

**G R A M M A R**

Read the lines below carefully. Some of the lines are correct and some have a word which should not be there. If a line is correct, put a tick (✓) in the space provided. If a line has a word which should not be there, write the extra word in the space provided.

**A Day Out Shopping**

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|---|----------------|
| 0. I didn't know what to expect it when my friend Carol               | _____ it _____ |
| 0. rang me up to suggest we should spend a cool Sunday                | _____ ✓ _____  |
| 1. leaving our husbands and children at home watching TV,             | _____          |
| 2. which they enjoy and we hate. When Carol has picked me up,         | _____          |
| 3. she didn't tell me where we were heading but I set off quite       | _____          |
| 4. happily. We drove for about an hour and at finally we got to       | _____          |
| 5. a place I had never heard of. "This is the most prestigious        | _____          |
| 6. shopping outlet in Britain," said Carol. We went in and both I     | _____          |
| 7. was amazed at the number of stores I saw. All of them give         | _____          |
| 8. customers the best and brightest brands in fashion at prices that  | _____          |
| 9. reduced by up to 60%. Here you get the incredible chance of        | _____          |
| 10. to buy previous seasons' collections at an affordable prices.     | _____          |
| 11. I couldn't believe my eyes. I was been given the very best choice | _____          |
| 12. from the biggest Italian and French names in fashion and I was    | _____          |
| 13. able to purchase what I would not have dreamt of. We spent the    | _____          |
| 14. hours rummaging through sportswear, lingerie, jewellery, and      | _____          |
| 15. accessories. It was one of the best Sundays in my life!           | _____          |

**Total \_\_\_ / 15pts**

## VOCABULARY

Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.

## FIRE

Everyone (0) <u>familiar</u> with the myths of the ancient	FAMILY
Greek and Latin world knows the (1) _____ story of	TOUCH
Prometheus, the bravest and the most (2) _____ of the	DARE
Titans, (3) _____ creatures who lived in the same place	LEGEND
as gods and goddesses. Human (4) _____ didn't use fire	BE
then and the Titan wanted to give it to them. (5) _____, he	IMPULSE
decided to steal fire from the gods' furnace. The (6) _____	COME
for him was (7) _____ suffering, as he was tied to a rock by	ETERNITY
Jove, who made an eagle eat his liver (8) _____.	GREED
As the liver would (9) _____ during the night, the Titan's suffering	APPEAR
would be great and never (10) _____.	END

Total \_\_\_ / 10 pts

**READING COMPREHENSION (1)**

**Read part of an introduction to a book for people who are thinking of working and travelling abroad. For questions 1 – 10, choose from sections of the introduction A – D. Sections may be used more than once.**

**A**

For many, deciding to get up and go is the biggest stumbling block – often the hardest step is fixing a departure date. Once you have bought a ticket, explained to your friends and family that you are off to see the world (they will either be envious or disapproving), and packed away your possessions, the rest seems to look after itself. Inevitably, first-time travellers suffer some separation anxieties as they consider leaving behind the comfortable routines of home. But missing home is usually much worse in anticipation than it is when you are actually away. As long as you have enough motivation, together with some money and a copy of this book, you are all set to have a great time abroad.

**B**

When you are wondering whether you are the right sort to work abroad, do not imagine you are a special case. It is not only students or school-leavers who enjoy the chance to travel and work abroad. I have heard of a diplomat who enjoyed washing dishes in a restaurant and a physiotherapist who packed fish – there are countless other similar examples. All these people were motivated not by a desire to earn money but by a longing for new and different experiences, and a conviction that not all the events of one's life need to be connected with careers or success. For many, a job abroad is the best way to shake off the boredom that comes with routine.

**C**

It is not the lazy optimists of this world who succeed in getting jobs. If you go abroad and “wait for something to come up,” you will soon find yourself penniless with no prospects of adding to your travel funds. If you wait in idleness at home or if you sit in your hotel abroad all day worrying about your decreasing funds or hesitating because you are convinced the situation is hopeless, or that you lack the necessary documents to work, you will get absolutely nowhere.

**D**

For many people, a shortage of money is the main obstacle. It is the rare individual who specializes in “risky arrivals” with hardly any money. Other people wait until they have substantial savings before they dare leave home, which gives them the enviable freedom to work only when they want to. Sometimes a lack of money pushes people into action. One traveller reported that he had been avoiding jobs he didn't fancy until he realized he was down to his last 100 francs, whereupon he decided to stop being so fussy about the kind of work he was prepared to do. The next day, he found a job.

**READING COMPREHENSION (2)**

**In which section (A-D) of the article are the following stated?**

- 0/ If you don't find a job, your money will quickly start to run out.     C
- 1/ Fears you may have before you leave often turn out to be unnecessary.
- 2/ Sometimes people have to accept jobs they are not keen on.
- 3/ Certain kinds of people never find a job abroad.
- 4/ Most people make sure they have plenty of money before they go abroad.
- 5/ All kinds of people decide to spend some time working abroad.
- 6/ Other people may react badly when you decide to go abroad to work.
- 7/ Some people believe that it is impossible for them to find a job abroad.
- 8/ Some people can choose when to work and when not to.
- 9/ It can be difficult to make up your mind to go abroad and work.
- 10/ Some people work abroad to have a break from their normal lives.

**Total \_\_\_ / 10**

Bridget Bloom, *International English for Speakers*, adapted

**LISTENING**

**You will hear an interview with Patrick Shaw, who works as a pilot for a company that organises hot-air balloon trips. For questions 1 – 5, circle the best answer A, B, or C.**

0. According to Patrick, what worries people most when they take a balloon trip?  
a/ how far the wind will take them  
b/ whether they will hit some obstacle  
 c/ what the experience of landing will be like
  
1. Why does Patrick recommend joining the ground crew?  
a/ It provides some experience of flying a balloon.  
b/ It's the best way of learning about balloons.  
c/ It can be a fun way of earning extra income.
  
2. What makes the job of the ground crew particularly difficult?  
a/ poor communication with the pilot  
b/ unpredictable weather conditions  
c/ the nervousness of the passengers
  
3. Patrick finds it unsatisfactory when new crew members  
a/ fail to cooperate with each other.  
b/ distract him with unnecessary questions.  
c/ don't accept the way things should be done.
  
4. What does Patrick say about balloon competitions?  
a/ It is often difficult to determine who has won.  
b/ The finishing target area is often unmarked.  
c/ Some competitors are requesting clearer rules.
  
5. Patrick thinks his particular skills as a pilot result from  
a/ the amount of experience he has.  
b/ the fact that he's adventurous by nature.  
c/ the way in which he was trained.

**Total \_\_\_ / 5**

**A N S W E R   K E Y**

**GRAMMAR – 15 pts**

1 – ✓, 2 – has, 3 – ✓, 4 – at, 5 – ✓, 6 – both, 7 – ✓, 8 – that, 9 – of,

10 – an, 11 – been, 12 – ✓, 13 – the, 14 – ✓, 15 – ✓;

**VOCABULARY – 10 pts**

1 – touching, 2 – daring, 3 – legendary, 4 – beings, 5 – impulsively,

6 – outcome, 7 – eternal, 8 – greedily, 9 – reappear, 10 – ending.

*READING COMPREHENSION – 10 pts*

1 – A, 2 – D, 3 – C, 4 – D, 5 – B, 6 – A, 7 – C, 8 – D, 9 – A, 10 – B.

**LISTENING COMPREHENSION – 5 pts**

1B, 2B, 3C, 4A, 5A.

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