

Vocabulary

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

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- He _____ several awards in the US to add to his collection.
- Many people think that eBooks will bring about the _____ of paper books.
- A helicopter _____ the statue into position at yesterday's ceremony.
- They will help us whenever we _____ it necessary to ask for it.
- Most people were _____ by Nelson Mandela's funeral ceremony.
- The fact that he had guns in the house _____ us and we worried he would take them out.
- Anne received severe criticism for her decision which went on _____ for weeks.
- The British cinema industry suffered _____ in the 1970s and has now nearly disappeared.
- The cooker was covered in a smelly _____ that had come out of the pan.
- Since its _____, the comic book has been the leader in sales.

Marks: __/10

2 Complete the text.

My eldest brother Dave works hard and he's ¹ _____ in money. However, he didn't want anyone to blow the ² _____ on his wealth and asked the family not to ³ _____ about it. The other day, however, he came home in a new car that must have cost an ⁴ _____ and a leg. The price took my ⁵ _____ away so I asked why he expected us to hush things ⁶ _____ when he drove a car like that! Well, he ⁷ _____ the news that he's decided that money ⁸ _____. If people see he's ⁹ _____ of money, he says, he'll get more business. My dad has always had a ¹⁰ _____ relationship with Dave and he told him he shouldn't be so materialistic. The evening finished with a massive argument!

Marks: __/10

Reading

3 Read the text and choose the correct answers.

The Bourne Legacy

What fan of spy fiction is not mesmerized by the character of Jason Bourne from the *Bourne* series of critically acclaimed films, starring Matt Damon? One thing which makes Bourne memorable is, ironically, his loss of memory, as he tries to make sense of tantalizing clues to his past, while attempting to stay alive in the present. This latter challenge seems to be something which Bourne's creator, Robert Ludlum, himself mastered, though he died in March 2001. In fact, five novels have been published posthumously and American writer Eric Van Lustbader has continued Ludlum's Bourne series, adding seven novels to the original three. A series of nine novels written by several authors and all published after Ludlum's death are marketed as *Ludlum's Covert-One* series.

This seems to be more than giving credit where credit is due. By association, these novels have a whiff of the legendary author which certainly does nothing to harm sales for the hands which penned them. For the deceased Ludlum, essentially becoming a brand means this household name shows no sign of going away just yet.

- Matt Damon played the film role of Jason Bourne. **T / F**
- The Jason Bourne character can't remember anything about his past. **T / F**
- Robert Ludlum made the *Jason Bourne* films. **T / F**
- The *Ludlum Covert-One* series was written by Eric Van Lustbader. **T / F**
- The article suggests that Ludlum-associated novels will continue to be successful. **T / F**

Marks: __/5

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

- What does the text suggest when it mentions the Bourne films?

- What does the phrase 'the latter challenge' refer to?

- Why does Ludlum's name continue to appear in the lists of most popular spy novels?

- Who wrote the ten novels in the *Bourne* series?

- What reason does the text suggest for the publishers continuing to use Ludlum's name on the novels?

Marks: __/15

Grammar

5 Find the mistake in each line. Write the correction or the word that is not needed below.

- 1 Joe Can you give me a bit of little help with this sign?
- 2 Allan I'll be right here. Wow, it's heavy. What's it for?
- 3 Joe Oh, it's for the café that I'm opening with Mark.
- 4 Allan I didn't know something about that.
- 5 Joe No, well we've had to keep the lid on it because we weren't sure it wouldn't happen.
- 6 Allan Don't see why it couldn't.
- 7 Joe The council wasn't really want to give permission.
- 8 Allan I'm surprised people made a fuss, to be honestly.
- 9 Joe Yeah, well, there weren't that many people. Do you want to be our first customer?
- 10 Allan That sounds like a good idea!

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6 Rewrite the sentences using passives and participle phrases.

- 1 A spokesperson confirmed they are getting divorced.
It _____
- 2 An unknown source leaked the story to the press and soon it had become common knowledge.
It leaked _____
- 3 They are going to reveal the identity of the mystery musician on next week's programme.
The identity _____
- 4 Most people generally think of him as a politician but he was also a secret agent.
Generally thought _____
- 5 The police had questioned him three times before he finally confessed to the crime.
Questioned _____
- 6 Police cameras caught the celebrity speeding and charged him with dangerous driving.
Caught _____
- 7 Nobody has seen the panther for several days and most people believe it was a hoax.
The panther _____
- 8 Experts believe that soldiers started the rumour in 1917.
It _____
- 9 He recorded her performance at home and it became an international sensation.
Recorded _____
- 10 The police want Duval in connection with art robberies.
Duval _____

Marks: __/10

Language skills

7 Complete the dialogue.

- Jack Have you heard the ¹_____ news about Darren?
- Ewan So, he's confided ²_____ you, too?
- Jack Why not?! I won't ³_____ a word to anybody!
- Ewan But you were about to let it ⁴_____!
- Jack Well, I was going to tell you in the ⁵_____ confidence because I know you're a good friend of Darren's. Anyway, he said he's about to ⁶_____ a statement and then it'll be ⁷_____ knowledge.
- Ewan He told me that it was all very hush-⁸_____ and that he wanted to ⁹_____ the lid on it! As far as I know, it's highly ¹⁰_____!
- Jack Well, it's obvious that you've been badly informed!

Marks: __/10

8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

- Dialogue 1
- A ¹_____?
- B I usually find out about what is happening by looking at newspaper Internet sites.
- A ²_____?
- B In general, I'm not interested in gossip about famous people although I like to know what is happening at my local football club.
- A ³_____?
- B It depends on the secret. I always keep my friends' secrets as long as not about doing something that is wrong.
- Dialogue 2
- A Who would you confide if you had a problem at school?
- B ⁴_____.
- A Are there a lot of rumours at your school?
- B ⁵_____.

Marks: __/10

Writing

9 Write an opinion essay about the following proposition: Young people under the age of 16 should not be allowed to have smart phones. Write 200–250 words and organize your writing into four paragraphs:

- Describe the current situation.
- Outline points in favour of the proposition.
- Outline points against the proposition.
- Write a conclusion.

Marks: __/20

TOTAL: __/100