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READING PART 1

Look at the text in each question.
What does it say?
Click the correct box **A, B or C.**

**Once opened,
keep in the coldest part
of refrigerator and
use within five days.**

1)

A) The product can last five days after opening.

B) The product should be stored in a refrigerator immediately.

C) The product doesn't have to be kept cool.

*We accept cash,
cheques, and all
major credit cards!*

2)

A) We prefer you to pay with a credit card or in cash.

B) You must have a credit card and a cheque as well as cash.

C) You may pay with a credit card, cheque or, cash.

To: Maria
From: David

I know you asked me to fix your laptop on Saturday, but I completely forgot about a meeting I have to go to - terribly sorry.

3) Why is David apologising to Maria?

A) He cannot do the favour he had promised.

B) He hasn't had time to fix her laptop.

C) He won't be able to go to the meeting with her.

° PARKING °
2 hours maximum
£4 per hour
The value of a parking penalty charge notice is £50

4)

A) It costs at least £50 to park here for two hours.

B) There are no parking charges after 2.00 pm.

C) You have to pay a fine if you park here for three hours.

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5)

A) You mustn't speak during the examination.

B) Please respect others and remain quiet during the examination.

C) Do not talk to the teacher.

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READING PART 2

Read the texts about when people started learning English. Match the comments (1–6) with the people (A–D).
You can choose the people more than once.

A Eve

I can't remember when I first started learning English because it was – and still is – the language my family speaks at home. You see, my mum is English and she and my dad (who's French) thought it was a good idea for their children to speak English at home and French at school. It worked! My sisters and I speak both languages well, and I can go from one to the other without thinking.

B Igor

I never learned English at school because the foreign language we learned there was Spanish. I think children today learn English in school here – not like when I was young. I learned English when I worked in London for a year after university. I was so worried about the language! But I found that after a few weeks I knew what people were saying and I could say quite a lot. I think you learn a language best when you really need to, not just for passing exams at school.

C Alina

My first English lessons were when I was about seven, at school, but we didn't do very much! I don't remember anything from those lessons. We had one lesson every week and I forgot everything between the lessons. The only lesson that is still in my memory is when we imagined we were different fruits. I was a lemon and I walked around the room saying 'I am a lemon!' I thought it was very silly!

D Manuela

I didn't start learning English until I was 11 and it was so difficult. There were 30 students in my class and we never said anything in English. The teacher taught us grammar rules and we learned long lists of vocabulary for tests. I didn't understand why I was learning this strange language. The teacher didn't show us English films or magazines and we never played any games. The lessons were boring, so I didn't learn anything. I don't think our teacher was very good!

1 I think it's important to have fun when you're learning a new language. ___
2 I'm not the only one in my family who can speak two languages. ___
3 I didn't speak any English in my first English lessons at school. ___
4 My parents are of different nationalities. ___
5 It's important to have a real reason to learn a language. ___
6 It didn't take me long to learn English. ___

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READING PART 3

Read the article about online newspapers and choose the best answers, A, B, C or D.

News online

For many people, buying and reading a newspaper is part of their daily routine. They enjoy spending time searching the pages for interesting political stories, laughing at cartoons, catching up with the latest sports results and reading about celebrity scandals. They take their newspaper into work, on the bus or into a café, and reading it over breakfast is a tradition for many people. (1) Or is it?

There has been a news revolution going on over the last few years. (2) Some newspapers started putting their reports online and now nearly all the major newspapers have online versions. We can access most of these free of charge from laptops, mobile phones and other hand-held devices. (3)

However, the popularity of online news is being tested. Because news is now so widely available online, newspapers are losing money. Fewer people are buying newspapers so companies have to spend more to maintain their websites. And because Internet news contains videos and graphics, the costs are even higher. (4)

The newspapers have a difficult choice to make. Will people continue to visit their sites if they have to pay? Will they visit another newspaper's site which is still free? (5) Experts do not agree on what is going to happen. (6) Others, however, have said that this step is inevitable and soon we shall have to pay more for information that we find online. We'll have to wait to see what happens.

1 What is the aim of this article?

A to discuss what people like reading in the morning
B to talk about how people spend their free time
C to explain the history of newspapers
D to discuss the future of newspapers

2 What has changed in the last few years?

A Newspapers have become available on the Internet.
B Newspapers started writing reports about the Internet.
C People have now got laptops and mobile phones.
D People don't read news reports anymore.

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3 How much does it cost to access online newspapers?

A They're all free of charge.
B Many of them cost nothing.
C They all charge a small amount.
D The same as normal newspapers.

4 What problem are newspapers facing?

A They have to pass a test before they go online.
B It's difficult to include videos and graphics.
C They aren't making any money from online news.
D They can't maintain their websites.

5 Why do some people think online newspapers should be free?

A because the Internet is supposed to be free
B because it's difficult to access them
C because all newspapers should be free
D because they have no choice about reading them

6 What does the writer think will happen in the future?

A Newspapers will have to be free.
B No one knows what the future will be.
C People won't continue to read the news.
D No one will want to read online newspapers.

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READING PART 5

Read the text. Choose the best answer (A, B, or C) to complete the text.

Hi Lizzie,

It was lovely to hear from you. Good luck with your exam tomorrow!

You (1) _____ worry too much because I'm sure you (2) _____ really well in the exam! Just relax. (3) _____ I were you, I (4) _____ get an early night. You don't (5) _____ to revise right until bedtime! You (6) _____ watch some TV and maybe read a magazine or something.

If I (7) _____ the time, I'd come to see you before the exams tomorrow morning, but I have (8) _____ take my little sister to school at 8:30. So, you can call me afterwards. And you (9) _____ forget to have a good breakfast before you go. I know I sound like your mum – sorry!

I (10) _____ to you tomorrow!

Love, Mandy

1	A should	B shouldn't	C can't
2	A do	B are doing	C will do
3	A As	B When	C If
4	A would	B wouldn't	C will
5	A have	B must	C should
6	A have	B should	C must
7	A have	B didn't have	C had
8	A must	B to	C had
9	A don't	B wouldn't	C mustn't
10	A speak	B will speak	C am going to speak

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Complete the email with one word in each gap.

Hi Jenny,

How are you? I'm not very well I'm afraid! Do you remember that I had an accident on my bike two years **(1)** _____ ? Well, I've had a bad back **(2)** _____ then. Sometimes it's OK, but recently it has started hurting quite badly again. In fact, it's a lot **(3)** _____ than it was before. I took **(4)** _____ painkillers, but they didn't help, so my mum took me to the doctor yesterday. He said that I shouldn't **(5)** _____ any exercise for a week! It was an order! For me, that's **(6)** _____ long time. I play tennis on Fridays and go to **(7)** _____ gym every Tuesday. My mum is **(8)** _____ to make an appointment for me to see a special doctor. I have to **(9)** _____ better for the start of next term. I'm in **(10)** _____ school football team!

See you soon!

Tim

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Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use no more than three words.

1 We've only got a little time left before the train leaves.
There isn't _____ before the train leaves.

2 They've found the stolen car.
The stolen car _____ found.

3 There's not enough space for five of you in this car.
There are _____ of you for this car.

4 I want to go to India, but I haven't got enough money.
If I had enough money, I _____ to India.

5 It isn't necessary to give in the homework before Friday.
We don't _____ in the homework before Friday.

6 'I'll read out the answers when you finish,' said Mr Williams.
Mr Williams said he _____ the answers when we had finished.

7 Kate and I learnt to play the violin at that school.
That school _____ Kate and I learnt to play the violin.

8 Henry bought his guitar in 2007.
Henry _____ his guitar since 2007.

9 'It's possible that I'll be late home, Mum,' David said.
David told his mum that _____ late home.

10 James needs to be 18 to drive a car and he isn't.
James _____ young to drive a car.

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