

Grammar

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

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

Marks: ____ /10

2 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

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

- Sadly, there are as many as 50 king cheetahs left in the wild. _____

Marks: ____ /10

Vocabulary

3 Complete the sentences with the adjectives in the box.

incapacitated inept inexplicable insignificant
intrepid portable uncanny undaunted
unimaginable unwieldy

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

Marks: ____ /10

4 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

5 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

6 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

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