

READING COMPREHENSION

[each answer worth 2 points]

Read texts A–E and answer the ten questions below. For each answer, choose one of the sections in the article, A–E. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Women in Sport**A Laura, 26, saloon race car driver**

‘Some men have huge egos when they’re driving – you see it on motorways. When I’m doing well, they don’t talk to me. Being a woman has its disadvantages. When I get to a corner, the men think “I’ve got to beat her”, so I’ve had a lot of knocks! You have to be naturally competitive and aggressive. It’s very difficult to earn any money, and what I do make goes back into the sport. Women have been racing since the twenties and have always been classed as eccentrics. It’s great that there are now more and more women taking up racing every year. For me, the appeal of saloon car racing is aiming for perfection – always trying to get round with a perfect lap.’

B Zoe, 24, long distance runner

‘At 13 I dreamed of walking around the world – I didn’t know just how big it was then! But Britain was too claustrophobic, too safe. I was very headstrong; I hated anyone having control over me. Now I am more tactful. Each walk has been different. The walk across Australia was the worst experience I’ve had as far as pain is concerned. I was doing 80 kilometres and 21 hours each day with three hours’ sleep in high temperatures and walking with 15 blisters on each foot. But I got the record! I had to, because my sponsorship money was going to run out after 95 days. Men think that women are more likely to fail, so sponsoring them is always seen as a higher risk.’

C Ann, 26, rower

‘Rowing is hard for girls to get into because very few girls’ schools do it. So most don’t start till they’re 19 or 20 which makes it harder to succeed at an international level. Also, you usually have coaches who stay a year or so. There’s no continuity, so the women’s squad is basically a shambles. But it’s great fun and I love being fit, plus there’s a good social life.’

D Kate, 22, cyclist

‘Two years ago I borrowed a bike to take part in a charity race. I won overall just because I cycled faster than everyone else, which was amazing because I’d never cycled before! I’m well paid as a pro, and cycling has lots of potential in terms of endorsements. However, I know I’m not ugly and it worries me that people may think I’ve got where I am because of how I look, not because I’m the best cyclist. So I tend to concentrate on the cycling at the moment, rather than earning money. I do at least four hours’ training every day on the bike, plus some stretching exercises, swimming and running. My boyfriend’s a cyclist as well, so he knows the time you have to put into it – it would be impossible otherwise.’

E Jane, 27, skier

‘It’s a great feeling to fly through the air and land cleanly, but it can be scary. Sometimes you don’t feel well or it’s windy and you can’t see, but you just get on with it. It’s not easy to have a career outside skiing because we train for ten months of the year. You give up a lot of your social life and friends. But it was my choice. There are six men and three women in the British team. We all compete on the same courses at the same competitions and get treated the same – it’s a young sport.’

Which sportswoman says:

- she takes part in her sport on equal terms with men?
- she invests her earnings in her sport?
- it is considered strange for women to take part in her sport?
- she spends less time on other activities than she used to?
- the age at which women start her particular sport is significant?
- she was once under pressure to achieve her target by a certain date?
- she has a good income from her sport?
- she has endured physical suffering?
- it is difficult for women to get good training in her sport?
- her personality has changed since she started doing her sport?

E
A
A
E
C
B
D
B
C
B

GRAMMAR

[each answer worth 2 points]

Decide which answer – A, B, C or D – best fits each space. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet. Only Standard English answers will be accepted.

Come round at 2 o'clock – we should ____ our lunch by then.
have finished
be finished
have to finish
have been finishing
Had the bomb dropped on a city, there ____ a great deal of damage.
must have been
should have been
might have been
had been
If it's all the same to you, ____ work from home or in an office?
will you rather
had you rather
did you rather
would you rather
If there is a conversation you wish you ____ differently, talk again today for a better outcome.
had handled
have handled
handled
would handle
Don't worry, John is used ____ for long hours. He has worked as a professional driver for 20 years.
to driving
driving
drive
to drive
You are now responsible for the property, so make sure you have building's insurance in place, in case something ____ to it before you move in.
will happen
happens
would happen
might happen
If you want to lose weight and get fit, you should try ____ .
swimming
go swimming
to swim
to go swimming
He is now thought ____ the story to protect his girlfriend and they have both been arrested for further questioning.
to invent
to having invented
to inventing
to have invented
I am sorry, but I couldn't help ____ what you were saying.
overhearing
overhear
to overhear
to overhearing
We are having our house ____ . I hope it won't be too expensive
decorating
to decorate
to be decorated
decorated

VOCABULARY

[each answer worth 2 points]

Decide which answer – A, B, C or D – best fits each space. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Prices vary _____, so do shop around before you buy your barbecues.
instantly
completely
widely
closely
She admitted that the amount had far _____ her expectations.
exceeded
outdone
overtaken
surpassed
The President remained _____ by mounting criticism of his leadership and pressed ahead regardless with his controversial programme of policies.
vulnerable
upset
overcome
unmoved
He's a very well-behaved little boy – I rarely have to _____ my voice to him.
shout
lose
raise
lift
As we climbed higher, the noise of the traffic gradually _____ away.
left
grew
weakened
faded
Immigrants live in _____ conditions, with up to 15 sharing a small room.
spacious
restrained
constrained
cramped
He proposed to her in the _____ lit restaurant of the hotel with piano music playing in the background.
soundly
smoothly
softly
sparsely
My personal view is that mothers should work if they wish because some of them have invested so much in their career that they cannot _____ to give it up.
bear
consider
hope
expect
Sudoku's great success owes to its simplicity. The game _____ for neither mathematical ability nor general knowledge, and there are just a few sentences of straightforward instructions to read before you can play.
expects
demands
requests
calls

Sir Isaac Newton, the English scientist and mathematician, was one of the most important figures of the 17th century scientific revolution. One of his greatest ___ was the discovery of the three laws of motion, which are still used today.

inventions

aims

achievements

goals

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

[each answer worth 2 points]

Read the text below and then decide which expression best fits each space. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Waste management

To most people, landfill sites are simply holes in the ground where waste material is buried. To garbologists, however, they provide a valuable (1) **source** of information about a population's activities in (2) **areas** such as food consumption and waste disposal. Garbology is a branch of ethnography, a science which abandons traditional methods of (3) **obtaining** market research information, such as questionnaires and focus groups, in favour of close observation of people and their habits.

The world's (4) **leading** garbologist, Professor Willam Rathje, was also an archaeologist. The studies of garbology and archaeology often overlap, because fossilized trash is quite often the only (5) **remnants** of ancient populations. Studying the rubbish which present-day civilizations throw out helps to (6) **gain** a better understanding of how people behave now.

As an academic discipline it was pioneered at the University of Arizona and long directed by William Rathje, who (7) **devoted** over 40 years of his life to the archaeological study of modern waste.

The work of garbologists is of great interest to commerce because companies need to understand the lives of their consumers in order to create brands which will be of most (8) **use** to them. Garbologists' (9) **findings** can help them achieve this. In addition, the field research reveals a greater need not only to recycle more rubbish, but also to (10) **cut** down on the amount of rubbish we produce in the first place.

1	occasion	6	gather
	origin		gain
	source		teach
	aim		assemble
2	regions	7	spent
	locations		passed
	places		devoted
	areas		took
3	obtaining	8	use
	keeping		demand
	comprising		function
	comprehending		basis
4	heading	9	results
	leading		findings
	charging		suggestions
	fronting		propositions
5	leftovers	10	cut
	rests		put
	relics		get
	remnants		let

ERROR CORRECTION

[each answer worth 2 points]

One of the CAPITALIZED EXPRESSIONS is incorrect. Identify the incorrect expression and mark your answer (A, B, C or D) on the separate answer sheet.

The trip was (A) A MARVELLOUS EXPERIENCE. There are (B) FEW PLACES like that so I will always remember (C) **TO HAVE VISITED IT**. However, despite its beauty this whole area is (D) LITTLE VISITED.

He's (A) ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE who's always finding fault with things – nothing's (B) EVER GOOD ENOUGH FOR HIM, there's always something wrong. He likes nothing (C) BETTER THAN TO MOAN. People wonder (D) **WHY DO I SPEND** so much time with him, considering that he's always like that.

When (A) THE SKEENS FAMILY first moved onto their houseboat on the River Crouch, there was a big storm. But (B) IN SPITE OF THE BAD WEATHER, not a single cup or saucer fell off the shelves. In fact, in the four years (C) **WHEN THEY MOVED FROM** their small house in the local town, (D) HARDLY ANYTHING HAS BEEN BROKEN.

Is your school just as you want it to be? Or are there things you and your classmates would change (A) **GIVING THE OPPORTUNITY**? This is (B) YOUR CHANCE TO EXPRESS your ideas about (C) WHAT THE IDEAL SCHOOL IS LIKE. Our competition (D) IS OPEN TO ANY STUDENT between the ages of twelve and eighteen.

Every year, (A) MILLIONS OF CHILDREN across the United States spend some time at a summer camp. For more than a century, (B) CHILDREN HAVE ENJOYED both learning new skills and (C) **TAKING PART IN VARIETY** of activities. (D) THOUGH THE CAMPS ARE NOT LUXURIOUS, the wooden cabins the young people sleep in are comfortable.

CULTURE

[each answer worth 1 point]

Choose the best answer – A, B, C or D. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Which group contains only correct pairs of saints and countries?
England – St. David; Scotland – St. Patrick; Wales – St. George; Ireland – St. Andrew
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Which group contains only correct pairs of American states and their nicknames?
Florida – Golden State; Arizona – Grand Canyon State; Georgia – Peach State; New York – Empire State
Florida – Peach State; Arizona – Golden State; Georgia – Sunshine State; New York – Empire State
Florida – Sunshine State; Arizona – Grand Canyon State; Georgia – Peach State; New York – Empire State
Florida – Golden State; Arizona – Empire State; Georgia – Peach State; New York – Sunshine State
Which group contains only correct matches between books and their authors?
Ian McEwan – <i>Atonement</i> ; E. M. Forster – <i>A Passage to India</i> ; Jane Austen – <i>Jane Eyre</i> ; Stephen King – <i>It</i>
Ray Bradbury – <i>Inferno</i> ; Anthony Burgess – <i>A Clockwork Orange</i> ; Daniel Defoe – <i>Robinson Crusoe</i> ; Roald Dahl – <i>Matilda</i>
Charles Dickens – <i>Oliver Twist</i> ; G. B. Shaw – <i>The Goldfinch</i> ; Mary Shelley – <i>Frankenstein</i> ; Herman Melville – <i>Moby-Dick</i>
Cormac McCarthy – <i>The Road</i>; Terry Pratchett – <i>Night Watch</i>; Louisa May Alcott – <i>Little Women</i>; George Orwell – <i>1984</i>
Which group contains only British or American writers who were awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature?
Bob Dylan, Ernest Hemingway, William Golding, Winston Churchill
Bob Dylan, William Faulkner, Jack Kerouac, George Orwell
John Steinbeck, Winston Churchill, George Orwell, Kingsley Amis
Kingsley Amis, Francis Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, George Orwell
Which group contains only correct matches of US states and their capitals?
Texas – Austin; Florida – Tallahassee; California – Sacramento; Utah – Salt Lake City
Texas – Austin; Florida – Salt Lake City; California – San Francisco; Utah – Miami
Texas – Dallas; Florida – Salt Lake City; California – Los Angeles; Utah – Tallahassee
Texas – Salt Lake City; Florida – Miami; California – Los Angeles; Utah – Dallas
The Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., is the meeting place of
the US Congress.
the US Congress and the US Supreme Court.
the House of Representatives and the Supreme Court.
the Senate and the Supreme Court.
Which of the following is the northernmost city in Great Britain?
Edinburgh
York
Glasgow
Inverness
The home of Shakespeare's work and London's main theatre in his time was
the Shakespeare Theatre.
the Royal Theatre.
the Globe Theatre.
the Stage Theatre.
Which two US presidents were impeached while in office?
George W. Bush and Bill Clinton
Bill Clinton and Donald Trump
George W. Bush and Donald Trump
Barack Obama and Donald Trump
Which UK prime minister initiated the Brexit referendum in 2016?
Theresa May
Boris Johnson
David Cameron
Gordon Brown