

Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences with the adjectives in the box.

 incapacitated inept inexplicable insignificant
 intrepid portable uncanny undaunted
 unimaginable unwieldy

- 1 Jack's excellent exam results are _____ as he never does any homework and he never studies.
- 2 The main character in the story is an _____ warrior who is not afraid of anyone.
- 3 The ambassador was _____ by severe criticism and went on to give his controversial speech about nuclear power.
- 4 My father was _____ after the car accident and could not work for six months.
- 5 A whole country powered by solar energy is _____ at the moment.
- 6 The project was _____, too big and too complex to manage effectively.
- 7 It is _____ how Sue can always predict the physics exam questions.
- 8 I never ask my older brother to help me with my maths homework, he's totally _____ at numbers!
- 9 The level of carbon emissions from farm animals is not _____.
- 10 This _____ air conditioning unit is brilliant. You can move it from room to room, depending on where it is needed.

Marks: ____/10

2 Complete the diary text.

My husband Jim and I ¹_____ from a three-bedroom flat in London to a house boat on the River Thames. It was a big change but we were ²_____ and determined to do it. First of all, we had to get ³_____ of most of our furniture because we had a lot less living ⁴_____. Having said that, our new home can still ⁵_____ four people. I do miss having a ⁶_____ on top of my home where I can store things that I don't need, but that was a luxury. The main thing is that it's much cheaper living on a boat. The bills we had when we lived in the flat were just ⁷_____, we couldn't afford them! We now have an electricity ⁸_____ and solar ⁹_____ so we can make our own energy. Boats, of course are much less ¹⁰_____ than buildings. They won't last a long time without constant painting, repairs and maintenance, but that's all part of the fun.

Marks: ____/10

Reading

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

The sun is the answer

Solar power is the conversion of sunlight into energy and is by far the world's most available energy source. It is a renewable fuel and eco-friendly. Because solar power depends on lots of sunshine, it is not surprising that Spain, one of the sunniest countries in Europe, is one of the most advanced countries in solar energy development and is the world's fourth manufacturer of solar power technology.

Europe's first solar power tower plant was opened in the Spanish city of Seville in 2007. The 11-megawatt solar power tower produces electricity from the sun using 624 large movable mirrors called heliostats. Each of the mirrors concentrates the sun's rays to the top of a 115 metre-high tower. In the tower there is a steam turbine that drives a generator to produce electricity.

Spain has also been a pioneer in photovoltaic technology, which converts sunlight directly into electricity. Since the 1990s many photovoltaic plants have been opened throughout the country. In 2010 Spain was able to generate twelve per cent of all power consumed from renewable energy, most of this from solar power. This percentage is likely to double in the next decade.

- 1 The sun is the world's biggest potential source of energy.
- 2 Spain is the most advanced producer of solar power.
- 3 Heliostats are mirrors that concentrate the sun's rays.
- 4 Europe's first photovoltaic solar power tower was opened in 2007.
- 5 In 2010, most of Spain's energy came from solar power.

Marks: ____/5

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

- 1 Why is solar power a good alternative to traditional energy sources?

- 2 What natural advantage does Spain have in Europe?

- 3 What does the solar power tower use to make electricity?

- 4 In which two areas is Spain a pioneer in solar technology?

- 5 What change will there be to Spain's energy supply in the future?

Marks: ____/15

Grammar

5 Rewrite the sentences using inversion. Change the tense if necessary.

- By taking shorter showers, we can save water and reduce energy consumption as well.
Not only _____
also reduce energy consumption.
- When the price of solar panels went down people started to use them more.
Not until the price of solar panels went down _____.
- We started using energy-saving appliances and we noticed a saving in our electricity bill.
No sooner _____
than we noticed a saving in our electricity bill.
- We stayed at a hotel. It was very cheap.
The hotel _____ very cheap.
- We didn't realize the advantages of downsizing our family car.
Little _____ of
downsizing our family car.
- We have rarely seen such a beautiful sunset.
Seldom _____ seen.
- I am determined that I am not going to make the same mistake again.
Under no circumstances _____
the same mistake again.
- You have to get a security pass in order to enter.
Only after _____ can you enter.
- The moment Henry arrived at the airport, he realized he had left his passport at home.
No sooner _____
he had left his passport at home.
- I have never forgotten my promise to him.
At no time _____ my promise to him.

Marks: ____ /10

6 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

- New phones don't weigh up much as older ones.

- As many as 65% of domestic rubbish is deposited in special recycling bins. _____
- Sadly, there are as many as 50 king cheetahs left in the wild. _____
- It's a bargain! It costs as few as £50. _____
- The cost of manufacturing has become very cheaper.
Now many more people can afford one. _____
- We'll need as much as ten people. _____
- There are as few than three students regularly attending the school chess club. _____
- Each year, as many as one billion computer are put in landfills. _____
- Sue doesn't look as younger as her sister. _____
- Last year he weighed as few as 50 kg. _____

Marks: ____ /10

Language skills

7 Complete the dialogue.

- Emma Hi Penny. I didn't see you on the bus this morning.
- Penny Yes, I used eco-¹ _____ transport. I came by bike. Did you know that as ² _____ as 10,000 people ride bikes in this town? Seldom ³ _____ I got to school so quickly!
- Emma But what about all those car ⁴ _____?
- Penny I wear a mask which filters out all the ⁵ _____ chemicals.
- Emma I suppose it's better than the school bus which breaks ⁶ _____ all the time.
- Penny Yes, and it lowers your ⁷ _____ footprint, reduces ⁸ _____ gases thus protecting the ⁹ _____.
- Emma Unfortunately, I don't have a bike any more. It was so old that my father took it to the ¹⁰ _____ just outside of town.

Marks: ____ /10

8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

- Dialogue 1
- A ¹ _____?
- B You should use energy-saving light bulbs and ² _____.
- A ³ _____?
- B You should take it to a recycling centre.
- Dialogue 2
- A How many pandas are left in the wild?
- B ⁴ _____.
- Dialogue 3
- A I don't know how you are going to have a dinner party in this small space! Will we eat on the floor?
- B Of course not. ⁵ _____.
- I keep it under the sofa.

Marks: ____ /10

Writing

9 Write a cause and effect report on the potential benefits of increased investment into public transport in your town or city. Write about 200 words and organize your writing into four paragraphs:

- Present your first consequence and its secondary consequence.
- Present a second consequence and its secondary consequence.
- Present a third consequence and its secondary consequence.
- Write a conclusion.

Marks: ____ /20

TOTAL: ____ /100