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kategória 2A

1. (3B)

GRAMMAR

Read the text below and decide which answer best fits each space. There is an example at the beginning (00). Choose the correct option.

A Hectic Time

Example: (00) long time / sometimes / ages / lately

Dear Trevor, I know it's been (00) ages since I wrote to you but I've been very busy (1) ever since / while / every time / before we decided to move to the country. The house in the village is not quite ready (2) already / soon / yet / still but as you can imagine, (3) as / since / while / for the last few weeks we've had to chase up builders and plumbers and we've (4) already / yet / still / nearly got a long way to go. It's been such a long time since we (5) have started / started / start / did start work on it I've almost forgotten how long it's been exactly. We must have started it about seven years (6) previous / ago / since / before and we've (7) already / not / still / yet spent a small fortune on it. We are (8) yet / already / longer / still living in our rather cramped flat where you (9) had been visited / have visited / were visiting / visited us a few years ago but it (10) is beginning / begins / begin / begun to get unbearable and we (11) have looked forward / will look forward / are looking forward / looked forward to moving out. We are still (12) be rushed / rush / rushing / rushed around from morning (13) through / till / into / and night and it's been particularly hectic (14) while / in / during / from the last week. Anyway, (15) in / while / during / for all this was going on, Karen fell and sprained her ankle, which was the last thing we needed.

2. (10B)

VOCABULARY

A. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word written in brackets.

1. He had lost so much weight he was hardly . (RECOGNISE)
2. Because of the strike at the airport, there were several flight . (CANCEL)
3. These instructions seem complicated. (NECESSARY)
4. Jack suffers from terrible and blushes whenever he has to make a speech. (SHY)
5. We became when we found out that she knew about the deal. (SUSPECT)

B. Match the idiomatic expressions with their explanations. There are two explanations you won't need.

1. to pull the wool over one's eyes

- to want to travel or move on / to let others act / to be extremely irritable /
 to go directly and quickly towards someone or something / to deceive someone /
 to be very happy about something / to say something that calms the situation down

2. to make a beeline for

- to say something that calms the situation down / to be extremely irritable / to deceive someone / to let others act
 / to want to travel or move on / to be very happy about something /
 to go directly and quickly towards someone or something

3. to take a back seat

- to let others act / to say something that calms the situation down / to want to travel or move on /
 to deceive someone / to go directly and quickly towards someone or something / to be extremely irritable /
 to be very happy about something

4. to be like a bear with a sore head

- to let others act / to say something that calms the situation down / to be extremely irritable /
 to go directly and quickly towards someone or something / to want to travel or move on /
 to be very happy about something / to deceive someone

5. to be floating on air

- to let others act / to be extremely irritable / to deceive someone / to want to travel or move on /
 to say something that calms the situation down / to go directly and quickly towards someone or something /
 to be very happy about something

3. (10B)

READING COMPREHENSION

"It's fun. This is stunning to me."

After 15 years, Tom Hanks is directing (and starring) again. He's still the most bankable actor in the world, so where's he been – and why is he dining with Obama and the Queen, asks Jeff Dawson.

1. F / B / G / D / C / E / A

In January 2009, on Washington's National Mall, Hanks spoke at President Obama's inauguration. Last month, Hanks was at Buckingham Palace, hobnobbing with the Windsors as part of the American state visit. Hanks acknowledges the absurdity. "I don't know why I was invited to those things," he shrugs.

2. B / A / C / F / D / G / E

Hanks has been around long enough to take it all in his casual stride. The skinny guy who was once in love with a mermaid is now a genial gent of 54. As if to mark the passage of time, he has just become a grandfather – one son, the actor Colin Hanks, recently fathered a little girl. Since I first met Hanks in Los Angeles 17 years ago, little seems to have changed him on a personal level. His waist is thicker than it used to be, his hair not quite as grey as it ought to be. But he retains that essential puppy-dog enthusiasm – like the kid in *Big*, the one trapped in the grown-up's body. He is a very famous celebrity who has that rare gift of being able to grant you his sincere and undivided attention – or, at least, of creating the impression he's doing so.

3. B / F / C / A / E / G / D

Hanks's presence today is for an increasingly uncommon purpose. He has a film to promote – one he's acting in. His new film, *Larry Crowne*, is rather modest, a labour of love produced by his own Playtone company. In it, Hanks is the title character. Hanks also directs and he writes too, having co-penned the screenplay with Nia Vardalos.

4. A / D / E / G / C / B / F

As an actor, Hanks is in a league of his own: back-to-back Oscars for *Philadelphia* and *Forrest Gump*, the only actor besides Spencer Tracy to have achieved this. Let us not underestimate Hanks's legacy. In his most commercially successful performance, voicing Woody in the *Toy Story* films, he has been party to a creation that will outlive us all. Those awards were a turning point in Hanks's career, the shift from the romantic hero of *Sleepless in Seattle* and *You've Got Mail* to the all-American hero of *Saving Private Ryan* and *Apollo 13*, films that also elevated Hanks as a spokesman for both war veterans and NASA. It seems a shame he's now so economical with his presence on screen. He explains, "Look, after the age of 50, you can't keep banging out movies over and over again."

5. D / F / G / B / C / E / A

With the forum for top-notch drama having shifted to cable television over the past decade, it is here that Hanks has focused his attention, as the producer of such landmark series as *Band of Brothers*, *John Adams*, and *The Pacific*. "You can't really make a movie unless you're fascinated by the theme. We were doing stuff on television that was incredibly rewarding, the best work you can do."

6. E / G / D / A / C / B / F

Hanks has two more movies in the works — there is a 9/11 drama with Sandra Bullock and he is also in talks to appear in an expensive, big-screen version of David Mitchell's complex, time-hopping novel *Cloud Atlas*. Hanks smiles and says, "It's fun, it's a blast ... but I still can't figure out how I got here."

A. Choose the best heading (A-G) for the paragraphs in the article (1-6). One of the headings is not used.

- A. Hanks's new film
- B. Hanks's personal life, appearance, and character
- C. Hanks's place on the international stage
- D. Hanks's achievements in film
- E. Hanks's future work
- F. Hanks's desires
- G. Hanks's television work

B. According to what you have read, decide whether the following statements are true (T), false (F), or not stated (NS).

7. Hanks has recently become a father. T / F / NS

8. Hanks is the co-writer, director, and lead actor of his latest film. T / NS / F

9. Hanks is the only actor who has ever won back-to-back Oscars. NS / T / F

10. It was Hanks's roles in *Sleepless in Seattle* and *Apollo 13* that made him a spokesman for war veterans and NASA.

4. (5B)

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

You will hear a customer leaving a message of complaint on an answering machine. Listen carefully and answer the questions below. Choose the correct answers. You will hear the text twice.



1. What was the problem with the white ball?

- a) His friend took it.
- b) It was too big.
- c) It wasn't there.
- d) It was too small.

2. What did the table being defective cause to happen?

- a) The balls rolled to the right.
- b) The balls rolled to the left.
- c) The balls fell off the pool table.
- d) The balls didn't roll properly.

3. The lack of English instructions caused him huge problems in the assembly.

- a) Not stated
- b) False
- c) True

4. One of Harry's friends arrived to bring a cue ball.

- a) True
- b) False
- c) Not stated

5. Harry is calling so that he doesn't have to write a letter.

- a) Not stated
- b) True
- c) False