to put X-ray machines in ambulances.
5. T / F / NS Marie's youngest daughter, Irene, also became a famous scientist and was awarded the Nobel Prize for Chemistry.

1 point/correct answer

Total: _____ / 5 pts

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