

G R A M M A R

Read the article below. For each question 1 – 15, write ONE word in the space provided.

My girlfriend

Have I told you (0) the story of my girlfriend in Thailand? It's a lovely story about (1) _____ well people manage to communicate, even they (2) _____ not speak the same language. Well, my girlfriend and I were living in a rented flat, (3) _____ had a tiny garden outside. And in the garden we planted some vegetables. The only problem (4) _____ the insects. There were hundreds of them, and the plants were (5) _____ growing properly. Julie, my girlfriend, had only been in Thailand about a month, so she didn't speak the language. You can probably imagine (6) _____ she managed. She communicated by pointing at things in shops and counting (7) _____ her fingers to show how many she wanted. And smiling a lot. She was very good (8) _____ that. Anyway, going back to the problem of the insects, they (9) _____ eating all the vegetables, so Julie really had to do something (10) _____ stop them. (11) _____ a very practical person, she put some of the insects in a plastic bag and went down to one of the shops near the market. She showed the owner the insects in the bag and then made the sign of cutting (12) _____ throat to show that she wanted to kill them. The man (13) _____ understand at first, but his wife made the same sign and laughed. Then they all laughed and sold Julie some insecticide. And (14) _____ that, each time she passed the shop, the owner (15) _____ wave to her with a big smile and make the sign of cutting throats!

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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.

A MODERN WONDER

It was the (0) famous French General, Charles de Gaulle, who named one of the most (1) _____ planes ever built, Concorde. The plane first flew in 1969 and it started its (2) _____ flights from Europe to America in 1976. The Concorde (3) _____ the world of air travel by flying faster than the speed of sound.

This made (4) _____ arrive in New York earlier than the time they had left London. (5) _____, those who never took the Concorde will not have another (6) _____. In fact, it last crossed the Ocean on 24 October 2003, a (7) _____ date in the history of air transport. The (8) _____ tragedy that happened on 25 July 2000, when a Concorde (9) _____ crashed while taking off and 109 (10) _____ passengers died, is one of the reasons why this modern wonder disappeared.

FAME**IMPRESS****CONTINENT****REVOLUTION****FLY****FORTUNE****OPPORTUNE****MEMORY****SHOCK****EXPECT****LUCKY****Total ___/10 pts**

READING COMPREHENSION

Read the following magazine article in which various people talk about their driving test. For questions 1–10, choose from people A–E.

A Max

On the whole, I enjoyed the experience. My examiner was friendly and quickly made me feel at ease. I pulled out of the test centre with no problems, I wasn't instructed to go anywhere that I hadn't already been, I felt fine about the manoeuvres, and, to be honest, I can't recall making any significant mistakes. Mind you, I still failed! I couldn't believe it when she told me.

B Tina

I arrived an hour before my test, which meant of course I was sitting around all that time getting nervous. The test centre is a really depressing place so it wasn't much fun and, to be honest, my examiner wasn't much better. As soon as he walked through the door, I took an instant dislike to him. He seemed so miserable. I failed, of course.

C Mark

I was absolutely determined to pass after four previous attempts. I'd been practising all week in my dad's car and I was really confident. Everything went well until I tried to park. I managed to back up onto the pavement and narrowly missed a lamppost. Still, I'm going to have another go in a few weeks' time, so fingers crossed!

D Josie

I've never been so anxious! I arrived at the test centre exactly on time only to find that my examiner hadn't arrived! After 10 minutes we were on the road, but I didn't feel any better! I remember making a few mistakes, but obviously they weren't that bad because when I got back to the centre, I was told I'd passed. I'm glad I don't have to go through that again!

E Ben

I arrived exactly on time, so there was no waiting around and getting nervous. I felt fairly confident because I'd had a lot of lessons and could do all the manoeuvres. Then it came to the bit where the examiner wanted to test my eyesight and he asked me to read the number plate of the car in front. Of course, I couldn't see a thing! I'd forgotten my glasses. I had to rebook for a week's time!

Which person

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| 0/ ...didn't like the examiner? | <u> B </u> | |
| 1/ ...didn't take their test? | <u> </u> | |
| 2/ and 3/... has got another test soon? | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| 4/ ... had to wait for a long time? | <u> </u> | |
| 5/ ... had taken the test before? | <u> </u> | |
| 6/ ... was surprised by the result? | <u> </u> | |
| 7/ ... started the test late? | <u> </u> | |
| 8/ ... nearly had an accident? | <u> </u> | |
| 9/ and 10/ ... was worried? | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

Total /10

LISTENING

Listen to an account of choirgirl Laura-Jane Foley's experiences in *Faking It* and choose the best answer for 1 – 5.

1. How did Laura-Jane and the programme makers first make contact?

- a/ The programme makers emailed lots of choir singers, including Laura-Jane.
- b/ Laura-Jane phoned the TV company.
- c/ The programme makers went to see her choir.

2. Laura-Jane was amazed that

- a/ the programme makers were interested in a Cambridge student.
- b/ so many people from the TV company went to see her.
- c/ the programme makers started filming.

3. Laura-Jane's new identity was going to be

- a/ B.J., lead singer of the band *Remake*.
- b/ J.J., lead singer of the band *Reload*.
- c/ L.J., lead singer of the band *Rehab*.

4. According to Laura-Jane, why were arguments with Harry inevitable?

- a/ Harry leads a real rock singer's lifestyle.
- b/ Harry and Laura-Jane both have strong opinions.
- c/ They only had four weeks for all the training.

5. Laura-Jane thought her first rock concert

- a/ was not very safe.
- b/ was frightening but fun.
- c/ was fun, but not something she'd want to do again.

Total ___/5

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