

Task 1

A

- In this section you are going to read a text about The Beatles.
- Your task will be to decide if the statements 1-10 below are TRUE or FALSE according to what the text says. Mark your answers with an X in the table next to the statements. There is an example  for you.

A Magical Mystery Tour

There are places I remember all my life, without ever having been to them. The Cavern Club. The street known as Penny Lane. A children's home called Strawberry Field. The names are known to every Beatles fan familiar with the group's early years in Liverpool. My last month's trip to England finally gave me a chance to visit some of these sites.

I'd always thought Liverpool was a dark and boring working-class port, and was surprised to find a lively city with green parks, modern art galleries, cool shopping and an active night life. Even if you ignore the giant yellow submarine in a park across from the docks, the spirit of the Beatles is everywhere.

Because my time was limited, I skipped the Magical Mystery Tour bus and the Beatles Museum. Instead, I chose John Lennon and Paul McCartney's childhood homes. Tastefully styled in simple, early '60s fashion, with a few original items still in place, the homes were surprisingly exciting.

The rooms in John and Paul's homes felt more real than most other stops on the usual Beatles tours. After all, the original Cavern Club was closed in 1973, though its bricks were saved and used later to build a replica in the same part of Matthew Street. While Penny Lane is as attractive as the song suggests, the original Strawberry Field Children's Home has been pulled down, with only its graffiti-covered red gates remaining.

After a walk down Bold Street, I decided to have a beer at a pub. As I started drinking, a band nearby started playing *She Loves You*. All I could do was finish the beer, nod my head and think: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

-  Strawberry Field is the name of a farm where they grow strawberries.
- ① The Cavern Club or Penny Lane weren't known to the writer before he visited Liverpool.
- ② Before his visit, the writer had imagined Liverpool as an uninteresting place.
- ③ What the writer found in Liverpool came as a pleasant surprise.
- ④ One can feel the spirit of The Beatles even without noticing the yellow submarine.
- ⑤ The writer wasn't interested in the Magical Mystery Tour bus or the Beatles Museum.
- ⑥ The writer found the childhood homes of John and Paul real and original.
- ⑦ However, because of their simplicity, he didn't find them really interesting.
- ⑧ The Cavern Club is still open for business.
- ⑨ The building of the Strawberry Field Children's Home is covered with graffiti.
- ⑩ At the pub a band was playing a Beatles song while the writer was drinking his beer.

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Task 2

B

In this interview with Tyra Banks, a former top model and film star, all the questions have been removed. Match the questions and the answers, and put the letters in the boxes on the next page. There is one extra letter that you do not need. There is an example for you.

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I'm acting as producer of "America's Next Top Model".

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A reality show in which 12 hopeful girls compete for a modelling-agency contract.

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I wanted the world to see that modelling can be a cut-throat business. It's filled with pressure to always look and be a certain way.

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Yes, but it has its downsides.

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It will make young girls see it from all perspectives so they know what they're getting into.

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Yes, that happened to me.

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Like the girls' not telling each other when photo shoots were to begin.

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I often felt the negative attitudes of those who didn't really want me to succeed.

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Well, I still model for Victoria's Secret, which is cool because they work with my schedule.

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I've never had structure before in my life, somewhere to go every morning.

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I still can't believe what fun I have going to the editing room, rolling up my sleeves and working nonstop.

- Ⓐ Like what, for example?
- Ⓑ Do you love it?
- Ⓒ You walked the runways in Milan and Paris and faced the cameras in Hollywood. What have you now added to the list?
- Ⓓ Do you still think modelling is a great job?
- Ⓔ Do you miss modelling yourself?
- Ⓕ I hear it tells some ugly truths about the modelling world. What was your goal with it?
- Ⓖ What's special in this new job of yours?
- Ⓗ Did you experience some of the ugly situations yourself?
- Ⓘ What sort of programme is it?
- Ⓢ How about older models? What were they like?
- Ⓚ What was your reaction to that?
- Ⓛ How do you think your show will help would-be models?

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Task 5

A

Read this text about steps. Some phrases have been left out from the text. Choose the right phrases from the list on the next page to fill the gaps. There is one more phrase in the list than you need. Write your answers in the boxes under the phrases. An example has been given for you.

10,000 Steps

It seems that anywhere you turn these days, people are wearing pedometers – you know, those little devices that attach to your waistband and ① _____ of steps you take.

How many steps should you take? The figure you ② _____ is 10,000 a day. That's a nice, round number, based on Japanese ③ _____ that it improves fitness. But ④ _____ one-size-fits-all solutions, those 10,000 steps may not all be necessary. "The number 10,000 ⑤ _____ almost mythical", says Gregory Welk, a physical-activity researcher at Iowa State University. "It's actually not yet ⑥ _____ what point you start getting a benefit." In fact, if all ⑦ _____ to stop gaining weight, you may need only 2,000 steps more than your normal routine.

At ⑧ _____ the suggestion of James Hill, a researcher at the University of Colorado in Denver. The average office worker takes about 5,000 steps a day, Hill says. Trying ⑨ _____ right away may be too much too fast. He calculates that taking an extra 2,000 steps while eating 100 fewer calories a day is ⑩ _____ keep most middle-age people from gaining the typical kilogram a year. On the ⑪ _____, however, Hill admits that 10,000 steps may be necessary to control diabetes or to lose weight.

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- Ⓑ that comes with
- Ⓒ least that is
- Ⓓ hear most often
- Ⓔ enough to
- Ⓕ clear at
- Ⓖ research showing
- Ⓗ other hand
- Ⓘ you want is
- Ⓢ count the number
- Ⓚ to double that
- Ⓛ like so many

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Task 2

C

- You are going to read about a break-in. Some verb forms are missing from the text.
- Your task is to form the correct grammatical forms of the words in the brackets. Write the forms that fit in the gaps (1–10) on the lines.
- There is an example 0 at the beginning.

A Chinese jade (green precious stone) figure of an elephant, which is believed to be worth about £1 million, 0 *has been stolen* (steal) along with other valuable antiques from the London home of Mr John Evans, a fine art collector, it 1 _____ (report) yesterday. The robbery took place while Mr Evans 2 _____ (be) at his home in Cairo. He told reporters last night, "A writer friend, who 3 _____ (visit) my apartment when I'm away phoned me in Cairo at Easter and told me there 4 _____ (be) a robbery."

Mr Evans returned from Egypt the next day, but 5 _____ (not report) the theft to the police until a few days later "because I was too ill even 6 _____ (lift) a telephone". He also said that the jade elephant must be worth £1 million, as it is the best piece of his collection. "I 7 _____ (have) it for about 20 years, but cannot remember exactly where I bought it or how much it 8 _____ (cost)."

The world record auction price for jade is £100,000. This sum 9 _____ (pay) for a figure of a rhinoceros. But Mr Evans says that a piece of jade similar to his 10 _____ (steal) elephant was sold in New York 12 years ago for £500,000. Neither the jade elephant nor the other valuables were insured.

Task 4

D

- You are going to read a text about a new Internet service. Some words are missing from the text.
- Your task is to choose the most appropriate word from the list (A-L) for each gap (1-10) in the text. Write the letter of the appropriate word in the box below.
- There is one extra word that you do not need to use.
- There is one example **0** at the beginning.

Sky-High Wi-Fi

If you think you've heard every reason to get a wi-fi-equipped laptop, here's a new **0** _____ : broadband Internet access on airplanes. This month, Lufthansa is **1** _____ to begin the wireless broadband service called *Connection*, developed by Boeing, on a **2** _____ of its transatlantic flights. Other airlines are quickly moving to provide **3** _____ services. Both Scandinavian Airlines and Japan Airlines plan their in-flight broadband to **4** _____ introduced by the end of the year. With Connection, the **5** _____ plane becomes a wi-fi "hot-spot", linking users to the Internet **6** _____ a network of satellites. This makes it possible for users to work without **7** _____ in the way of the airplane's communications and navigation equipment. They should be **8** _____ to surf the Web, download attachments and upload pictures **9** _____ speeds comparable to cable-broadband services. The **10** _____ will range from \$30 for journeys around the globe, down to \$10 for flights across continents.

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I. WHY WE'VE ALL TURNED OFF BIG BROTHER

As a student of body language I usually enjoy Big Brother because it is free of the artificiality of acted, (0) _____ (*script*) roles. These are real people, not particularly (1) _____ (talent), brought in off the street to represent our culture.

This year, however, I have found it (2) _____ (hard) to watch. The people (3) _____ (select) appear to have been carefully chosen for their unpleasantness, vanity and exhibitionism. The idea, (4) _____ (obvious), was that if a group of appalling and aggressive people were brought together, there would be fireworks – and that has indeed been the case.

Analysing more deeply why I (5) _____ (like) this year's Big Brother so much, I came to the (6) _____ (conclude) that it was not, after all, primarily the coarseness, ignorance and immorality of the (7) _____ (participate) that upset me, but rather their lack of (8) _____ (warm) and kindness.

In the past, we have all watched and enjoyed comedies in which the characters are at times rude or ignorant, but we forgive them because somewhere just beneath the surface the scriptwriters have endowed them with (9) _____ (generous) of spirit and kindheartedness.

By (10) _____ (compare), some of this year's housemates were downright disgusting.

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