

**PART 1: LISTENING**

**I. You will hear a man talking to a group of people about a new sports center. For each of the questions, fill in the missing information in the numbered space. Use NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS for each answer.**

<b>NEW SPORTS CENTER</b>
<b>Facilities:</b>
* swimming pool
* (1) _____
* squash courts
* tennis courts (opening on (2) _____
<b>Prices:</b>
* Monthly: £35
* (3) £ _____ a year (special discounts for children)
* not included in price: equipment and swimming (4) _____
<b>How to become a member:</b>
Fill in a membership form - remember to write your age and weight.
For more information phone Mrs. (5) _____ on 4 679 900.

**II. You will hear an interview with a woman who works in a museum. As you listen, choose the best answer to each question.**

1. *When she was at school, Clara wanted to become \_\_\_\_\_.*  
A. an actress                      B. a teacher                      C. a lawyer
2. *Why did Clara not apply for the museum job sooner?*  
A. Her mother advised her to wait.  
B. It seemed a very difficult job.  
C. She thought it might be boring.
3. *What surprised Clara on her first day at work?*  
A. She had to carry some items.  
B. She was asked to give a speech.  
C. She had to meet a lot of people.
4. *Clara was told to improve her knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_.*  
A. computers                      B. languages                      C. mathematics
5. *What part of her job does Clara enjoy the most?*  
A. planning large exhibitions  
B. writing descriptions of objects  
C. talking to visitors about the displays

## PART 2: PHONETICS

III. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the others.

1. A. design                      B. please                      C. pleasant                      D. house
2. A. killing                      B. kneel                      C. queue                      D. cucumber
3. A. shopping                      B. wish                      C. machine                      D. reaching
4. A. genuine                      B. geneticist                      C. guarantee                      D. generation
5. A. challenge                      B. architecture                      C. chemistry                      D. scholarship

IV. Choose the word whose stress pattern is different from that of the other words in each group.

1. A. advertise                      B. advertisement                      C. machine                      D. surrounding
2. A. economic                      B. introduce                      C. religion                      D. souvenir
3. A. earthquake                      B. waterfall                      C. disappear                      D. generous
4. A. preference                      B. disappointed                      C. unpolluted                      D. documentary
5. A. recommend                      B. spectator                      C. individual                      D. unexpected

## PART 3: GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

V. Choose the word or phrase that best fits the space in each sentence.

1. Of course, she can lift that. She is as \_\_\_\_\_ as a horse.  
A. tough                      B. strong                      C. heavy                      D. big
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to the invention of the steam engine, most forms of transport were horse-drawn.  
A. Akin                      B. In addition                      C. With reference                      D. Prior
3. The amount she earned was \_\_\_\_\_ on how much she sold.  
A. related                      B. dependent                      C. secured                      D. connected
4. The saguaro, \_\_\_\_\_ in desert regions in the southwestern United States, \_\_\_\_\_ cactus in the world.  
A. finds/ the largest                      B. finding/ is the largest                      C. found/ that is the largest                      D. found/ is the largest
5. You may borrow as many books as you like, provided you show them to \_\_\_\_\_ is at the desk.  
A. whoever                      B. who                      C. whom                      D. anyone
6. The bank will require three \_\_\_\_\_ signatures when you open an account.  
A. trial                      B. natural                      C. sample                      D. specimen
7. Here is an example of an ancient \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese vase.  
A. beautiful                      B. tiny                      C. patterned                      D. exotic
8. All the way along the winding street \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. he came                      B. came he                      C. did he come                      D. come he
9. The World Health Organization has stated that smallpox has been almost completely \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. uprooted                      B. eradicated                      C. obliterated                      D. extinguished
10. As a result of the recent rise in the divorce rate, there are far more \_\_\_\_\_ parents than there used to be.  
A. single                      B. only                      C. unique                      D. separate

## VI. Find out and correct the 10 mistakes in the following passage.

Although party invitations no longer frightened to me, I found myself making carefully preparations for this particularly party. I got a haircut, laid out my best suit, selected a special shirt, a colorful tie, and cufflinks. I had recently went on a diet, but because I didn't want I looked too thin, I discontinued it. What should I bring my hosts? Flowers? Wine? What kind of the wine? Port? Sherry? Or possibly even champagne? Meeting new people was still a major undertaking. It was schedule for this Saturday and I decided to take a cab to the suburb where it was being hold. It was early autumn and the weather was mild, but that morning it turned cold and rainy, and as I listened to the steam hissing in my radiator, it already fell like midwinter. From my newspaper, I learned that a hurricane which had already struck another state was in its way to New York, though it might veer out to sea.

*E.g. frightened to me → frightened me*

## VII. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the words given in parentheses.

Priscilla Presley, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (ACT) and widow of Elvis Presley, entered the acting profession quite (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (ACCIDENT). On being asked to do a television (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (COMMERCE) for a well-known shampoo, she took what turned out to be an important (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (DECIDE): to take acting classes.

She did this in an attempt to overcome her acute (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (SHY) at being in the public eye, but to her (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (AMAZE) she loved every minute. Her extreme lack of confidence stemmed from the early days of her (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (MARRY) to Elvis, which she remembers were often spent sitting in dark, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (DEPRESS) hotel rooms away from the glare of publicity, which Elvis was so (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (ANXIETY) to avoid.

Film work, including the highly (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (SUCCESS) slapstick comedy The naked Gun, quickly followed the television contract.

## PART 4. READING

### VIII. Read the text and choose the best answer.

Bats are not the dirty, bloodthirsty monsters that they are portrayed to be in vampire films. These animals groom themselves carefully like cats and only rarely carry rabies. Of the hundreds of species of bats, only three rely on blood meals. In fact, the majority eat fruit, insects, spiders, or small animals. They consume an **enormous** number of pests, pollinate many varieties of plant life, and help reforest barren land by excreting millions of undigested seeds.

Almost all bats use echolocation to navigate, especially at night. As they fly, they **emit** a series of high-pitched squeaks at the rate of about fifty per minute. As these signals bounce off objects in their path, an echo is detected by the bats' sensitive ears which informs them of the direction and distance of obstacles so that they can undertake corrective or evasive action. But bats are not blind as widely assumed. In fact, all species of bats can see, probably about as well as human beings.

It is also a little-known fact that bats are highly social creatures. Thousands or even millions of individual bats may belong to a colony, hanging upside down in caves or in

trees. Within their social systems, bats assume specialized roles. **Some** may guard the entrance to their caves, others may scout for food, and still others may warn the colony of approaching danger. A nursery colony may be part of a larger colony to provide mother bats with a safe, supportive environment in which to rear their young.

1. What is the author's opinion of bats?
  - A. They are dirty and they carry rabies.
  - B. They are like the monsters in vampire films.
  - C. They are clean, helpful members of the animal world.
  - D. They are not very important in the animal world.
2. According to the passage, how are bats like cats?
  - A. They both carry rabies.
  - B. Cats groom themselves, and so do bats.
  - C. Both cats and bats eat pests.
  - D. Bats use echolocation, and cats do, too.
3. What do most bats eat?
  - A. Blood meals
  - B. Fruit and insects
  - C. Leaves and trees
  - D. Large animals
4. The word “**enormous**” in line 4 could best be replaced by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. very heavy
  - B. very regular
  - C. very large
  - D. very necessary
5. Which of the following are NOT characteristics of most bats?
  - A. They pollinate plants.
  - B. They have specialized roles in their colony.
  - C. They use echolocation.
  - D. They eat blood.
6. How do bats help reforest the land?
  - A. By eating pests.
  - B. By hanging upside down in trees at night
  - C. By excreting seeds
  - D. By taking evasive action
7. The word “**emit**” in line 6 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. send
  - B. continue
  - C. find
  - D. stop
8. According to the passage, how do bats navigate?
  - A. By responding to the echoes of their signals bouncing off objects
  - B. By warning the colony of approaching danger with high squeaks
  - C. By beating their wings fifty times per minute
  - D. By using their sensitive ears to hear the noises in their environment
9. Where in the passage does the author refer to the visual range of bats?
  - A. Lines 4-5
  - B. Lines 6-7
  - C. Lines 7-9
  - D. Lines 10-11
10. The word “**Some**” in line 13 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. social systems
  - B. specialized roles
  - C. bats
  - D. colonies

**IX. Fill each blank in the following passage with ONE suitable word.**

**Albert Einstein**

Best known (1) \_\_\_\_\_ his Theory of Relativity, Albert Einstein has been acknowledged (2) \_\_\_\_\_ one of the greatest scientists in human society. Born in Germany in 1879, Einstein did (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in all his school subjects, with the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of mathematics, which was his (5) \_\_\_\_\_ subject.

While (6) \_\_\_\_\_ as a clerk in Switzerland, Einstein produced the Special Theory of Relativity. This theory states that mass, length and time change depending on (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a person looks at them. In 1915, Einstein published his General Theory of Relativity. This new

theory created a controversy (8) \_\_\_\_\_ many scientists did not agree with him. In the end, simple experiments (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Einstein to be correct. Einstein was (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the Nobel Prize for his work in physics.

**X. Read the passage and choose the best option for each space.**

The last two decades have seen enormous changes in the way people's (1) \_\_\_\_\_ are affected by IT. Twenty years ago, few people had access to a computer whilst today (2) \_\_\_\_\_ people use them at work, home or school and use of e-mail and the Internet is an everyday event.

These developments have brought many (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to our lives. E-mail makes communication much easier and more immediate. This has numerous benefits for business, commerce, and education. The World Wide Web means that information on every conceivable subject is now (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to us. Clearly, for many people this has made life much easier and more convenient.

However, not all the effects of the new technology have been beneficial. Many people feel that the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ use of e-mail is destroying traditional forms of communication such as letter writing, telephone and face-to-face conversation. With ever increasing use of information technology these (6) \_\_\_\_\_ elements are likely to increase in the future.

In addition, the huge size of the Web means it is almost (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to control and regulate. This has led to many concerns regarding children (8) \_\_\_\_\_ unsuitable websites. Yet perhaps the biggest threat to IT in years to come will be the computer (9) \_\_\_\_\_ more sophisticated or more destructive strains are almost inevitable.

In conclusion, developments in IT have brought many benefits, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ I believe developments relating to new technology in the future are likely to produce many negative effects that will need to be addressed very carefully.

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| 1. A. live       | B. lives       | C. living      | D. life       |
| 2. A. most       | B. most of     | C. most of the | D. almost     |
| 3. A. services   | B. uses        | C. benefits    | D. effects    |
| 4. A. free       | B. convenient  | C. unused      | D. available  |
| 5. A. widespread | B. immediate   | C. particular  | D. continued  |
| 6. A. positive   | B. negative    | C. careless    | D. trivial    |
| 7. A. possible   | B. impractical | C. likely      | D. impossible |
| 8. A. accessing  | B. approaching | C. entering    | D. getting    |
| 9. A. disease    | B. program     | C. virus       | D. software   |
| 10. A. so        | B. moreover    | C. therefore   | D. yet        |

**PART 5. WRITING**

**XI. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.**

1. I would love to learn different languages. **keen**

→ I \_\_\_\_\_ different languages.

2. I'm sorry I was late for the meeting. **apology**

→ Please \_\_\_\_\_ late for the meeting.

3. “You borrowed my watch, didn't you?” Tom's sister said. **accused**

→ Tom's sister \_\_\_\_\_ her watch.

4. Most people hope they will have enough money to buy a house or a flat. **afford**

→ Most people hope they \_\_\_\_\_ to buy a house or a flat.

5. I wish I had not lied to my parents. **truth**

→ If only \_\_\_\_\_ to my parents.

**XII. Paragraph writing:**

**Within 150-200 words, write a paragraph about the advantages of information technology in our lives.**

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