

GRAMMAR

Complete the text by putting the verbs in brackets into the correct form. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Hat designer Christopher Coppens and singer Roisin Murphy (1) _____ (be) friends ever since the singer (2) _____ (visit) the Belgian hat-maker's boutique for the first time. Since then, Murphy (3) _____ (wear) almost every piece from Coppens' archive during her music tours, and it seems like now their friendship (4) _____ (get) even more creative. To launch his new collection, yesterday Coppens (5) _____ (ask) Murphy to star in his kaleidoscopic video.

_____ / 5 pts

Brussels airport (6) _____ (lie) in the heart of Europe. Brussels Airlines (7) _____ (develop) a new flying technique that (8) _____ (improve) the quality of our airlines in the coming years. The system (9) _____ (allow) planes to optimize landings and consume less fuel. The European Commission, rather than just (10) _____ (create) new regulations, (11) _____ (also, help) support this experimental project.

_____ / 6 pts

Complete each sentence with the correct preposition. Write it in the space provided.

12. My cousin Jim is obsessed _____ keeping fit.
13. Many frozen foods are deficient _____ vitamins.
14. I'm afraid you are not eligible _____ a pension until you are 65.
15. The same rules apply, irrespective _____ how much you have paid.

_____ / 4 pts

Total points: _____ / 15 pts

V O C A B U L A R Y

Complete each sentence (1–6) with the best answer (A –D). Write the letter of each answer in the space provided.

I was reading an advert for a mobile phone the other day which described the aforesaid object as an ‘aid to (1) _____’. As a technophobe who does not possess a mobile phone, much less with an online connection, I was intrigued by the astonishing presumptuousness of this claim. For the (2) _____ reason I do not have a mobile phone is that I don’t want to be at someone else’s (3) _____ and call 24 hours. But apparently there are plenty of sane adults out there who do. I know plenty of people who bought their phones on the (4) _____ understanding that it was to be used for emergencies only. But the insidious thing gradually took over their lives, to the (5) _____ where it seems they can barely live without it. Giving a mobile phone to a child makes even less sense. Parents lose their freedom and the children lose the ability to (6) _____ for themselves.

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|---------------|--------------|------------|----------------|
| 1. A/ ease | B/ handiness | C/ utility | D/ convenience |
| 2. A/ sheer | B/ perfect | C/ very | D/ utter |
| 3. A/ back | B/ beck | C/ need | D/ cry |
| 4. A/ strict | B/ absolute | C/ severe | D/ precise |
| 5. A/ mark | B/ point | C/ spot | D/ position |
| 6. A/ support | B/ keep | C/ fend | D/ sustain |

_____ /3 pts (0.5 pt each)

Circle the word that best completes the sentence.

7. I didn’t go to the party as I felt a bit under the *water* / *dog* / *weather*.
8. My friend is a happy *over-heels* / *go-lucky* / *may-care* kind of person and worries about nothing.
9. When my boss told me I was going to become manager, I was pleased as *powder* / *pigs* / *punch*.
10. When I saw the door begin to open, I was scared out of my *bones* / *wits* / *blood*.

_____ / 2 pts (0.5 pt each)

V O C A B U L A R Y - continued

Complete each sentence with the correct form of the word in **CAPITALS** at the end of each line. Write the word in the gap provided.

Shopping has changed beyond (11) _____ over the last **RECOGNIZE**

30 years. The traditional village shop has all but (12) _____, **APPEAR**

to be replaced by the more (13) _____ giant supermarkets. **FASHION**

But in 50 years' time, it will be very (14) _____ as **DIFFER**

computer shopping takes over.

Hypermarkets will become more (15) _____ as shoppers **COMPETE**

are (16) _____ to use computers to record the prices **ENCOURAGE**

of the things they buy while they shop, or even call up a friendly 'robot'

(17) _____ who will talk to them in a very natural way **ASSIST**

about purchases and make (18) _____ about what they **SUGGEST**

should buy. People will also be able to obtain (19) _____ **INFORM**

about shops and goods and have a more (20) _____ **POWER**

influence on how food is grown and how goods are made. Shopping will

certainly be easier than it is today.

_____ / 5 pts (0.5 pt each)

Total points: _____ / 10 pts

READING COMPREHENSION

Read the article carefully. There are two (2) tasks to do.

The country of lakes

Minnesota is known as ‘the land of 10,000 lakes’. At least a thousand of these lakes are situated in the Superior National Forest, on the boundary between Canada and the USA. This area is called the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Here, there are more than one million acres of lakes, rivers and forests. Many of the lakes are connected, (1) _____.

More than 200,000 visitors come to this remote region to camp, hike, boat and canoe each year. As its name says, the Boundary Waters are official “wilderness”, (2) _____. So, there are no roads or power lines, and very few signs of modern technology. Motor boats, snowmobiles, and even cars and trucks are not allowed in most parts of the Boundary Waters Wilderness. But the Boundary Waters have not always been a quiet place. Since the 1920s, people have argued about (3) _____. In 1920, the US government created a “roadless area” where no roads could be built. But as early as the 1940s, people were flying in to the Boundary Waters in special planes that could land on water. The planes were very loud, so new laws were passed that also banned mining, forestry, and all types of motor vehicles. But some residents on the edge of the Boundary Waters were unhappy. Miners and loggers had lost their jobs. Hotel and restaurant owners had fewer customers. They thought that everyone should be able to visit the Boundary Waters – (4) _____. So in 1998, another law was passed, allowing cars and trucks (5) _____.

Many environmentalists oppose the law. They think that these motor vehicles pollute the clean air and create noise to scare wildlife. This means that the Boundary Waters are no longer truly a “wilderness”.

Today, the debate over how to use the Boundary Waters continues. Some people want to ban all vehicles completely, (6) _____. It’s up to Minnesotans to decide how they will keep their natural areas clean and meet the needs of people at the same time.

READING COMPREHENSION

There are 6 phrases (A – H) missing from the article. Put the letter of the phrase into the correct gap (1 – 6). There are 2 extra phrases.

A/ which means that people shouldn't disturb the environment.

B/ whereas others want to open it up to industry.

C/ so they are attracted by its natural beauty.

D/ not just those who could come on foot or by canoe.

E/ whether the area should be developed or remain wild.

F/ but environmentalists make sure it doesn't change.

G/ only for the purpose of pulling canoes over the land.

H/ so the region is ideal for water recreation.

_____ / 6 pts

According to the article, decide if the statements below are True (T) or False (F). Circle your answer.

7. **T / F** In the area of the Boundary Waters, there are no roads for cars.

8. **T / F** This area has always been a quiet area for recreation.

9. **T / F** Some people think that motor vehicles pollute the area and create noise for animals.

10. **T / F** You are not allowed to cut wood in this area.

_____ / 4 pts

Total points: _____ / 10 pts

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

You are going to hear part of a radio programme about animals in our lives. Decide if the statements are True (T) or False (F).

1. T / F Dolphins are smart but aggressive.
2. T / F The article gives examples of animals used in war.
3. T / F Some animals have been honoured for their bravery.
4. T / F The article gives examples of insects used for the amusement of humans.
5. T / F Horses do more kinds of work than any other animal.
6. T / F Chimpanzees are used in mines to amuse miners.
7. T / F Angry and aggressive children cannot help disabled people.
8. T / F Guide dogs help difficult teenagers become more friendly and confident.
9. T / F Guinea pigs are used for tests in medicine.
10. T / F The article claims that horses help with the antisocial behaviour of young people.

Total points: _____ / 5 pts (0.5 pt each)

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