

## PART 1: MULTIPLE CHOICE CLOZE

For questions 1-8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0)

Mark your answer on the sheet.

0 A reporting

B quoting

C according

D informing

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| 0 | A                        | B                        | C                                   | D                        |
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### Fingernails growing faster

People's fingernails and toenails, (0) ..... to a recent study, are nowadays growing more quickly. Research (1) ..... out at the University of North Carolina indicates that the speed at which human nails are growing has increased by (2) ..... to 25 per cent over the last 70 years.

The results of the study show that the (3) ..... human fingernail now grows about 3.5 mm a month, (4) ..... with just 3 mm seven decades ago. Toenail growth, (5) ..... only about 2 mm per month, was also up on the figure (6) ..... in a similar survey done 70 years ago.

Researchers (7) ..... the rapid increase down to changes in lifestyle, particularly the greater (8) ..... of the importance of regular exercise and a healthy diet. This, they point out, is in (9) ..... with similar trends in the height and weight of present-day adults.

Interestingly, it appears that nails (10) ..... to grow fastest in warmer conditions, with the quickest growth (11) ..... among young people, and men. The fastest-growing nail is on the middle finger, while that on the little finger is (12) ..... far the slowest, at only a fraction over 3 mm each month.

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| 1 A taken    | B carried     | C studied     | D worked       |
| 2 A near     | B just        | C close       | D next         |
| 3 A average  | B medium      | C common      | D standard     |
| 4 A opposed  | B measured    | C related     | D compared     |
| 5 A although | B despite     | C however     | D nevertheless |
| 6 A achieved | B concluded   | C arrived     | D obtained     |
| 7 A set      | B write       | C put         | D say          |
| 8 A belief   | B information | C familiarity | D awareness    |
| 9 A way      | B rule        | C line        | D case         |
| 10 A tend    | B lean        | C head        | D aim          |
| 11 A pace    | B rate        | C speed       | D step         |
| 12 A by      | B so          | C as          | D too          |

TOTAL: 12 / RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

## PART 2: MULTIPLE CHOICE CLOZE

For questions 9-16, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers in capital letters.

Example: 

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### How the Tour de France began

The very first Tour de France, the greatest cycle race (0) in the world, was held in 1903. It began when two French journalists, Henri Desgrange and Géo Lefèvre, came (13) ..... with the idea of a race right round the country, (14) ..... that had never been tried anywhere before.

Nowadays we might think the aim of (15) ..... an idea would be to bring in lots of television money, or even tourists, but at the beginning of the twentieth century what they wanted to do (16) ..... sell more copies of their newspaper. And they succeeded. Circulation figures, (17) ..... had been 25,000, went to 65,000 within a year, and on to half a million by 1923.

The reporters were in fact quite closely involved in organising the race, and Desgrange would go (18) ..... to remain Tour Director from 1903 right up to 1939. Even (19) ..... , their initial design for the race changed in several important ways before the first one was run. For instance, they had intended (20) ..... to be held over five weeks, but such a long race was just too much for most riders and very (21) ..... wanted to take part.

So it became half (22) ..... length, and it would be run entirely in July (23) ..... than from late May to early July. As, however, it would still go right round France, the distance travelled each day would be much longer, with cyclists sometimes (24) ..... to ride at night.

YOUR ANSWERS:

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### PART 3: WORD FORMATION

For questions 17-24, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write the answers in capital letters on the separate answer sheet.

Example: 

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#### **The city of Miami**

The (0) American city of Miami was founded in 1896 by Julia Tuttle, a (25) ....., Florida businesswoman. From a population then of just 300, it has become a vast urban area of 5.5 million (26) ....., attracting (27) ..... from all over the world. Its excellent transport links mean it can (28) ..... be reached by road, rail, air or sea.

**AMERICA**  
**WEALTH**  
**INHABIT**  
**VISIT**  
**EASY**

The city's continuing (29) ..... as a tourist and financial centre has led to a construction boom. Many of the new buildings are over 120 metres in (30) ....., giving Miami the most impressive skyline in the country after New York and Chicago.

**GROW**  
**HIGH**

Its wide variety of (31) ..... includes sandy beaches, nightclubs, music and dancing, as well as activities such as skateboarding and cycling in the world-famous, (32) ..... South Beach area. The city centre has a number of (33) ..... parks and gardens, and of course there is the wonderful weather. (34) ..... any other major city in the USA, it has a genuinely tropical climate.

**ATTRACT**  
**FASHION**  
**DELIGHT**  
**LIKE**

YOUR ANSWERS:

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TOTAL: 10 / RECEIVED:  **LIVEWORKSHEETS**

## PART 4: TRANSFORMATIONS

For questions 25-30, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two to five words, including the word given.

- 0 We have arranged everything for your trip to China.

**MADE**

We have ..... your trip to China.

The gap can be filled by the words 'made all the arrangements for', so you write:

Example: 0 **MADE ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR**

- 35 I regret not buying that bike when I had the chance.

**WISH**

I ..... that bike when I had the chance.

- 36 In spite of the heavy snow, we managed to get home quickly.

**EVEN**

We managed to get home quickly, ..... heavily.

- 37 'Did you see that film on Friday night?' Sean asked me.

**SEEN**

Sean wanted to know ..... that film on Friday night.

- 38 I'm afraid you're not old enough to travel abroad by yourself.

**OWN**

You're not old enough to travel abroad ....., I'm afraid.

- 39 Jenny rang because she was worried about us.

**RUNG**

Jenny ..... she hadn't been worried about us.

- 40 Have they repaired your computer yet?

**HAD**

Have ..... yet?

- 41 It's been a long time since I last ate fish.

**EATEN**

- 42 Everyone thinks that the band has split up.

**THOUGHT**

The band ..... up.

YOUR ANSWERS:

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