

Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

call upon chip in down-size dribble gravitate
lease overlap overlook sacrifice withstand

- For years I've been _____ toward becoming a teacher.
- When we checked the software, one problem had been _____ so the computer still kept crashing.
- Food should be healthy, but good flavour shouldn't be _____ at the expense of nutrition.
- We have _____ a bigger office in a new building.
- If our trips to London hadn't _____, Ian and I wouldn't have seen each other.
- You can't run with a basketball, you have to _____ it.
- After we move out of the house, my parents are going to _____ and move into a flat.
- The camera can _____ temperatures up to 50°C.
- Older students have been _____ to help the new students.
- When we got lost, my little brother _____ that he knew the way.

Marks: __/10

2 Complete the text with a word from the box.

camaraderie cherish consensus intervention
level-headed material murder siblings
simultaneously unimaginable

I'm the oldest of three ¹_____. I love my brother and sister, but now that we're adults, the general ²_____ among us is that the youngest, my brother Dean, was allowed to get away with ³_____. I couldn't play with my friends without the ⁴_____ of my parents, who always told me to be quieter while ⁵_____. Dean would be screaming and shouting with his mates and Mum hardly seemed to notice. We enjoyed a great ⁶_____ as kids, and we were basically ⁷_____ and didn't cause a lot of problems. When we were young, it seemed ⁸_____ that any of us would ever leave home, but soon I was packing up my ⁹_____ goods and going off to university. Within five years, we had all left home but I will always ¹⁰_____ the memories of our childhood.

Marks: __/10

Reading

3 Read the text and choose the correct answer.

Kieron Williamson

In 2009, painter Kieron Williamson sold 16 of his paintings for a total of £18,200. The following year, he earned £150,000 selling another collection. When the gallery opened, people rushed in to view the paintings, and all of them were sold in just 30 minutes. And there are more paintings on the way. That's not bad, when you consider that he was born in 2002. Until he was five years old, Kieron showed little interest in drawing. Then one day in 2008, when he was on a seaside holiday with his family, some boats caught his eye and he asked his parents for a drawing pad. He immediately began making pictures. In early 2009, he joined a painting class. By summer 2009, Kieron was placing in adverts in the local paper, offering to paint portraits of people's pets to raise pocket money. It was after Kieron's first public show in August 2009 that people started calling him a child prodigy – and paying a lot of money for his paintings.

- Kieron Williamson _____ his work in 2009.
a earned £18,200 for b borrowed £18,200 to do
c invested £18,200 in
- _____ his work increased in 2010.
a Media coverage of b Public contempt for
c His income from
- Before he was five, Kieron displayed _____ painting.
a a real talent for b no interest in
c a strong dislike of
- On a seaside holiday, Kieron was _____ to paint.
a inspired b forced c taught
- Kieron made _____ by painting pictures of people's animals.
a a fortune b a living c a little money

Marks: __/5

4 Read the text again and answer the questions with a complete sentence.

- What year was Kieron's seventh birthday?

- How do we know that Kieron's paintings are popular?

- What made him start painting?

- What did Kieron do to earn money?

- What happened after Kieron's first public show?

Marks: __/15

Grammar

5 Choose the correct answers.

¹_____ to work indoors, I took gardening jobs during the holidays. At that time, I ²_____ a plan to make a lot of money so that I could take long holidays outdoors. ³_____ I did was to work as an accountant. However, I soon learned that some people are happier working in an office than other people ⁴_____. Seldom ⁵_____ in my life been so unpleasant as working at a desk all day. Some days I worked ⁶_____ ten hours without going outside. I ⁷_____ with the job for six months, then quit. If ⁸_____ an office job again, I'd always say no. Of course my parents were furious, but I haven't worked in an office for ten years, and my wife Elena hasn't ⁹_____. Together, we have a successful gardening business. We aren't rich, but we're OK. ¹⁰_____ the freedom of working outdoors that I really love.

- 1

a Not wanting

b Not want

c Didn't want
- 2

a came up

b came up with

c came with
- 3

a It's

b What do

c What
- 4

a are

b are happy

c are being
- 5

a anything

b had anything

c anything had
- 6

a as long as

b long as

c as long
- 7

a put off

b put down

c put up
- 8

a offering

b having offered

c offered
- 9

a either

b too

c also
- 10

a That's

b It's

c What's

Marks: __ /10

6 Rewrite the sentences with the words in brackets.

- 1

I haven't been to the shops. Ben hasn't been to the shops. (either)

- 2

There are more applicants this year than last. (not as many as)

- 3

People want an honest government. (What)

- 4

I've been there twice and I don't want to go again. (Having)

- 5

I don't enjoy loud music. (get into)

Marks: __ /10

Language skills

7 Complete the dialogue.

Erika

Shall I help make dinner?

Stefan

Yes, please. Many ¹_____ make light work!

Erika

You're a fantastic cook, Stefan, and you have all the best cooking ²_____.

Stefan

Thanks. I'm not that good.

Erika

³_____ speak louder than words.

Stefan

Here, use the mortar and ⁴_____ to crush these spices. And I'll use the food ⁵_____ to grind up the nuts.

Erika

Hey, don't leave your TV on ⁶_____. Turn it off. It saves electricity. And this packaging is ⁷_____. It'll break down in the compost.

Stefan

Oh, I'm far too happy-go-⁸_____ to remember these things. And you're one of the most down-to-⁹_____ people I know – and the smartest. In fact, you're a ¹⁰_____ – like Einstein.

Marks: __ /10

8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

Dialogue 1

Alex

What does the proverb ¹_____ mean?

Ryan

It means that looking good shows you are serious.

Dialogue 2

Lisa

Why are ²_____ course?

Lori

Because I don't understand my maths lectures.

Dialogue 3

Jay

Why shouldn't I ³_____ every day?

Mel

Because it wastes electricity.

Dialogue 4

A

What was the first food you ever prepared?

B

⁴_____.

Dialogue 5

A

Describe your best friend's personality.

B

⁵_____.

Marks: __ /10

Writing

9 Write a comparison and contrast essay. Imagine the 'greenest' citizen of your city or town and the 'least green' citizen. Write about 200 words and organize your writing into five paragraphs.

- Introduction
- Activity or behaviour 1 'greenest' / 'least green' person
- Activity or behaviour 2 'greenest' / 'least green' person
- Activity or behaviour 3 'greenest' / 'least green' person
- Conclusion

Marks: __ /20

TOTAL: __ /100