

G R A M M A R**A. Complete the text with a proper word.**

The Komodo dragon lives ¹_____ the island of Komodo, ²_____ is a part of Indonesia. It is ³_____ very dangerous animal. Reaching 10 feet in length and ⁴_____ than 300 pounds, Komodo dragons are ⁵_____ heaviest lizards on Earth. Adult Komodo dragons eat smaller members of their ⁶_____ species and sometimes ⁷_____ other adults. Carrion, however, is their main food, ⁸_____ they commonly wait ⁹_____ game trails to ambush pigs, deer, and cattle. They seldom need to capture live prey directly since their bite delivers toxins. It ¹⁰_____ thought that their victims go into shock ¹¹_____ rapid blood loss. Dragon saliva contains over 50 strains of bacteria, and within 24 hours, stricken creatures usually die ¹²_____ blood poisoning. The popular interest in the lizard's large size and predatory habits has allowed this endangered species ¹³_____ become an ecotourism attraction, which ¹⁴_____ encouraged its protection.

0.5 point / correct answer: _____ / 7 pts**B. Complete the sentences with the correct verb form, active or passive, using the verb in brackets.**

15. This shirt fits me. I _____ (buy) it.
16. 'Where are my jeans?' 'They _____ (wash) at the moment.'
17. It was a hard match. At half-time, one of the footballers _____ (take) to hospital.
18. Susan is all wet because she _____ (clean) her father's car.
19. We need a new washing machine. We _____ (have) this one for ages.
20. My brother earns a good salary. He _____ (sell) computer software.
21. They _____ (enjoy) a lovely picnic until his wife was stung by a bee.
22. Have you heard about Jack? He _____ (make) redundant.

1 point / correct answer: _____ / 8 pts**Total: _____ / 15 pts**

V O C A B U L A R Y

A. The idioms below all contain the names of animals. Choose the correct word from the box to complete the idiomatic expressions.

stag	rat	lamb	goose	bull	ass	cows	duck
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1. to talk until the _____ come home
2. to be like water off a/an _____'s back
3. to make a/an _____ of yourself
4. to behave like a/an _____ in a china shop
5. to be unable to say boo to a/an _____
6. to smell a/an _____
7. to have a/an _____ party
8. to be gentle as a/an _____

1 point / correct answer: _____ / 8 pts

B. Underline the most suitable word in the sentences.

9. I'm *bankrupt* / *broke*. Can you lend me a fiver until the weekend?
10. My uncle is *an accountant* / *a spendthrift*, he helps me look after my finances.
11. I didn't *bet* / *win* any money at the races. I don't believe in gambling.
12. Mike's parents are very *hard up* / *well-off*, they've just bought him a new sports car.

0.5 point / correct answer: _____ / 2 pts

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 given.

The Secret Social Media Lives of Teenagers

A few months ago, Harvard University revealed that it had cancelled admissions offers to at least 10 students who had shared **offensive** images within what they thought was a private Facebook group chat. The students posted memes and images that mocked minority groups, child abuse, sexual assault and the Holocaust, among other things.

Over the past few years, memes — usually images or videos with text often meant to be funny or sarcastic in nature — have become one of the most popular ways, along with photos and videos, that youth communicate on social media. While some of that communication can be positive, allowing teenagers to explore their own identity development and find a sense of belonging, it can also get teens in trouble.

In an environment where teens spend around nine hours using some form of online media every day, it doesn't take long for them to be influenced by an "all-about-the-likes" sense of values that can **potentially** lead to wrong decisions.

It is quite common that many teenagers have a real Instagram account (so-called "rinsta") for a wider audience and then keep a "finsta" for their closest friends. Many teens use shortened versions of their names or aliases for finsta accounts, which they often see as an opportunity to share a less-edited, less-filtered version of their lives. They might spend a lot of time trying to capture the perfect Instagram photo for the rinsta, which reaches a wider general audience. Like the teens in the Harvard Facebook group chat, those using finsta accounts can have a false sense of **confidence** to say and do things they might not want a wider audience to see.

And because so much of today's teen social media use is rooted in a fear of getting caught, closed and secret Facebook groups are one way teens privatize their communication. Secret Facebook groups **remain** unsearchable and members can only be added or invited by another member.

The ready **availability** of tools to hide teen social media use can be problematic, leading teens to overshare images, videos and commentary. But that privacy has long been proven to be unreliable, because information shared within a private group can easily be captured in a screenshot and shared with a wider audience. In the case of the Harvard students, administrators found out about images and messages shared within a private group chat, highlighting how easily information shared behind digital walls can quickly become more public.

R E A D I N G C O M P R E H E N S I O N - c o n t i n u e d

A. According to what you have read, are these statements true or false? Circle the correct answer.

T / F 1. Harvard University punished students for sharing rude pictures and videos.

T / F 2. Only a few Instagram users have more than one account.

T / F 3. A “rinsta” account usually contains a less-edited version of users’ lives.

T / F 4. A screenshot can be misused to share private information with a wider audience.

T / F 5. The privacy of social media has been proven to be reliable.

1 point / correct answer: _____ / 5 pts

B. Choose the best synonym (a, b, c or d) for each of the words below as they are used in the article. For better understanding of the context, the words can be found in bold there.

6. offensive (adj)

A) complimentary

B) insulting

C) delightful

D) numerous

7. potentially (adv)

A) directly

B) impossibly

C) unreasonably

D) conceivably

8. confidence (n)

A) self-assurance

B) self-evaluation

C) acceptance

D) politeness

9. to remain (v)

A) to exchange

B) to cancel

C) to persist

D) to allow

10. availability (n)

A) opportunity

B) creativity

C) infinity

D) probability

1 point / correct answer: _____ / 5 pts

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 a report about the possible influences of having a dog on our health. Complete the sentences with ONE appropriate word based on the information you have just heard. You will hear the text twice.

1. According to a/an _____ study, canine-lovers could be 23% less likely to die from heart disease.
2. Previous studies have suggested dogs relieve social isolation and _____ – both linked to an increased risk of early death.
3. The study claims that the biggest _____ impact of having a dog was observed on people living alone.
4. People in Sweden have a very low rate of dog _____.
5. Tove Fall, a/an _____ and the lead author of this latest study, has recently got a new puppy.

Total: _____ / 5 pts

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