

I Read the text carefully, choose the correct answer and circle the letter in front of it.

max 10/___

English is generally agreed to be the richest of the world's 3000 languages. The 12-volume Oxford English Dictionary (OED) lists 414,825 words, (1) _____ about 200,000 are (2) _____ current use.

Three whole days (3) _____ to read the OED aloud from A to Z. It would take almost as long again to recite the 300,000 technical terms which English (4) _____.

English is so superior in that respect that (5) _____ other languages can match such word power. Chinese may come close – (6) _____ no one has counted it satisfactorily.

English is also the second most (7) _____ language. It is the mother tongue of 320 (8) _____. English owes (9) _____ large vocabulary to the fact that, unlike many other languages, it has the capacity (10) _____ words from outside.

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| 1. a) which | b) of that | c) that | d) of which |
| 2. a) in | b) at | c) of | d) out |
| 3. a) should need | b) should be needed | c) would be needed | d) would need |
| 4. a) possess | b) possesses | c) is possessing | d) has possession |
| 5. a) many | b) few | c) some | d) a few |
| 6. a) despite | b) all in all | c) in spite of | d) although |
| 7. a) widely speaking | b) wide spoken | c) widely spoken | d) wide speaking |
| 8. a) million people | b) millions peoples | c) million peoples | d) millions people |
| 9. a) it's incredibly | b) its slightly | c) its incredibly | d) it's slightly |
| 10. a) of lending | b) to borrow | c) to lend | d) of borrowing |

II Choose the correct answer and circle the letter in front of it.

max 5/___

- At the age of thirty, Sarah was illiterate _____ no formal education as a child.
 a) having received
 b) received
 c) receiving
 d) having had received
- Did Maggie _____ when she was little?
 a) use to ice-skate
 b) used ice-skate
 c) use ice-skate
 d) used to ice-skate
- It was only when he _____ home that he realised he _____ his phone at the bar.
 a) had got/left
 b) got/had left
 c) got/left
 d) had got/had left
- He _____ the crime. He is the only one whose fingerprints were in the victim's flat.
 a) can't have committed
 b) can't commit
 c) must have committed
 d) must commit

5. She suffered _____ a serious illness and needed someone to look _____ her.
- a) from/on c) from/after
b) of/after d) of/on

III Complete the text by putting the verbs in brackets in the correct tense.

max 9/

The first ever scheduled flight to the remote island of St Helena (1) _____ (land) safely. The plane (2) _____ (arrive) at Saint Helena Airport last Saturday with 68 passengers on board. People were very excited. One passenger, a British travel operator, (3) _____ (come) all the way from Scotland to Johannesburg in South Africa to be on that flight. She said: "I never thought I (4) _____ (see) this day. If the new airport (5) _____ (not exist), many tourists from Great Britain (6) _____ (choose) to travel elsewhere".

This first flight marks a new era for the island which is in the middle of the South Atlantic. The people of St Helena hope that the airport (7) _____ (attract) many new visitors. However, the British media said it was "the most useless airport in the world". It (8) _____ (build) last year with \$380m of British taxpayers' money – \$80,000 for every person on the island. Governor, Lisa Phillips, dismissed the criticism from the British media and (9) _____ (add): "I am getting really excited about the new chapter in St Helena's history."

IV Complete the text about Bob Marley. Write ONE word for each space. The first letter is given for you. max 9/___

max 9/

Robert "Bob" Nesta Marley is the (1) g_____ ever reggae singer. His live (2) p_____ were legendary for their passion and energy. Marley's album 'Exodus' was voted by 'Time' magazine as the best of the 20th (3) c_____.

Marley was born in 1945 in a small (4) v_____ in Jamaica to a white father and black mother. He was (5) b_____ by his classmates because of his mixed-race background, which strongly influenced his songwriting. He left school at the (6) a_____ of 14 to become a professional (7) m_____. He met the members of his future (8) b_____, *The Wailers*, at a jam session. It took several years before they became (9) f_____.

V Complete the sentences with the most suitable form of the word related to the one in brackets.

max 7/

1. He hopes that his new (1) _____ (INVENT) will help reduce (2) _____ (POOR) in Africa.
2. Mia (3) _____ (ARGUMENT) with the referee last Saturday because she thought that his (4) _____ (DECIDE) was (5) _____ (FAIR).
3. Mark Twain is one of the most (6) _____ (SUCCESS) American (7) _____ (WRITE) of all time.