

Grammar

1 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

- 1 Imagining not having electricity at home. Our lives would be more difficult. _____
- 2 Unless scientists make a monumental breakthrough in physics, man wouldn't be able to travel faster than the speed of light. _____
- 3 The king said he would pay the goldsmith only in condition that he completed the ring in two weeks. _____
- 4 I will call round at your house later providing I will finish my homework. _____
- 5 So long than you work hard at school, you will get your leaving certificate. _____
- 6 Supposing Karen hadn't won the tennis tournament. She wouldn't have become a national star. _____
- 7 Unless I earn a lot of money, I couldn't see how I'm going to afford a car. _____
- 8 Suppose it hadn't rained in twelve months. The effects of the drought problem would have be exacerbated. _____
- 9 Supposing an apple hadn't fallen on Newton's head, he might not having discovered gravity. _____
- 10 If only we had known your arrival time, we would come to meet you. _____

Marks: __ /10

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 If only I had known it was John's birthday, I _____ (buy) him a present.
- 2 If only they _____ (not buy) a new house, they could have gone on the world cruise.
- 3 If only Janet would _____ (listen), then we could make much more progress on the project.
- 4 If only Amanda had studied more at school, she _____ (go) to university.
- 5 If only they _____ (not leave) so early this morning, we could have warned them about the road works.
- 6 I've got so much school work to do – if only I _____ (be) on holiday right now!
- 7 If only I _____ (know) more about information technology, I could get a better job when I leave school.
- 8 If only the Japanese language were less complicated, then more foreigners _____ (speak) it.
- 9 If only the weather _____ (be) better, we could go out for a walk.
- 10 If only time machines existed, then we _____ (can) travel back into the past and correct our mistakes.

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Vocabulary

3 Replace the underlined words with a suitable word or expression.

- 1 Angela has officially asked an architect to draw up the plans. _____
- 2 How do you measure the thickness of a gas or liquid? _____
- 3 The changes made to the town centre were enormous and on a large scale. _____
- 4 He wrote a very good description of what happened in the dispute. _____
- 5 If you think too much about problems, you can make them worse. _____
- 6 You should put salted fish into water before using. _____
- 7 There is a lot of unimportant and useless information in the report. _____
- 8 The ring wasn't very well-made according to the goldsmith. _____
- 9 You don't need to have specific scientific knowledge to work here. _____
- 10 I tend not to trust factual information in some online encyclopaedias. _____

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4 Complete the text.

Thieves ¹_____ into the home of mega star Hollywood actress Stella Carr last night. Carr, described as ²_____-rich, is probably one of the wealthiest women in the world. At the time of the crime the actress was taking a ³_____ at her holiday home in the Caribbean. Carr, who is famously anti-⁴_____, has made no comment. Her press secretary, however, claims that a draft copy of her much awaited ⁵_____ biography has been taken. According to police, a security guard was attacked and left semi-⁶_____. He had no injuries except that his front tooth was broken ⁷_____. It was a ⁸_____ -function in the alarm system which allowed thieves to enter the luxury mansion. Carr's publishers described the incident as a small ⁹_____ which a great star like Stella would easily ¹⁰_____.

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Reading

5 Read the text. Are the sentences true or false?

The invention that could have changed the world

Man's interest in travelling backwards and forwards in time has been the subject of science, philosophy and literature over the centuries. It was probably H.G. Wells' science-fiction novel *The Time Machine*, 1895, that has most popularized the idea of time travel. One could argue that it is the greatest world-changing invention that has never happened. Just think how many of the world's disasters and setbacks could have been overcome if we were able to travel back in time. But would it be wise to do so? Some scientists claim that it would mean having to travel into a parallel universe which in turn might provoke monumental changes in history, eliminating the world as we know it today.

The laws of physics make time travel into the past unlikely. Time travel into the future, however, is theoretically possible. Travelling into the future could give us valuable information to help avoid future disasters. Einstein's theory of 'Time Dilation' forms the basis of the current scientific thinking on future time travel. Most scientists, however, agree that that it is not probable. Stephen Hawkins pointed out that the fact that there are no tourists from the future is evidence that time travel cannot exist. Carl Sagan, on the other hand, suggested that time travellers might already be here but we're just not aware of them!

- 1 H.G. Wells invented the idea of the time machine.
- 2 Time travel into the past could solve problems in the past.
- 3 Physical constraints make time travel into the past impossible.
- 4 Scientists believe that future time travel is probable.
- 5 Carl Sagan believes that although we can't see them, people from the future might be among us.

Marks: __ /5

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

- 1 How could travel into the past help people in the past?

- 2 Why might it be a bad idea to travel back into the past?

- 3 What would be the benefits of travelling into the future?

- 4 Why does Hawkins claim time travel can't exist?

- 5 Why is it the 'greatest invention that never happened'?

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Language skills

7 Complete the dialogue.

- Tony Do you want to sponsor me for the marathon?
- Matt Are you sure you'll be able to run?
- Tony Yes, but to be honest I think I will ¹ _____ a bit because of my foot injury. If ² _____ I had been more careful when I was training, I ³ _____ be in better condition. Of course, I ⁴ _____ the problem by not going to see a physiotherapist earlier.
- Matt Maybe you should take a ⁵ _____ for a few weeks?
- Tony Oh no, it's not that bad. My injury has improved ⁶ _____ over the past few weeks, and I feel very confident. So ⁷ _____ as I follow my special foot exercises, I'll be able to ⁸ _____ this setback. You have to ⁹ _____ to be successful.
- Matt I agree, that it's important not to give up easily, but I will only sponsor you ¹⁰ _____ the condition that you take it easy and listen to your therapist.

Marks: __ /10

8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

- Dialogue 1
- A ¹ _____, what would you have done?
- B I suppose I would have gone to university. I just hate exams.
- A If ² _____.
- B But I did listen to you. Anyway, I think I've found a job.
- A ³ _____?
- B You don't need any specialist knowledge for this job.
- Dialogue 2
- A Where's your car?
- B ⁴ _____.
- A What was wrong with it?
- B ⁵ _____.
- The mechanics are repairing it as we speak.

Marks: __ /10

Writing

9 Write an opinion essay agreeing or disagreeing with the following statement: **Information technology enables people to communicate more efficiently.** Write 200 words and organize your writing into four paragraphs:

- Write generally why you agree or disagree with the statement.
- Present and exemplify two points to support your opinion.
- Present a further point to support your opinion and give examples.
- Conclude your essay.

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TOTAL: __ /100