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MID YEAR TEST
PREPARE 6! 2021 GROUP A

READING COMPREHENSION

Read the article about unusual hobbies. Five sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from sentences A- F the one which fits each gap 1-5. There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

A Nearly everybody has a hobby, don't they?
B She says that it all started when she had her thirteenth birthday.
C Now, you may think that's crazy and you could be right.
D Activities such as stamp collecting, fishing or dancing are typical examples.
E Her bedroom is full of them.
F What makes it exciting, though, is the fact that it's rather dangerous.

Unusual hobbies

We've all had a hobby at some time or other and if we really enjoy the hobby, it can become a lifetime interest. Most people's hobbies are quite normal. (1) ..... However, for some people these hobbies aren't exciting enough and they look for something more exciting.

One hobby, which is becoming more popular and is definitely exciting, is Parkour. A French teenager, David Belle, started it about 15 years ago. It's a kind of gymnastics. (2) ..... If you want to be safe when doing a hobby, this one is not for you! You may have seen young people on TV doing it. Basically, Parkour involves finding new ways of moving across a city – jumping and climbing – often from high buildings. You need to have good balance to do it and it takes a lot of training to learn. As part of the learning process, you are taught how to do Parkour safely and sensibly.

Collecting things may seem to be quite an ordinary hobby, but it can be unusual, depending on what you collect. One example of a unique collection is Joe Orville's cheese collection! At the moment, he has collected over 300 kinds and the number is growing quickly. (3) ..... How can somebody collect something which will smell so bad after a while? Joe has the answer – he has a very large freezer, where he keeps all the different kinds of cheeses. He says that he will never open or eat any of them; he just wants to try and find as many different cheeses as possible.

Another collector who you would probably agree has an unusual collection is Janet Waite. She likes pigs and collects any kind of toy pig or anything that has a picture of a pig on it. (4) ..... Janet's painted it pink too, so that it really is the best place to keep the collection. On her shelves there must be about 50 pigs – small ones, fat ones, big ones and funny ones. By her bed there is a pig lamp and her bed cover has a large picture of a black and white pig. If you stay in Janet's room for too long, you'll probably start to dream about pigs!

One last example of an unusual hobby is Josie Curley's. She makes special party hats for her friends and family. (5) ..... She wanted to make her party special and came up with the idea of making a hat for everybody she invited. She chose the number thirteen as the theme for her hats and made small paper hats with a large thirteen in different colours on the top. Her friends liked them so much that she has made hats for quite a few parties. She's even thinking about starting a hat business.

So you see hobbies may just be for fun or a good way to exercise your body, but who knows? Your hobby may make you money in the future, too!

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GRAMMAR

A. Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between **two** to **five** words.

1) She is so tired that she will stay in tonight. **TOO**
   She`s _____out tonight.
2) First the bus left and then we arrived so we missed it. **LEFT**
   By the time we arrived _____so we missed it
3) The movie is still going on! **FINISHED**
   The movie _____ yet.
4) The cake was so sweet that we couldn`t eat it. **SUCH**
   It _____ that we couldn`t eat it!
5) She went on holiday abroad when she was young but now she doesn`t. **TO**
   She _____abroad when she was younger.
6) Some boys are constantly treating him unfairly. **ON**
   Some boys are_____ him.
7) Asia is bigger than Europe. **AS**
   Europe _____ Asia.
8) Peter`s room is full of posters. He is a graffiti artist, too. **FULL**
   Peter, _____posters, is a graffiti artist, too
9) I last saw Tom ten years ago. **FOR**
   I _____ ten years.
10) Children taught to read before they go to school usually do well. **LEARN**
    Children _____ they go to school, usually do well.
11) There were so many birds that we coudn´t count them. **MANY**
    There were _____ count.
12) Everybody should play Minecraft because it is a good fun game. **WHICH**
Minecraft is _____ everybody should play.

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B. Open cloze. Complete the text with **one** word.

Is it the longest gap year ever?

When Martin Stokes and **1.** _____girlfriend Anna left university, they decided to take a gap year and go travelling. That was five years **2.** _____, and they´ve **3.** _____travelling ever since! They have **4.** _____ been to over twenty countries and they have plans to visit at least ten more before they stop. "we haven´t visited India **5.** _____ ". Says Anna. "I really want to go there". So far, they have funded their trip by doing casual work **6.** _____ they can. "Sometimes we work" says Martin, "and sometimes people give **7.** _____ food and shelter for free. People are incredibly kind"." Once in the United States we didn´t have **8.** _____ money to buy our train tickets, so someone bought them **9.** _____ us!"

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They both agree that this is the best experience they have **10.** _____ had. ¨ I know some of our friends have been working **11.** _____ they left college but we think this experience is just as valuable **12.** _____ working¨.

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VOCABULARY

A. Complete the sentences using the correct word. The first letter has been given to help you.

1) The new album has been in the **c**_____ for 6 months.
2) My brother **d**_____having broken the window.
3) The ground **s**_____ and buildings **c**_____ during the last earthquake.
4) You need to **c**_____ **d**_____on the amount of sugar you eat.
5) School **b**_____ **u**_____ at the end of November.
6) Ricky Martin`s **p**_____ yesterday was brilliant.
7) The teacher **s**_____ that we should study more.
8) Megan and Tom have **f**_____ **o**_____ again so she is really sad.
9) **S**_____ aren´t caused by natural events, they are caused by water erosion creating a cavity in the ground
10) When Tommy was a child, he used to **l**_____ **o**_____ meat and potatoes.
11) The bike is so heavy that it is difficult to **s**_____ in the right direction.
12) If she doesn´t **b**_____, she will crash on the next corner. She is going really fast!
13) The city of Pompei was destroyed when a volcano **e**_____ in 79 CE.
14) Where is the **v**_____ for their next concert?

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B. Use the word given at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

1. The children were playing _____ outside. **NOISE**

2. Jack was injured in the accident, but _____ **HOPEFUL**
he will be OK.

3. There was no _____ to the accident in the newspaper. **REFER**

4. The book gives details of all his _____ . **ACHIEVE**

5. It was a _____ for me to get my driving license. **RELIEVE**

6. I had no idea of the _____ of this test. **DIFFICULT**

7. I'm going to ask you some questions and you must answer _____ . **CORRECT**

8. Phillip left the room _____ and nobody saw him again. **MYSTERY**

9. That's the _____ series I've ever watched. **FUNNY**

10. Students showed their _____ as the teacher told the news. **EXCITE**

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