

Read the text and choose the correct option (A, B, or C).

The Greek Theatre

Almost every Greek city had a theatre because plays were part of many religious festivals. The Greeks enjoyed singing and dancing. At first, theatres were only used for this kind of festivals.

The theatres were built on hillsides in the open air and could often hold more than 18,000 spectators. They were built in a semi-circular shape with rows of tiered stone seating around it. The shape of the theatres gave everyone in the audience excellent viewing and also meant they could hear the actors well too. In the centre of the theatre was a circular dancing floor (orchestra), with an altar for sacrifices dedicated to Dionysus. The stage was a raised area within this circle.

All the actors were strictly male. They wore large masks that exaggerated their facial features and emotions and they were dressed in similarly exaggerated clothes. The mouth hole of the mask was large to help amplify the voices. Greek plays were either comedies or tragedies. Tragedies were often about the past, whereas comedies tended to be about current and everyday life. Tragedy was in reality the negative image of comedy. Tragedy showed the end of a powerful hero. Costumes were different, for example actors in comedies wore bright colours while in tragedies they wore dark colours. Plays were either spoken or sung in rhyme.

Complete the sentences with one of the expressions. There is an extra one.

behind the times - for the time being - just in time - at times - time and time again

1. I don't want to buy anything else, I have enough _____.
2. That phone is really _____. Everybody uses a newer model nowadays.
3. I told you _____ to wear heavy clothes! I won't tell you ever again!
4. I arrived at the bus stop _____ to get the bus.

Fill in the gaps using the correct form of the words in parenthesis.

1. After a lot of negotiation, an _____ was reached and the centre will open. (agree)
2. Halloween has become a common _____ for adults and children. (celebrate)
3. What an _____ outcome was that! (expect)
4. Peruvian Amazon is a place of incredible biological _____. (diverse)
5. Her response to his question was anything but _____. (predict)
6. An experience that made us sad is a _____ experience. (pain)

Read the text and decide if the Statements are True (A), False (B), or Not Stated (C).

ATMs are absolutely everywhere nowadays; people use these cash machines without a second thought. The possibility that something could go wrong has never crossed most people's minds.

Unfortunately, nowadays, things are not always as they seem at the ATM. Most ATM scams involve criminal theft of debit card numbers and personal identification numbers (PINs) from the innocent users of these machines. ATM theft usually involves the innocent cooperation of the cardholders themselves.

The first step in avoiding these traps is to understand them. Let's look at the most common ways people get robbed at ATMs.

One trick involves sticking a false façade over the ATM machine. Though the machine looks normal, in reality this façade will 'eat' your card and then show you an error message on the screen. Your PIN is usually recorded by a hidden camera, or in some cases, by a 'helpful' person standing nearby who suggests that you try to enter your PIN again. Of course, this person is actually a criminal, and moments after you leave, he or she will take your card from the false front of the ATM and walk away with both your card and the access code. All this applies to ATMs in areas such as airport terminals and self-service petrol stations.

| STATEMENTS | A | B | C |
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| | TRUE | FALSE | NOT STATED |
| According to the text | | | |
| 1. Most people using ATMs ignore the risks involved. | | | |
| 2. The dangers of using ATMs are trivial. | | | |
| 3. Thieves take advantage of people who are too busy to be careful. | | | |
| 4. In the false façade trick the ATM looks different. | | | |
| 5. Thieves avoid ATMs at airports. | | | |

Read the e-mail below and for each gap (6-11) choose the best word (A-G). There is one word you do not need.

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| A. | with | B. | or | C. | every | D. | to | E. | so | F. | of | G. | the |
|----|------|----|----|----|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|

Hi Brenda, remember the website you showed me (1) ____ fan-clubs (2) ____ popular singers? I didn't save the address, so I can't find it. Can you send it to me again? I'd like to send a message (3) ____ Britney Spears' fan club. I want to get photos and posters, (4) ____ maybe some Britney Spears T-shirts. Wouldn't it be great to wear a T-shirt with her photo this summer? She's (5) ____ great! I mean, she's (6) ____ best! Don't forget me!

Love, Susan

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. In 1969, Neil Armstrong _____ (become) the first human on the moon.
2. Johnny Depp _____ (play) the leading role in the Pirates of the Caribbean.
3. Angelina Jolie _____ (be) married to Brad Pitt.
4. Beyoncé _____ (be) a famous singer for more than 10 years.
5. I _____ (never see) a better film before!

Read the text and choose the best option (A, B, or C) for items 1-5.

There are lots of ways to exercise, but running is one of the easiest to start. It also has lots of advantages. Firstly, almost anybody can do it and it is one of the best ways to exercise. Besides it being good for your well-being, running along a beach or through a forest gives you time to think and, importantly, to get you back to nature.

Almost anybody can take up running, but talk to your doctor first if you are over 60 or if you are recovering from illness. Otherwise, anybody who is able of walking for 15 minutes can do it. Don't worry too much about how fit you are. Most people who begin running aren't fit; that's why they take it up in the first place. Start off slowly, and you will quickly see improvement. You won't even need much equipment to get started: a pair of shoes, a pair of shorts, a shirt and you're ready.

Another good thing for runners is that you yourself can decide what you're going to do. It's important to remember that you don't need to run a marathon to be a "real" runner. Fewer than 10 per cent of all runners ever run a marathon, and most of those who do run one never do it again. If you're happy with 5km or 10km, that's fine, and there will be plenty of competitive events to enter if you want to.

Your first run will be the hardest. You will feel more confident if you start off in a group or with a friend, and it will help to keep you motivated. If it is hard to find a partner, you can join a running club, and there are plenty of them up around.

After your first run, make sure you warm down properly by walking around, and this will help your muscles. The morning after your first run you will experience aches and pains. There isn't much you can do about them, but as your muscles get stronger, they learn to cope with the new conditions. So don't worry about the pain. Next time it won't be so bad and soon you won't even notice it.

1. Running helps you
 - A. lose weight
 - B. stay healthy
 - C. think intelligently.
2. Running is not a sport
 - A. for people over 60.
 - B. for people who've been ill
 - C. that needs special equipment
3. Running a marathon is
 - A. something all runners do.
 - B. a one-time experience
 - C. is forbidden for some runners
4. When one takes up running, it's a good idea to
 - A. give up smoking.
 - B. begin taking vitamins
 - C. do it with company.
5. At the beginning, running may cause
 - A. some aching.
 - B. serious trouble
 - C. improper behaviour.

Read the email below and choose the best option (A-G) for each gap (6-11). Use each option once only. There is one option you do not need.

A. guess **B.** give **C.** write **D.** join **E.** wait **F.** escape **G.** send

Hi Terri, how are things? Sorry I've taken so long to (6) _____ back to you but the beginning of the year has been a bit busy. You know what it's like. The good news is that, after months of working non-stop, I've decided to (7) _____ myself a break at the end of November, to (8) _____ from this awful English weather. It's always so cold, dark and damp! Bet you can't (9) _____ where we're going: Majorca! It'll be a big college reunion: my 3 best mates from Stockport College are going to come, plus Maureen has decided to (10) _____ us, for the first time. The big reunion has become an annual thing now (the previous meetings were in Stockport and Derbyshire. Can't (11) _____. But I guess I'll have to be patient for a couple of months.

Hope everything's OK at your end. Kisses to Jane! Love, Trevor

Choose the correct word in *italics* in each of the sentences below.

1. To have a good time in England, your best *idea / bet* is to go in summer.
2. The *guards / guides* outside the Palace carry guns.
3. There was a slight *wind / breeze* which cooled us down.
4. We wanted to go to Cuba but we couldn't *pay / afford* it.
5. In London we saw all the ancient *sites / sights*.

Fill in the gaps with the right tense of the verbs in brackets

I was very glad to hear from you and I am really sorry for not writing earlier but I was away and I only _____ (get) back this morning. I _____ (go) on an adventure holiday in the mountains and I _____ (enjoy) myself very much. In fact it was the best holidays I have ever had! I arranged it with a group of friends who are crazy with white water rafting and although our plan was to ski we also _____ (find) ourselves fighting with the angry waters of a river. One day we asked our instructor to take us somewhere quieter. It was then that we _____ (have) the adventure of our lifetime. While we _____ (go) down the river a fallen tree _____ (overturn) our boat. Thankfully we _____ (manage) to get to the shore safely. It is OK talking about it all now that I _____ (sit) next to the fireplace, but then it was really scary!

Read the text and choose the correct option (A, B, C or D) for each space.

Brugg is the archetypal sleepy and 1. ____ Swiss town where everyone knows everyone else and therefore nobody talks to 2. _____. It is really pointless to go there as everything is so dull. The food is not so good 3. _____. Shops specialize in expensive cheeses with more holes in them 4. ____ cheese. According to a survey, two out of every three married couples met each 5. _____ at a watch exhibition. For a town with such a great watch history, it is strange that people have no time for it. The people are wonderful, 6. _____

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|----|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. | A. bored | B. boring | C. exhausted | D. tiring |
| 2. | A. someone | B. everyone | C. anyone | D. everybody |
| 3. | A. either | B. also | C. too | D. that |
| 4. | A. that | B. with | C. than | D. and |
| 5. | A. another | B. others | C. one | D. other |
| 6. | A. although | B. but | C. though | D. so |

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in bold.

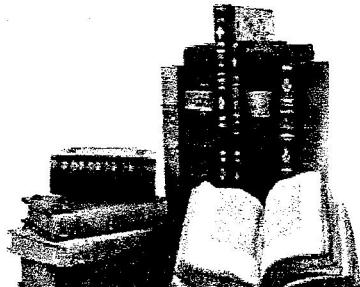
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| 1. The _____ of the game has made the host very famous. | • POPULAR |
| 2. Nowadays, it is _____ to wear jeans which look old. | FASHION |
| 3. Hard word, not just _____ is the key to success. | INSPIRE |
| 4. The children showed their _____ to the teacher. | ADMIRE |
| 5. You should be more _____ ! All your answers are correct! | CONFIDENCE |

LISTENING: Listen and choose the best answer for each item.

1. According to the speaker, the surprising thing about Alfred Nobel is his
 - A. work in medicine.
 - B. achievements in science.
 - C. efforts to achieve peace
2. We learn that Alfred Nobel studied
 - A. medicine
 - B. biology
 - C. many different subjects.
3. Nobel created the Foundation to
 - A. help other scientists to develop new ideas
 - B. encourage achievements which help people.
 - C. provide money for international co-operation.

WRITING : Using information from the text below, write an **announcement** (about 40 words) for the news section of your school website. The announcement should **inform** the readers about a book exhibition taking place in Athens.

ΤΟ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΠΑΖΑΡΙ ΒΙΒΛΟΥ



Κάθε Μάιο στο κέντρο της Αθήνας, πραγματοποιείται το Ελληνικό Παζάρι Βιβλίου, η κορυφαία εκδήλωση για το βιβλίο, που διοργανώνουν ειδοποικά σωματεία της Ελλάδας, προσφέροντας χιλιάδες τίτλους στο κοινό σε πολύ χαμηλές τιμές που αρχίζουν από μόλις 0,50 ευρώ.

Σ' ένα τεράστιο περίπτερο, ενιαίο για όλους τους εκδότες, εκτίθενται 500.000 βιβλία, 200 Ελλήνων εκδοτών εξασφαλίζοντας μια μεγάλη ποικιλία τίτλων όλων των κατηγοριών για όλες τις ηλικίες. Οι βιβλιόφιλοι, κάθε ηλικίας, μπορούν να προμηθευτούν αξιόλογα, γνωστά, αλλά και σπάνια βιβλία.

Read the text below and for each gap (6-10) choose the best option (A-F). There is one option you do not need.

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| A. around | B. made | C. especially | D. likely | E. common | F. consists |
|-----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|

Most people (6) _____ the world seem to think a typical English breakfast (7) _____ of eggs, bacon, sausages, fried bread, mushrooms and baked beans all washed down with a cup of coffee. Nowadays, however, a typical English breakfast is more (8) _____ to be a bowl of cereals, a slice of toast, orange juice and a cup of coffee.

Many people, (9) _____ children, in England will eat a bowl of cereal. They are (10) _____ with different grains such as corn, wheat, oats etc. In the winter many people will eat "porridge" or boiled oats.

Match the expressions on the left with their explanations (A – D).

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| 1. time and time again | _____ | A. sometimes |
| 2. from time to time | _____ | B. now |
| 3. for the time being | _____ | C. many times, repeatedly |
| 4. behind the times | _____ | D. old fashioned |

Complete the sentences with one of the expressions. There is an extra one.

sick and tired - peace and quiet - safe and sound - bright and early - hustle and bustle

5. The rescuers looked for the climber and found him _____ in a mountain cabin.
6. I need a holiday as I am _____ of what I am doing at the moment.
7. The worst thing about city life is the daily _____.
8. When he is on holiday, he likes to get up _____ on the day he is leaving.

Read the sentences below and for each gap choose the best linking word (A-F). There is one linking word that you do not need.

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| A. As a result | B. In addition to | C. However |
| D. In comparison | E. Besides this | F. For instance |

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| 19. | Nowadays, internet is one of the most popular means of communication. _____ this, it provides the users with a vast amount of information. | |
| 20. | There are many types of documentaries. _____, there are animal documentaries, documentaries about natural disasters and others about historical events. | |
| 21. | Playing computer games has become the main free time activity for teenagers. _____, other hobbies such as playing sports or hanging out with friends are not as popular as they used to be. | |
| 22. | The new restaurant that has just opened has more than 20 main courses to choose from! _____, the other one that we used to go had only 10. | |
| 23. | I know that to study for exams is a frustrating and stressful task. _____, it's got to be done. You wouldn't want to fail, right? | |

Choose the correct form.

A couple of weeks ago while I **was watching / am watching / watched** a programme about Crete on television I **am seeing / saw / was seeing** that Crete **looked / is looking / was looking** great for a holiday. As I **knew / know / am knowing** nothing about Crete its history and culture, I **am thinking / thinks / thought** that you might be able to help. What I really **want / am wanting / was wanting** to know is about the Minoan civilization.

Fill in the gaps using the correct form of the words in parenthesis.

1. This is an important and _____ place. (history)
2. What an _____ woman! (attract)
3. This dress has so many colours. It's so _____! (colour)
4. He pays attention to everything. He's such a _____ student. (care)
5. She does so many things all the time. She is such an _____ person. (act)
6. A car that does not use a lot of fuel is an _____ car. (economy)

LISTENING Listen and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each item.

1. This programme is about
 - A. travel
 - B. sport
 - C. geography
2. The climate in Norway is
 - A. rainy and cold
 - B. changeable
 - C. surprisingly good
3. The speaker recommends experiencing the
 - A. mountain hotels
 - B. mountain biking
 - C. wildlife

WRITING Your friend Paul is having a terrible time at school because an older boy has been bullying him. Write a message to him (about 40 words) giving advice on how to deal with the problem. Use the suggestions below.

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| <u>Suggestions</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ not to be scared➤ to stand up for himself |
| Tell him to: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ to ignore the bully➤ to tell his problem to the teachers |

LISTENING 1: Read items 1-2. Listen to the first part of a conversation and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each item.

1) David talks about something that happened to him

A. the previous day **B. the previous week** **C. that morning**

2) When did David realize that he had lost his wallet?

A. When he arrived at work **B. At lunchtime** **C. At the supermarket**

LISTENING 2 : Read items 3-5. Listen to the rest of the conversation and choose the best answer (A, B or C) for each item.

3) David was most worried about losing his

4) The person who informed David about his lost wallet works in

A. the supermarket **B. the police** **C. the bank**

5) David sounds upset because he

A. spent so much time unnecessarily **B. lost all his money** **C. lost such a nice wallet.**

LISTENING 3 : Listen to this librarian recommending books to readers, and write down what kind of book he's recommending (6-8), as in the example. (EX.: **ROMANCE**)

6)

7)

8)

WRITING : Write a short postcard (60-70 words) to a friend of yours describing a holiday. You may write about the points below and/or use your own ideas.

- *the location and the weather*
- *the entertainment*
- *the sights you visited*
- *a special happening or event*

LISTENING 4 : Read items 1 - 5. Listen and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each item.

1) What you are listening to is

A. a children's story B. a traditional tale C. a myth

2) The best suited title for this narrative is

A. The dove and the turtle B. The wise turtle C. The stupid turtle

3) The turtle planned to escape with the help of

A. two birds B. two hunters C. two turtles

4) The important part of the plan was that

A. the turtle would not open his mouth B. the birds would fly as fast as they could C. the hunters would not see the turtle and the birds.

5) This story tells us that we should

A. trust everyone who offers us help B. tell everyone how clever we are C. listen to other people's advice

LISTENING 5: Two people are at the doctor's. Which part of their body is the doctor examining? Listen and fill in each gap (items 6-8) with ONE appropriate word. You are given the first letter of each word.

6) S _____

7) F _____

8) E _____

WRITING Write a short postcard (50-60 words) to a friend of yours describing a holiday. You may write about the points below and/or use your own ideas.

➤ *the location and the weather*
➤ *the entertainment*

➤ *the sights you visited*
➤ *a special happening or event*