

Vocabulary

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

appeal backfire confirm contradict degenerate
detect engrave persist recruit reinforce

- If you don't _____, you won't achieve your goals.
- The company has _____ six new salespeople.
- New research has succeeded in _____ the view that both environment and heredity are important.
- We expect the test results _____ our theory.
- The surprise party _____ when my brother called the police because he thought there were burglars in the house.
- The idea of living by the beach really _____ to me. I'd go swimming every day.
- The football game _____ into a fight and it took a while for the referee to separate the two teams.
- The message on the stone _____ about six hundred years ago.
- I'm tired of you _____ everything I say!
- I _____ a little sadness in Liam's expression.

Marks: __/10

2 Complete the text with a word from the box.

appropriate cardiologist cerebral consultancy
innate limelight literate lucrative privileged
prodigy

Dr Simon Lee is a ¹ _____, which means he's a heart expert. It's a ² _____ profession and he makes a lot of money. He runs a ³ _____ that gives expert advice to top athletes on how to improve their performance. Of course he needed good ⁴ _____ skills to become a doctor because he needed to memorize a huge amount of information. But, in addition, he can understand athletes because of his own ⁵ _____ athletic ability. Almost from birth, it was clear that he was a ⁶ _____. His mother was amazed when he walked at only six months old, and in school, he was always in the ⁷ _____ because he was at the top of every sport he tried. But where many athletes are interested only in sport, Lee was also a highly ⁸ _____ child, who read many books. 'I didn't have a ⁹ _____ childhood in terms of material wealth', he says, 'but my parents supported me in everything that I did. Amazingly, I've found a job that is so ¹⁰ _____ for me. It feels just right!'

Marks: __/10

Reading

3 Read the text and complete the sentences.

People who can't 'read' faces

Autism, a brain disorder, causes sufferers to have difficulty with communication and social interaction. Though they can easily recognize people they know, autism sufferers often have difficulty understanding the meaning of facial expressions. Most people can tell at a glance whether someone is angry, sad, bored, or happy. But for many people with autism, other people's faces don't communicate any emotional information. They simply can't tell how other people are feeling.

Face blindness is another brain disorder. Most people with face blindness have no problem understanding the emotional meaning of facial expressions; however they find it very difficult to remember and recognize people's faces. In some cases, people with face blindness can't identify their own family members, or even their own face when seen in the mirror. Some experts believe that about 2.5% of people are born with face blindness, but others suggest that as many as 10% of people may have at least a mild form of the condition.

- People with autism don't easily interact with other _____.
- Some autistic people don't have any idea how other people are feeling because they can't comprehend the meaning of _____.
- For people with face blindness, understanding smiles, frowns, and so on isn't usually a _____.
- People with face blindness have difficulty meeting up with their friends because they don't _____ or _____ their friends' faces.
- Some estimates say that from _____ more than two people in every one hundred have face blindness.

Marks: __/5

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

- What isn't difficult for people with autism?

- What is often difficult for people with autism?

- Who might not recognize their own reflection?

- What can people with face blindness usually do that many people with autism can't do?

- How many people may be affected by face blindness?

Marks: __/15

Grammar

5 Choose the correct answers.

I was waiting for ¹_____ of my friends, when a man ²_____ I'd never seen before started talking to me. He said 'There's a lot of traffic tonight, ³_____?' Then he asked ⁴_____ the nearest post office was, even though it was eight o'clock at night. Then he ⁵_____ for being late. He said the reason ⁶_____ he'd been late was that he'd forgotten ⁷_____ his wallet so he'd walked instead of taking a taxi. Then he said that if he ⁸_____ on time, we wouldn't be in such a rush. I was getting very confused. Then, just as my friends ⁹_____ along the man walked away. 'Who were you talking to?' they asked. If only I ¹⁰_____ the answer!

- 1

a a few

b few

c a little
- 2

a which

b who

c what
- 3

a isn't there

b isn't it

c aren't there
- 4

a how

b where

c which
- 5

a 's apologizing

b apologizes

c apologized
- 6

a why

b which

c what
- 7

a bringing

b to bring

c brought
- 8

a arrives

b 'd arrived

c arrived
- 9

a had come

b come

c came
- 10

a known

b know

c knew

Marks: __/10

6 Rewrite the sentences with the words in brackets.

- 1

'I've been really busy.' (she said)

- 2

'Where are you going?' (he asked)

- 3

I think Fred's working today. Do you know? (isn't)

- 4

What's the name of the book that you chose? (which)

- 5

I was late. My dad is angry. (if / wouldn't)

- 6

They lost the match. The manager resigned. (if / might not)

- 7

That man was complaining. He was in the shop yesterday. (who)

- 8

These are the new plates. I bought them last week. (that)

- 9

It started snowing and didn't stop all day. (went on)

- 10

She hasn't worked here for six months. (stopped / ago)

Marks: __/10

Language skills

7 Complete the dialogue.

Bill

I've got a new job!

Stan

Congratulations! What is it?

Bill

I'm doing market ¹_____. My company wants to ²_____ up with ways to make their product better than their ³_____ products.

Stan

What's the product?

Bill

A domestic robot. It does household ⁴_____ like cleaning. It's designed to eliminate the ⁵_____ of doing housework. You may have seen it on TV. It's had a lot of ⁶_____ coverage lately. The target ⁷_____ for the advertisements is working parents with young children.

Stan

I don't think robots will ⁸_____ from people doing housework. People don't want to pore ⁹_____ the ¹⁰_____ manual for an MP3 player. Who's going to want to learn how to operate a robot?

Marks: __/10

8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

Dialogue 1

Rose

I'm setting up my own company.

Alice

¹_____?

Rose

We're going to sell computer software.

Alice

²_____?

Rose

It can help with planning and scheduling. It's a kind of electronic organizer.

Alice

³_____?

Rose

Yes, we do have one. It's 'Get organized!'

Alice

That's good. People will remember that!

Dialogue 2

A

Do you think MP3s will take over from music CDs?

B

⁴_____.

Dialogue 3

A

How would you recommend dressing for a job interview?

B

⁵_____.

Marks: __/10

Writing

9 Write a film review about a film you have seen. Write about 200 words and organize your writing into four paragraphs. Write about:

- The important facts and details about the film.
- The main characters and their situation.
- An important turning point and other important events.
- Your opinion of the film.

Marks: __/20

TOTAL: __/100