

G R A M M A R

Complete the dialogue by filling in the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Kate: Hello, Mrs. Higgins.

Mrs Higgins: My goodness. It's Kate, isn't it? I ¹ _____ (**not see**) you for a long time.
How are you?

Kate: Fine, thank you.

Mrs Higgins: And your parents?

Kate: They're very well. Dad ² _____ (**be**) in Russia at the moment.

Mrs Higgins: Really? What ³ _____ (**he, do**) there?

Kate: He ⁴ _____ (**learn**) Russian but he ⁵ _____ (**be**) back next week.

Mrs Higgins: Well, I ⁶ _____ (**know**) him since our childhood and he ⁷ _____ (**always, be**) very energetic. And what about your brother?

Kate: He ⁸ _____ (**work**) for a computer company. He ⁹ _____ (**be**) there for about four years. When I ¹⁰ _____ (**meet**) him last week, he ¹¹ _____ (**program**) something new.

Mrs Higgins: And what about you?

Kate: Well, I'm unemployed at the moment so I ¹² _____ (**look**) for a job. I ¹³ _____ (**have**) lots of job interviews so far, but there's nothing yet. I even ¹⁴ _____ (**talk**) to my old headmaster a few days ago.

Mrs. Higgins: Well, I ¹⁵ _____ (**think**) you'll find something soon. Well, I must go. Give my regards to your mother.

Kate: Yes, I will. Bye.

Mrs. Higgins: Bye, Kate.

Total: _____ / 15 pts

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

1. The only _____ for getting the job is being 18. (**REQUIRE**)
2. My father's car has _____ back seats. (**REMOVE**)
3. You wouldn't like the movie. It's too _____ for you. (**CHILD**)
4. There is no _____ explanation for what we have just seen. (**SCIENCE**)
5. I prefer fresh food to _____ food. (**FREEZE**)

B. Complete the sentences to get English sayings. There are three extra words you will not need.

the bush	dog	shared	happiness	a house	need	broom	husband
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6. A new _____ sweeps clean.
7. A friend in _____ is a friend indeed.
8. A bird in the hand is worth two in _____.
9. _____ divided against itself cannot stand.
10. A trouble _____ is a trouble halved.

Total: _____ / 10 pts

R E A D I N G C O M P R E H E N S I O N**Delicious Desserts from Three Continents**

Desserts are everyone's favourite part of the meal. In most cultures, these delicious sweet dishes come at the very end of the main course and can be served in all shapes and tastes – cakes, cookies, pies and even sweet soups!

Despite millions of dessert recipes available in recipe books, there are some which have absolutely conquered the world with their unique tastes, causing pure happiness and bliss when eaten. But how did these desserts come about in the first place?

Cheesecake, the U.S.

Modern cheesecake spread across the world as an American product. It was developed in 1872 by accident when William Lawrence was trying to recreate soft French cheese. Instead of cheese, he came up with a heavier, creamy base that is now part and parcel of the cheesecake. Yet, it is speculated that ancient Greeks also made a form of cheesecake. Some say that the athletes competing in the first Olympic Games in 776 B.C. ate cheesecake for energy. Nowadays, the bottom layer, or the crust, normally consists of crushed cookies and is covered with the thickest cheesy layer and topped with fruit.

Crème Brûlée, France

Also known as “burnt cream” or “cream catalana”, this dessert is unique for its rich custard base topped with a layer of hard caramel. This is one of the oldest known desserts in Europe, having appeared in Catalan cookbooks in the 14th century. Crème brûlée is always served in individual ceramic bowls. Nowadays, it is popular to form the caramel directly on top of the custard. To complete this task, a butane torch is used to burn the sugar, causing a small flame, which makes the serving of the dessert very festive.

Baklava, Turkey and the Caucasus

The combination of filo pastry and chopped nuts held together with syrup or honey is known all over the world as baklava. The 15th century origin of the current form of baklava is well-known – it was the Turkish sultan residing in Istanbul who sent baklava trays to his young soldiers during the month of Ramadan. Nowadays, baklava can be bought on the streets of every major city in the region. It is sold per small piece, but buying more than one serving is simply irresistible.

Gulab Jamun, India

Everyone in Southeast Asia has heard of gulab jamun, a traditional Indian dessert prepared since medieval times. The word gulab comes from the Persian word for “flower and water”, while jamun is an Indian fruit which has a similar size and shape as this dessert. Gulab jamun is created when milk solids are kneaded into dough, shaped into small balls, deep-fried and soaked in sugary syrup flavoured with rose water. Being easy to make, yet delicious, this dessert is eaten at all major celebrations such as marriages and birthdays. Both Hindu and Muslim communities in India share a love for this dessert, so they traditionally make it for their religious holidays.

A. According to the article, choose the correct answer.

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| 1. What does “part and parcel” mean? | 2. What does “custard” mean? |
| a) essential component | a) savoury food similar to mustard |
| b) exact layers of a cake | b) caramelized sugar |
| c) very expensive ingredient | c) sweet food made of eggs and milk |
| 3. What does “to knead” mean? | 4. Why are torches used to serve crème brûlée? |
| a) to chop into small pieces | a) only for birthday parties |
| b) to press or massage with hands | b) to burn sugar directly on top of the custard |
| c) to bake until crispy | c) to ensure the dessert is always served warm |
| 5. What does “irresistible” mean? | 6. When is gulab jamun commonly eaten? |
| a) disgusting | a) on New Year’s Eve |
| b) served only for special occasions | b) for breakfast |
| c) tempting to possess | c) at special family occasions |

B. According to the article, are these statements true, false or not stated?

7. The person who invented cheesecake in the U.S. was actually trying to make cream, not a cake.
 a) true b) false c) not stated
8. It usually takes only 30 minutes to prepare gulab jamun.
 a) true b) false c) not stated
9. Crème brûlée is always served in small and separate pots.
 a) true b) false c) not stated
10. The modern variation of baklava became popular thanks to the Turkish sultan.
 a) true b) false c) not stated

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 information about the Moon. Listen carefully and complete the sentences. Only one word is missing in each sentence. You will hear the text twice.

1. The Moon can be seen due to the _____ of any concealing veil of air or cloud on it.
2. Temperatures on the Moon are extreme and sudden because there is no atmosphere which would act as a _____.
3. During the Moon's journey, it's lit from varying _____ by the sun.
4. When the first half of the Moon's surface is facing the sun, the other half is in _____.
5. _____ occurs when sunlight reflects off the Earth's surface and illuminates the unlit portion of the Moon's surface.

Total: _____ / 5 pts

A N S W E R K E Y

GRAMMAR – 15 pts

1 – in 2 – were 3 – the 4 – with 5 – and 6 – to
7 – when 8 – her 9 – a 10 – as 11 – was 12 – which
13 – from/in 14 – a 15 – up

VOCABULARY – 10 pts

1 – successful 2 – importance 3 – commitment 4 – excitement
5 – enjoyment 6 – popularity 7 – ability 8 – happiness
9 – achievements 10 – similarities

READING COMPREHENSION – 10 pts

1 – advantages
2 – facilities
3 – transport
4 – qualifications
5 – skills
6 – equipment
7 – clothing
8 – vehicles
9 – goods
10 – appliances

LISTENING COMPREHENSION – 5 pts

1 – F
2 – C
3 – D
4 – B
5 – E

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