

PART 1: CLOZE: VOCABULARY

From the words listed below, choose the ones which best fit the space, A, B, C or D.

CONKERS

The conker is a chestnut, the hard brown fruit of the chestnut tree. There are two types of chestnut: the sweet chestnut which you can eat. In winter, they are sold, roasted, from barrows in the street. And then (1)..... is the horse chestnut, which cannot be eaten. It is the horse chestnut, or conker, which grows (2)..... in England.

The conker does, however, (3)..... one useful purpose. It is collected in autumn by (4)..... small boy in England. He dries it, (5)..... a hole in it, and puts it on the end of a piece of string. He is then ready to challenge (6)..... small boy to play conkers.

One of the boys holds his conker, at the end of his string, while the other boy strikes it by bringing his conker down upon it as (7)..... as he can. Then the positions are (8)..... The victor is the boy who smashes the other's conker to (9).....

But in the city of Birmingham, conkers (10)..... come to an end. A member of the city government - Councillor Florence Pickersgill - is worried about the number of children injured (11)..... out gathering conkers from chestnut trees. She has asked that all chestnut trees in the city be (12)..... so that they cannot bear conkers. A chemical firm has been approached. They will drill small holes in the trees, and then insert an anti-conker pill in each hole.

There has been a lot of (13)..... to the scheme. Mrs Joan Whippitt, mother of eight children, said, "Councillor Pickersgill must be crazy. The city of Birmingham has long refused to provide a family planning service for its (14)..... . Now it has been (15)..... that the only completely free birth-control service is to be offered to trees."

	A	B	C	D
1.	it	here	that	there
2.	usually	often	frequently	commonly
3.	serve	make	offer	give
4.	every	all	most	many
5.	screws	digs	grinds	bores
6.	second	another	other	every
7.	tough	hard	strong	heavy
8.	reversed	reviewed	revised	remade
9.	scraps	lumps	parts	pieces
10.	can	may	ought	shall
11.	after	while	since	as



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| 12. | treated | drugged | dealt | medicated |
| 13. | criticism | dislike | protest | opposition |
| 14. | members | citizens | partners | staff |
| 15. | set | legalised | decided | dictated |

PART 2: CLOZE: GRAMMAR

Complete with the word that best fits the space.

JOB TRAINING IN CALIFORNIA

In California, Ms Brenda Blackman has started a business teaching people (16).....to marry a millionaire. Her students, mainly women, sit (17).....class saying over and over (18)..... : "I want to be rich. I deserve to be rich. I was born to be rich. I will be rich."

She (19)..... them useful information, (20)..... as the telephone numbers of the golf and tennis clubs (21)..... the filthy rich (22)..... to be found. She advises them on (23)..... to wear at a croquet match. She instructs them (24)..... the basic etiquette of dealing (25)..... servants: "Always address the chauffeur (26)..... his surname."

(27)..... homework, her students study the *Wall Street Journal*. She trains them to walk (28)..... straight backs, and to keep their arms (29)..... their sides. She also advises them to confirm (30).....his chequebook stubs that their target millionaire really does have the money he appears to have.

PART 3: TRANSFORMATION: USAGE

Complete the second sentence, using between two and five words, including the word given. Do not change that word in any way.

31. May we borrow your ladder for half an hour?
mind
Would youyour ladder for half an hour?
32. "I'm not frightened," he said; in fact, he was terrified.
be
He pretended frightened.
33. The Majestic is better than this hotel.
good
This hotelthe Majestic.
34. To enjoy travel, you must go on your own.
only
You enjoy travelling if you go on your own.



35. You were very generous, giving us all that money.
of
It was very generousus all that money.
36. He was sorry he had asked the bank to lend him the money.
wished
He asked the bank to lend him the money.
37. I haven't owned a car for five years now.
since
It is five years a car.
38. Why didn't you warn me it was going to rain?
have
You me it was going to rain.
39. Heavy smokers are more likely to suffer serious illness than non-smokers.
runs
A heavy smoker serious illness than a non-smoker.
40. Even though she knew she had to get up early, Mary still went to the disco.
despite
Mary still went to the disco that she had to get up early.

PART 5: WORD FORMATION

To fill the spaces, use a word formed from the words in the list below.

FILM CRITICS AND JUDGES

The (56) was made that the British Academy of Film and Television had awarded the prize for the Best TV Drama Series to something called *Prime Suspect*. Immediately, four out of the seven members of the jury (57) They said they had in fact voted for a rival series, (58)..... *GBH*. By and large, the British are not terribly good at advanced mathematics, but this is (59).....

A film critic told a similar story about a country where a film (60) was held. He was on the jury to make the selections for prizes. He was approached by a man who had a film in the (61)..... This producer offered him £3,000 to make sure that his film won the main prize. Rather than take the money, the critic mentioned the matter to the (62)..... of the festival. He was shocked. He said, "This is most (63)..... It is (64)..... simply (65)..... I shall speak to this man. The going rate for the main prize is at least £5.000."

- 41. announce
- 42. agree
- 43. title
- 44. ridicule
- 45. festive
- 46. compete
- 47. preside
- 48. reason
- 49. outrage
- 50. scandal