

ENGLISH PRACTICE 51

PART I. PHONETICS

Choose the word whose stress pattern is differently from those of the other words.

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| 1. A. traditional | B. composer | C. musician | D. powerful |
| 2. A. lyrical | B. emotion | C. favorite | D. classical |
| 3. A. entertain | B. atmosphere | C. serious | D. joyfulness |
| 4. A. understand | B. appearance | C. remember | D. employer |
| 5. A. nation | B. nature | C. nationality | D. national |

PART II. LEXICO-GRAMMAR

I. Read the sentences carefully and choose the best answers to make complete ones.

- Those interested in the post of Assistant Manager are requested to apply _____.
A. as a person B. in person C. as persons D. by person
- I don't care _____ you go or not.
A. where B. when C. why D. whether
- If it wasn't you who took my pen, it must have been _____.
A. somebody B. somebody else C. another one D. anybody
- Did the man _____ by the committee accept the job?
A. appointing B. appointed C. was appointed D. to appoint
- Don't leave your clothes _____ about on the bedroom floor.
A. lie B. lay C. lying D. laying
- She raced by in a car, with her hair _____ behind.
A. streamed B. stream C. streams D. streaming
- I had my younger brother _____ the newspaper to me while I was abroad.
A. to send B. sent C. send D. sending
- Joe, I am inclined _____ Appiah's complicity in the big fraud.
A. about believing B. in believing C. for believing D. to believe
- Now listen to me John. As far as your examination results are concerned, you needn't worry so much, _____?
A. isn't it B. need you C. do you D. aren't they
- His arrogance makes him _____ whenever he goes.
A. hated B. hate C. to hate D. hating

II. The passage below contains 5 errors. IDENTIFY and CORRECT them. (0) has been done as an example.

After an absence in thirty years, I decided visiting my old school again. I had expected to find changes, but no a completely different building. As I walked up the school drive, I wondered for a moment if I had come to the right address. The grimy, red brick fortress with their tall windows that had looked down grimly on the playground and playing fields had swept away. In its place stood a bright, modern block raised from the ground on great concrete stilts. A huge expanse of glass extended across the face of the building, and in front, there was a well-kept lawn where previous there had been an untidy gravel yard.

Answers: 0. *in* → *of*

III. Fill in each blank with a suitable PREPOSITION or PARTICLE.

1. Without a fridge, fresh food will go _____ very quickly.
2. I haven't heard _____ Mandy since she wrote in July.
3. This service is free _____ charge.
4. They went ahead contrary _____ my advice.
5. The monk told me that the old woman had not really died. He said that she simply passed _____ her next life.

IV. Write the correct FORM of each bracketed word.

1. The situation is so _____ (CHAOS) in some countries now that it is difficult to see any solution.
2. Computers are now considered _____ (DISPENSE) in the business world.
3. I will resign if you continue (REGARD) _____ what I say.
4. She was late as she (ESTIMATE) _____ how much time she'd need .
5. Politeness is one thing. Real kindness is another. You must learn to (DIFFERENT) _____ the two.

PART III. READING

I. Fill in each blank space with an appropriate word.

A Success Story

At 19, Ben Way is already a millionaire and one of a growing number of teenagers _____ (1) have made their fortune through the Internet. _____ (2) makes Ben's story all the more remarkable is that he is dyslexic, and was told by teachers _____ (3) his junior school that he would never be able to read or write properly. "I wanted to prove them wrong", says Ben, creator and director of Way search, a net search engine which can be used to find goods _____ (4) online shopping malls.

When he was eight, his local authorities provided him _____ (5) a PC to help with schoolwork. Although he was unable to read the manuals, he had a natural _____ (6) with the computer, and encouraged by his father, he soon began charging people £10 an hour for his knowledge and skills. At the age of 15 he set up his own computer consultancy, Quad Computer, which he ran from his bedroom, two years later he left school _____ (7) devote all his time to business.

"By this time the company had grown and I needed to take _____ (8) a couple of employees to help me," says Ben. "That enabled me to start doing business with bigger companies." It was his ability to consistently _____ (9) difficult challenges that led him to win the You Entrepreneur of the Year award in the same year that he formed Way search, and he has recently signed a deal worth £25 million with a private investment company, which will finance _____ (10) search engine.

II. Read the following text carefully and choose the answer which best fits each space.

Stress-related hair loss

When stress levels become so high that they affect the immune system it can have a profound effect on the body and the hair. Hair loss itself causes immense stress and then it can become a vicious (1)_____.

Bonnie Kinnear, 50s, housewife: "Last year my life was quite stressful due to my husband's high-profile career being constantly in the (2) _____. At this time I began to develop an intense scalp which was wrongly diagnosed as psoriasis, for which I was prescribed steroids. Over the next two months my scalp become worse, and hair began to fall out, leaving hairy patches, which was devastating.

Having to look good and be a support to my famous husband was stressful because wherever we went people would look at us. I had lost at (3) _____ one third of my hair and, in hope, visited a high-profile Mayfair trichologist. Without any diagnosis I was ordered to buy £300 worth of products and my head was massaged by a girl who proceeded to turn my hair into what is seen as 'bird's-nest syndrome'. It took four hours to (4) _____.

My GP convinced me to seek help from Andrew Bernie. I was diagnosed with a stress-triggered condition where the skin cells multiply fast, grow down the hair shaft and bind with sebaceous matter to strangle the hair. I visit Andrew regularly for treatments. I am also trying to (5) _____ my stress levels, which is easier now my hair is returning.

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| 1. A. effect | B. cycle | C. closure | D. circle |
| 2. A. daylight | B. searchlight | C. spotlight | D. starlight |
| 3. A. once | B. all | C. least | D. first |
| 4. A. replace | B. untangle | C. return | D. reset |
| 5. A. destroy | B. assess | C. manage | D. measure |

III. Read the following passage and choose the best answer.

As Christmas evolved in the United States, new customs were adopted and many old ones were reworked. The legend of Santa Claus, for example, had origins in Europe and was brought by Dutch settlers to New York in the early 18th century. Traditionally, Santa Claus - from the Dutch Sinter Klaas - was depicted as a tall, dignified, religious figure riding a white horse through the air. Known as Saint Nicholas in Germany, he was usually accompanied by Black Peter, an elf who punished disobedient children. In North America he eventually developed into a fat, jolly old gentleman who had neither the religious **attributes** of Saint Nicholas nor the strict disciplinarian character of Black Peter.

Santa's transformation began in 1823, when a New York newspaper published the poem *A Visit from Saint Nicholas*, which Clement Clark Moore had written to amuse his daughter. The poem introduced many Americans to the story of a kindly saint who flew over housetops in a reindeer-drawn sleigh. Portraits and drawings of Santa Claus by American illustrator Thomas Nast further strengthened the legend during the second half of the 19th century. Living at the North Pole and assisted by elves, the modern Santa produced and delivered toys to all good children. By the late 19th century he had become such a prominent figure of American folklore that in 1897, when Virginia O'Hanlon wrote to the *New York Sun* newspaper asking if Santa was real, she received a direct answer: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus".

1. Who brought the legend of Santa Claus to the USA according to the passage?
A. Sinter Klaas B. Saint Nicholas C. A German D. Dutch settlers
2. Santa Claus was traditionally described as a _____.
A. tall man who could walk through the air B. fat, jolly, old man
C. religious figure D. fat man riding a white horse
3. Santa Claus in North America was depicted as _____.
A. a man with the strict disciplinarian character of Black Peter
B. a good old man with less religious character
C. one with religious attributes of Saint Nicholas
D. a jolly man on horseback
4. Who was Black Peter?
A. an elf accompanying Saint Nicholas C. one of the disobedient children
B. an elf who rode a white horse D. a popular traditional figure
5. What word is closest in meaning to "attributes"?
A. symbols of a person B. natural qualities C. effects D. outer appearance
6. Where did the legend of Santa Claus come from?
A. the North Pole B. Europe C. North America D. the City of New York
7. 1823 was mentioned as a year when _____.
A. Clement Clark Moore wrote his first poem
B. Clement Clark Moore's poem made him popular
C. Saint Nicholas visited New York
D. the image of Santa Claus was transformed
8. According to Clement Clark Moore's poem,
A. Santa Claus had nothing different in appearance from the traditional one.
B. Santa Claus had wings and could fly.
C. Santa Claus liked poetry.
D. Santa Claus was a kindly saint who flew over housetops in a sleigh.

9. The answer "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" is an illustration for the fact that _____.

- A. the *New York Sun* was popular with children
- B. Santa Claus was a prominent figure at that time
- C. newspapers are unreliable
- D. Virginia O'Hanlon was a reader of the *New York Sun*

10. Which of the following statements is TRUE?

- A. Santa Claus was an imaginary old man created by artists based on traditional figures.
- B. Living in the North Pole, Santa Claus visited children at Christmas.
- C. Santa Claus was a real figure living in northern America.
- D. Santa Claus was a story based on Saint Nicholas and Black Peter.

PART IV. WRITING

Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means the same as the sentence printed before it.

1. Someone stole the old lady's handbag.

The old lady was _____.

2. A true story forms the basis of Mary's new novel.

Mary's new novel _____.

3. If you have completed your test, you can go home.

Get _____.

4. The employee insisted on being given a full bonus.

Nothing but _____.

5. 'I didn't harm anybody!' cried the accused.

The accused _____.

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