

Test 1

Read the text very carefully and then decide whether the statements that follow are true (T) or false (F). Circle the appropriate letter.

«Well, there you go,» Tee said, bending down to help her daughter. «When you bring the videos, you pick what you like. I like Denzel.»

«I like him too», Deena whined, sounding just like her twins when they get tired. She's probably where they learned it. «But how 'bout a little Will Smith and Chris Tucker every now and then?»

«Comedians,» Tee sniffed, pulling off Mavis's snow boots. «Denzel is a serious actor.»

«Okay, how about a little Sam Jackson, then? «Under their coats, the twins were wearing identical pink jumpers. At sixteen, Deena got pregnant on purpose by the best-looking man she'd ever seen to ensure that she would have a pretty child, but she did better than that. She had two identical seven-pound girls who immediately became part of hospital legend for their abundance of luxurious black curls. When the nurses tied their hair up in pink ribbons on top of their heads and declared them real beauties, Deena was satisfied. I could tell she was hoping for a compromise, but these days, as far as Tomika was concerned, there was no black actor other than Denzel Washington, period.

«Sam Jackson? Please!» Tomika said, unwrapping a three-foot scarf from around Mavis's neck, who immediately drew a deep, grateful breath like she had been about to smother under all those well-meaning layers of hand-knit wool. During last year's knitting craze, everybody was constantly making scarves, sweaters, mittens. We were drowning in afghans. Then suddenly it passed. Nobody was knitting anymore. But there was still the question of all those scarves.

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| 1. When they get tired, the twins make long sad sounds like their mother. | T | F |
| 2. Mavis took off her boots herself. | T | F |
| 3. Deena didn't want to get pregnant. | T | F |
| 4. Everybody thought her girls were beautiful. | T | F |
| 5. The girls had a lot of wavy black hair. | T | F |
| 6. Tee is Tomika's nickname. | T | F |
| 7. Denzel Washington is Tomika's favourite black actor. | T | F |
| 8. In the last couple of years everybody was knitting. | T | F |
| 9. Tomika's daughter had a long scarf around her neck. | T | F |

(9 points) Points gained: _____

Test 2

Complete the text using the following words. Be careful, there are more words than you need!

originally acquired meaning pumpkin with both to

medieval good believed Feast bonfires evil trick

In _____ times this was called «All Hallows Eve». Hallow is an old word _____ «holy» and e'en is Scottish for «evening». October 31st is the day before the _____ of All Saints and was _____ the eve of the new year in _____ Celtic and Anglo-Saxon times. People made huge _____ on hilltops to frighten away _____ spirits. The souls of the dead were _____ to revisit their homes on this day and gradually the festival _____ a sinister significance. Ghosts, witches, black cats, etc. are now commonly associated _____ it.

(10 points) Points gained: _____

Test 3

Fill in with the negative form of the following base words. Use the appropriate part of speech.

Example: *You're simply **irresistible!*** (resist)

necessary sufficient sense moral legal

1. It's _____ to carry a gun without a licence.
2. You're talking _____!
3. His behaviour was _____. He hasn't returned the wallet he found on the ground.
4. It was an _____ severe punishment.
5. She failed the exam last Wednesday. Her knowledge of grammar and vocabulary was simply _____.

(5 points) Points gained: _____

Test 4

Choose the correct spelling. Circle the appropriate letter.

Example: a) youk b) yolk c) youlk

1. a) foreigner
b) foriegner
c) foreinger
2. a) plumer
b) plummer
c) plumber
3. a) highjacker
b) hijacker
c) hyjacker
4. a) pronunciation
b) pronounciation
c) prononciation
5. a) parliament
b) parlament
c) parlaiment
6. a) embarassing
b) embarrassing
c) embarrasing
7. a) extraterrestrial
b) extraterrestrial
c) extraterrestial
8. a) deliquency
b) delinquency
c) delikwency
9. a) kindergarden
b) kindergarthen
c) kindergarten
10. a) pharaoh
b) faraoh
c) pharaon

(10x0.5 = 5 points) Points gained: _____

Test 5

Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

TRAGEDY OF BEE GEE MAURICE

Singer who inspired boybands dies at 53

Monday, January 13 2003

Last night showbiz _____ (mourn) the death of Maurice Gibb of the Bee Gees who with his brothers _____ (shape) a generation. A statement by the Gibb family _____ (read):
«It _____ (be) with great sadness and sorrow that we regretfully _____ (announce) the passing of Maurice Gibb this morning.

His love and enthusiasm and energy _____ (remain) an inspiration to all of us.»

Maurice _____ (write) lovely melodies in the late Sixties when the Bee Gees _____ (be) in competition with the Beatles. No pop band today _____ (can) touch them and nobody could say they _____ (not influence) by them in some way.

His private life also _____ (have) its ups and downs. When he _____ (meet) Yvonne Spencely, he said: «This is the woman I _____ ! (marry)»

«Whether the Bee Gees _____ (continue) now is, I'm sure, the last thing that is on the brothers' minds. They _____ (lose) a brother, which is the most devastating thing that can happen.», said the music writer Rick Sky who interviewed Maurice many times.

Anyway, the hits *Staying Alive*, *Night Fever* and *How Deep Is Your Love* _____ still _____ (hear) over the airwaves.

(16 points) Points gained: _____

Test 6

Fill in with the missing prepositions or adverbs (e.g: *from, at, on, up, down, etc.*)

Example: She can't really speak Spanish. She's picked it up on vacation.

1. Hurry up! We are running _____ of time!
2. This is not true. She has made it _____.
3. His song will never make it _____ the top.
4. You just walk on and I'll catch _____ you later.
5. Translate this text from German _____ English, please.
6. The police officer signalled to him to pull _____.
7. They set _____ in search _____ the lost child.
8. Which word should we use? Let's figure it _____!

(10x0.5 = 5 points) Points gained: _____

Test 7

Fill in with the missing articles: *a, an, the* or *nothing* (\emptyset):

Tough controls on ____ international trade in mahogany were agreed by ____ meeting of 160 countries on endangered species. The decision by ____ Convention on Trade in Endangered species means that every piece of ____ timber traded will now have to have ____ certificate showing it was from legal sources and ____ scientific authority saying it was taken from well-managed forests. Big-leaf mahogany, ____ species found from ____ south of ____ Mexico to ____ Amazon, is now so scarce that it is thought to be within five years of commercial extinction.

(10x0.5 = 5 points) Points gained: _____

Test 8

Add the appropriate question tags!

Example: It's easy, *isn't it?*

1. He's done it again, _____?
2. Zoe will come over, _____?
3. Mia and David never argue, _____?
4. Mabel speaks Spanish, _____?
5. Fred made a nice model plane, _____?

(5 points) Points gained: _____