

TEST

I. In each line (1 – 5), identify the word (A, B, C or D) which has a different sound (звук) in the underlined part. Mark your answer on your answer sheet. Here is an example:

0. (A) loose (B) lose (C) case (D) course

Answer:

0.	A	B	C	D
		✓		

1. (A) warm (B) reward (C) slower (D) rewire
2. (A) noticed (B) showed (C) advised (D) styled
3. (A) tease (B) seize (C) these (D) cease
4. (A) bathes (B) smiths (C) maths (D) fifths
5. (A) thrilling (B) mingling (C) hanging (D) longing

II. Indicate which syllable (слог) carries the stress (ударение) in the following words. Mark your answer on your answer sheet. Here is an example:

0. realise ['rɪəlaɪz]

00. certain ['sɜ:tn]

Answer:

0.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
	✓			

00.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
	✓			

6. determined
7. stimulate
8. command
9. police
10. bungalow

III. Read the following sentences. Use the correct word derived from the word given in brackets. Write your word clearly in the answer box on your answer sheet.

11. I could move my arm, but I had a lot of _____ (comfort).
12. Do sit down and make yourself _____ (comfort).
13. The room was _____ (comfort) chilly.
14. I am hopelessly _____ (efficient) at fixing things.
15. She got through her work with speed and _____ (efficient).
16. Organising your kitchen will help you cook more _____ (efficient).

17. There was a _____ (spectacle) sunset last night.
18. It has been a _____ (spectacle) successful year.
19. The stadium was packed with cheering _____ (spectacle).
20. Sugar is the _____ (destroy) of healthy teeth.
21. Lack of trust is very _____ (destroy) in a relationship.
22. Many people are very concerned about the _____ (destroy) of the rainforests.
23. She writes elegantly and _____ (economy).
24. The country is in the midst of an _____ (economy) crisis.
25. With rents so high, it wasn't _____ (economy) to continue to live in the city.

IV. Open the brackets putting the verb in the correct tense and voice form.

This expedition began in the morning almost an hour later than I (26)_____ (*plan*), despite the fact that I (27)_____ (*complete*) my packing well before eight o'clock. I suppose I was very conscious of the fact that I would miss it and I thought: "Once I (28)_____ (*depart*), Darlington Hall (29)_____ (*stand*) empty for probably the first time since the day it (30)_____ (*build*)." It is hard to explain my feelings once I finally (31)_____ (*set off*). For the first twenty minutes or so of motoring, I cannot say I (32)_____ (*seize*) by any excitement or anticipation at all. This was due, no doubt, to the fact that though I (33)_____ (*motor*) further and further from the house, I (34)_____ (*continue*) to find myself in surroundings with which I had at least a passing acquaintance. Now I had always supposed I (35)_____ (*travel*) very little. If only I (36)_____ (*restrict*) by my responsibilities in the house, I (37)_____ (*become*) much more acquainted with those neighbouring districts.

V. Think of one word which is appropriate for all three gaps in each set of the following sentences. Write this word clearly in the answer box on your answer sheet.

38. _____
- a) Mild, wet winters and _____ summers are characteristics of the Mediterranean climate.
 - b) The paint on this window isn't _____ yet, so don't touch it.
 - c) His _____ sense of humor made him popular.

39. _____
- a) It is difficult to _____ all the information given in a lecture, so you should always take notes.
 - b) We would rather this project did not _____ so much of the company's budget.
 - c) We will coat the walls with sound-proof material so that they _____ most of the noise coming from outside.
40. _____
- a) Their lawyer is optimistic because he says they have a really strong _____.
 - b) If that is the _____, then we'll have to fire you.
 - c) You can't help Sarah; she is a hopeless _____.
41. _____
- a) He drove all the way in the _____ lane.
 - b) You'd better check the time as my watch is a bit _____.
 - c) Only cotton clothes with _____ colours should be washed on this programme.
42. _____
- a) Her parents first met at an international _____ festival.
 - b) There seemed to be a _____ of oil on the surface of the water.
 - c) After the holiday we were looking forward to developing the _____.

VI. Read the following text and look carefully at each line. In most lines, there is one unnecessary word. It is either grammatically incorrect or does not fit in the sense of the text. For each numbered line 43 – 59, find this word and then write it in the answer box on your answer sheet. Some lines are correct. Indicate these lines with a tick (✓).

43. Miguel de Cervantes, creator of Don Quixote, one of literature's most popular
44. and enduring characters, is possibly the most renowned Spanish writer of all time.
45. Cervantes was born any near Madrid in 1547, and his life appears to have been
46. every bit as exciting as any other of his fiction. He spent several years in Rome
47. before joining with the Spanish army in 1570. The next year he took part in
48. a fierce naval battle against the forces of all the Ottoman Empire. During

49. the battle he was shot twice in the chest and which lost the use of his left hand,
50. but he continued his active service up for the next four years. On leaving
51. the army, Cervantes decided to return to Spain. While he was on his way home,
52. pirates attacked his ship; Cervantes was captured and taken to the Algiers
53. to be sold as a slave. He was made at least four unsuccessful attempts
54. to escape it, before his family finally paid a ransom to free him in 1580.
55. Home at last, Cervantes very tried to concentrate on writing, but found
56. he was unable to make for a living from this; as a result he held various
57. jobs on in different parts of Spain. Although he published numerous works
58. including a poetry and plays, he is best known for his prose, particularly his
59. novel about the adventures of Don Quixote and his faithful friend, Sancho Panza.

VII. Fill each of the gaps in the following text with the correct preposition. Write your preposition clearly in the answer box on your answer sheet.

“The publicity an artist gets when they show a new series (60) _____ works (61) _____ the media is a double-edged sword,” Forrest points out. “You get attention, but you also come in (62) _____ a lot of criticism (63) _____ the media. First, they ask you to talk about your work and then they create their own interpretations, regardless (64) _____ what you tell them your work actually says or means.”

Forrest’s working style is to build up each sculpture piece (65) _____ piece. He says that this process is not widely understood. “There’s no real vocabulary (66) _____ discussing the craft of building the types of sculptures I create. Reviews of artwork which appear in magazines or newspapers tend to be based (67) _____ whether the reviewer likes the particular artist or not, rather than discussing whether the artist is skilful, or how intelligent his work is.” There is still something mysterious (68) _____ the creation of an amazing sculpture. “It’s very personal, very emotional. It’s like building a new friendship,” Forrest says. “Once a sculpture is finished, the process you went (69) _____ to create it remains (70) _____ you, like an old friend.”

VIII. Read the article in which five people are talking about their different careers. For questions 71 – 80, choose from the people A – E. The people may be chosen more than once. Mark your answer on your answer sheet.

A. Sarah

All I wanted at seventeen was to keep from going to university like all my friends, so I took a management course and then went to work as an office manager in a small real estate company. In the beginning I was a little nervous about making decisions, but my boss is a close friend and luckily had faith in me and my abilities. My friends, who are still at university, don't appreciate the fact that I have a lot of responsibility right now. They're always calling me to go out – to parties or for pizza, but I usually turn down their invitations because I have to get up early.

B. Lisa

My mum was a teacher, and when I was small, it was a little awkward having her teach in the same school I attended. But after I met some of her former students, I realised what a difference she had made in people's lives. When I started out as a teacher I was quite shy, but one day I daringly stepped out of my place and tried out some innovative teaching techniques. The head teacher got to hear about it, and was very impressed. I really enjoy teaching at secondary level, because I find that teenagers are very engaging.

C. Tom

I am very interested in the field of marine biology and I devoted my younger years to researching and writing a book on the subject. I then went on to get my diving certificate. I started working in England as an instructor, but when I realised there was no real future for me there, I moved to the Caribbean. I started with a diving company in the British Virgin Islands, which was great, but I noticed that the equipment was somewhat outdated. When I pointed it out to my boss, he was so surprised that he immediately ordered new gear for all the instructors. I soon fell in love with the island lifestyle. I enjoy my job, as well as my time off, and now life is perfect.

D. Barbara

After art school I really wanted to become a ‘serious’ artist, but I knew that I couldn’t be sure of supporting myself financially if I did. Then Mum suggested I try book illustration. I started at a small publishing company that produces children’s books. I love working there, but in the beginning I was hopelessly disorganised – I kept ordering the wrong types and amounts of supplies. I eventually got the hang of it, though. Recently I branched out into drawing a weekly cartoon for the local newspaper in my spare time, and I hope it will lead to more work of the same kind.

E. Kenneth

I never imagined I would end up doing this kind of work, and I actually fell into it by accident. I wanted to buy my mother a brooch for her birthday, but I couldn’t find one I liked, so I decided to design my own. Some of her friends saw it and liked it so much that I started to get requests on a regular basis for new designs. My mother likes to boast that her son is a designer, but I wonder what her friends would think if they knew that I haven’t had any formal training. I’m now planning to take on some people to help me so I can expand into mail-order jewellery.

Which person

71. changed their career plans because they wanted a steady income? _____
72. admits they weren’t good at one aspect of their job at first? _____
73. benefited from drawing attention to their own ability? _____
74. raised an issue that improved colleagues’ working conditions? _____
75. regards working as better than being in higher education? _____
76. went abroad to live? _____
77. followed a parent’s advice? _____
78. is self-taught in their field? _____
79. used their reputation to build up their business? _____
80. mentions having a restricted social life? _____