

Vocabulary

1 Replace the underlined words with a suitable word.

- The mark was caused by a car accident. He cut his face badly. _____
- I don't think they realize how serious the situation is. _____
- He made an expression of self-satisfaction when he was asked about his new job. _____
- Kevin wasn't his usual happy, enthusiastic self this morning. _____
- We were forced to wear a uniform at my school. _____
- The maths formula was impossible to understand for most of the students. _____
- There was anger and annoyance at the lack of information about the flight's delay. _____
- 'You silly man. You don't understand, do you?' he asked disrespectfully. _____
- Nobody could persuade me to do a bungee jump! _____
- They shared a secret glance about where they had hidden the money. _____

Marks: ____ /10

2 Complete the text.

I'm a real film ¹ _____ and I try to go to the cinema at least once a week. However, I'm not a fan of block² _____ and I usually avoid films that rely on eye-³ _____ posters of famous heart⁴ _____ to catch people's attention. I prefer films that are made on a shoe-string ⁵ _____. Last week, I went to see a Polish film. It was a big success at the box ⁶ _____ in Poland. It was a psychological ⁷ _____ and it began with an opening ⁸ _____ that was one of the most hair-⁹ _____ that I've ever seen. I'd really recommend it but I can't remember what it was called because it had a strange-¹⁰ _____ name!

Marks: ____ /10

Reading

3 Read the text. Are the sentences true, false or don't know?

The real Count of Monte Cristo

The Count of Monte Cristo is considered by many people to be the best adventure story that has ever been written. However, the idea for the novel did not come from author Alexandre Dumas' imagination, but from an account of a real life event.

Apparently the plot is based on the experiences of a shoemaker, Pierre Picaud, who lived in the French city of Nîmes at the beginning of the 19th century. Picaud was engaged to marry a wealthy woman but his good fortune made three friends extremely envious. So while Picaud was preparing for the wedding, the men went to authorities and accused him of being a spy for the English.

Picaud spent the next seven years in prison and the woman he had planned to marry married one of his former friends. Fortunately, however, while he was being held prisoner, he met a rich Italian. The Italian treated Picaud like a son and before he died he told Picaud about a treasure he had hidden in Milan. On leaving prison, Picaud recovered the treasure and then returned to Nîmes.

Picaud then spent 10 years using his fortune to prepare his revenge. In the end he had his three so-called friends killed, completing the promise he had made to himself in prison and, at the same time, providing Alexandre Dumas with a great plot.

- A lot of people think that *The Count of Monte Cristo* is a true story. _____
- Pierre Picaud was married to a wealthy woman. _____
- Picaud's friends invented a story about him. _____
- Picaud was the son of a wealthy Italian. _____
- Picaud took his time taking revenge. _____

Marks: ____ /5

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

- Where did Alexandre Dumas get the idea for the novel from?

- Why were Picaud's friends jealous?

- What happened to one of Picaud's ex-friends when he was in prison?

- How was Picaud lucky when he was in prison?

- What do you think Picaud had promised to himself when he was in prison?

Marks: ____ /15

Grammar

5 Complete the sentences.

- 1 My mum works _____ a doctor at the local hospital.
- 2 His second novel is really exciting, _____ was his first.
- 3 Sam's poem is really romantic, _____ all his poems.
- 4 _____ his road movies, his latest film doesn't involve travel.
- 5 She loves reading, _____ does her mother.
- 6 Everybody at home has got the flu, except for my mum who is _____ our doctor!
- 7 Sean is blond, _____ his dark-haired parents.
- 8 There are some films I never watch, _____ horror or war films.
- 9 Tim served _____ a sailor in the navy for ten years.
- 10 Dad thinks he sings _____ a great opera singer!

Marks: ____/10

6 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Sometimes two answers are possible.

The clever sheep

There ¹ _____ (be) once a sheep that ² _____ (live) on a farm. He ³ _____ (sometimes go) into the woods next to the farm. One day, while he ⁴ _____ (eat) some grass, a wolf ⁵ _____ (appear). The wolf ⁶ _____ (look) for something to eat for days and he told the sheep, 'You can't escape.' 'I know,' said the sheep, who thought he ⁷ _____ (die) soon. 'But please sing a song, so that I may dance one more time before you eat me.' So the wolf ⁸ _____ (begin) to howl and the farm dogs, which ⁹ _____ (not follow) the sheep into the woods, quickly came and ¹⁰ _____ (chase) the wolf away.

Marks: ____/10

Language skills

7 Complete the dialogue.

- Steve** Did you know that 13 different actors have played the all ¹ _____ character of James Bond?
- William** Really? But I don't think they've all played him as a ² _____-hearted tough guy. I mean, Sean Connery's James Bond was quite light-
³ _____ at times.
- Steve** Yes, so was Pierce Brosnan. He was always ⁴ _____-going and relaxed.
- William** But physically, they are all similar: broad-
⁵ _____ and athletic.
- Steve** Yes, but I think Daniel Craig is the most ⁶ _____-human of them all.
- Steve** True. They are all quick-⁷ _____ and intelligent, aren't they? And of course, they are cool-⁸ _____ and ⁹ _____-assured. They always know what to do!
- William** So who is your favourite?
- Steve** To be honest, I've always enjoyed the films for the action-¹⁰ _____ scenes rather than for the acting. What about you?

Marks: ____/10

8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

Dialogue 1

- A ¹ _____?
- B I suppose it's Jennifer Lawrence.
- A ² _____?
- B She's been in shoe-string budget dramas and in blockbuster comedies and action films.
- A ³ _____?
- B She's not big-headed but she's quite single-minded about her career.

Dialogue 2

- A Who is your favourite character from a film or book?
- B ⁴ _____.
- A What do you like about him or her?
- B ⁵ _____.

Marks: ____/10

Writing

9 Write a review of a film. Write 200–250 words and organize your writing into four paragraphs:

- Introduce the film or book and the main characters.
- Describe the setting and the plot.
- Talking about the actors' performances and different aspects of the film.
- Conclude by giving your overall opinion of the film.

Marks: ____/20

TOTAL: ____/100