

Vocabulary

1 Replace the underlined words with a suitable word or expression.

- The space ship got faster and faster as it lifted itself into space. _____
- The harsh environment on Mars would make it impossible for man to survive. _____
- We couldn't see anybody or anything in the thick fog. _____
- The heat on the planet would be irresistible and it would destroy all life. _____
- Nobody looks after the buildings and they have been in ruins for some time. _____
- Everybody wants to decide their own end but often it's out of our hands. _____
- Seventy per cent of the surface of the Earth is made up of water. _____
- The earth's natural resources are limited and we should look after them. _____
- Earthquakes sometimes produce new islands in the oceans. _____
- Volcanoes can throw rocks and lava thousands of metres into the air. _____

Marks: __ /10

2 Complete the text.

You shouldn't become a comedian just because your friends say you are ¹_____. Being a comedian isn't for ²_____, sensitive characters. You need to ³_____ enjoy performing in public as exposure to a demanding audience can ⁴_____ damage a person's self-esteem. You also have to be as ⁵_____ as old boots so that the criticism you receive doesn't ⁶_____ offend you. It's also ⁷_____ to have good material and ⁸_____ to practise at home. A bad experience in front of a crowd that ⁹_____ disapproves of your bad jokes can leave the funniest person as ¹⁰_____ as sin!

Marks: __ /10

Reading

3 Read the text and choose the correct answers.

The fountain of Youth

Tales of the Fountain of Youth have been told across the world for thousands of years. It is a legendary spring that reputedly restores the youth of anyone who drinks its water. Improbable perhaps, but many people have searched for it nonetheless, in the hope of

everlasting life. Not only that, but unimaginable wealth because, of course, whoever locates and owns this place would be able to sell the incredible water for huge sums. One popular legend surrounding the Fountain of Youth involves the sixteenth-century Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon. Some historians allege that he discovered Florida, USA, while searching for the mystical water. In fact, in St Augustine, the oldest city in Florida, there is a spring which purports to be the Fountain of Youth. Unbelievable? Well, it does seem that Ponce de Leon was misinformed; the sulphur-smelling waters do not turn elderly visitors into teenagers! Do people still search for the Fountain of Youth? In the sense of finding a geographical location, the answer is no. But in other ways, the answer is far from straightforward, because there are many biologists who are unwilling to accept that ageing is inescapable and are prepared to give their lives to finding a way to fight it. This could be thought of as the search for a chemical Fountain of Youth.

- Nobody has ever believed in the Fountain of Youth. **T / F**
- There would be two benefits for the person who discovered the fountain of youth. **T / F**
- Ponce de Leon believed he had discovered the mystical water when he was searching for Florida. **T / F**
- St Augustine was the first city in Florida. **T / F**
- Some biologists believe they can create a Fountain of Youth. **T / F**

Marks: __ /5

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

- What does the Fountain of Youth purportedly do?

- Why would the person that discovers the Fountain of Youth become rich?

- What can be found in the city of St Augustine, Florida?

- What don't people looking for a Fountain of Youth do now?

- What is suggested by the article in the last line?

Marks: __ /15

Grammar

5 Replace the underlined words with *whatever*, *whoever*, *wherever* etc.

- You will always love your mum's cooking, no matter what she makes for you.
- It's not important where you go on holiday, you'll have a good time.
- It doesn't matter what time you get up, there never seems to be enough time to cycle to school!
- It's annoying if your friends think they can have a lift in your car if they want.
- It's not important who you are, it's how you do things that counts.
- He always had money to spend, no matter how expensive things were.
- It doesn't matter who the last person to leave is, they should turn off the light.
- I always have problems falling asleep, no matter how tired I am.
- It doesn't matter what I ask her to, she will refuse to do it!
- They used to always argue, no matter where they went.

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6 Complete the sentences with the prepositions in the box.

about after at in in of of on with without

- Jessica is my best friend who I always confide _____.
- This collection comprises 120 antique books, a few _____ which are over 200 years old.
- This is the book _____ which I wrote my essay.
- That's the table which I had left my mobile phone _____.
- We had driven 100 km of the journey, _____ which point the car broke down.
- I have never met Peter, _____ whom Adam had an argument.
- There was a crowd of people waiting, a number _____ whom had cameras ready.
- This is a photo of my aunt Sarah, who I am named _____.
- Philip has a guide dog which he could not live _____.
- It's our grandfather's house which my mother was born _____.

Marks: ____/10

Language skills

7 Complete the dialogue.

- Emma I've over the ¹ _____ about leaving school. I can't wait to ² _____ six years' study here.
- Melissa Oh come on, it hasn't been that bad. Even Mr Rodgers, who we thought was as ³ _____ as old boots, has been a nice teacher.
- Emma Don't get me wrong, I've enjoyed school, but as one door ⁴ _____, another opens and I can't wait to go to university!
- Melissa Just a minute, you haven't ⁵ _____ the arrangements for university yet because we still haven't wrapped ⁶ _____ all the exams.
- Emma Your pessimism never ⁷ _____ to amaze me!
- Melissa I strongly ⁸ _____ of celebrating before time! If you dream of university instead of studying for the exams, you'll ⁹ _____ up not going!
- Emma For once, I entirely ¹⁰ _____ with you! Let's get down to work!

Marks: ____/10

8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

Dialogue 1

- A ¹ _____?
- B I don't really remember, but I was probably a little nervous about starting secondary school.
- A ² _____?
- B I suppose I will happy, because a new stage of my life is about to start, but I'll also be said, because I've made lots of friends and had lots of great times at secondary school.

A ³ _____?

- B I think the most useful thing that I've learnt at school is that success doesn't come without hard work.

Dialogue 2

- A What's your routine when you leave home for school?

B ⁴ _____.

- A What do you think you and your classmates will probably do to celebrate finishing school?

B ⁵ _____.

Marks: ____/10

Writing

9 Write an opinion essay about the following proposition: **The traditional way of watching TV with the family and friends will soon be obsolete because of the Internet. Write 200–250 words and organize your writing into four paragraphs:**

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

Marks: ____/20

TOTAL: ____/100