

I Read the text carefully, choose the correct answer and circle the letter in front of it.

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English is generally agreed to be the richest of the world's 3000 languages. The 12-volume Oxford English Dictionary (OED) lists 414,825 words, (1) _____ about 200,000 are (2) _____ current use.

Three whole days (3) _____ to read the OED aloud from A to Z. It would take almost as long again to recite the 300,000 technical terms which English (4) _____.

English is so superior in that respect that (5) _____ other languages can match such word power. Chinese may come close – (6) _____ no one has counted it satisfactorily.

English is also the second most (7) _____ language. It is the mother tongue of 320 (8) _____. English owes (9) _____ large vocabulary to the fact that, unlike many other languages, it has the capacity (10) _____ words from outside.

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| 1. a) which | b) of that | c) that | d) of which |
| 2. a) in | b) at | c) of | d) out |
| 3. a) should need | b) should be needed | c) would be needed | d) would need |
| 4. a) possess | b) possesses | c) is possessing | d) has possession |
| 5. a) many | b) few | c) some | d) a few |
| 6. a) despite | b) all in all | c) in spite of | d) although |
| 7. a) widely speaking | b) wide spoken | c) widely spoken | d) wide speaking |
| 8. a) million people | b) millions peoples | c) million peoples | d) millions people |
| 9. a) it's incredibly | b) its slightly | c) its incredibly | d) it's slightly |
| 10. a) of lending | b) to borrow | c) to lend | d) of borrowing |

II Choose the correct answer and circle the letter in front of it.

max 5/ ___

- At the age of thirty, Sarah was illiterate _____ no formal education as a child.
a) having received
b) received
c) receiving
d) having had received
- Did Maggie _____ when she was little?
a) use to ice-skate
b) used ice-skate
c) use ice-skate
d) used to ice-skate
- It was only when he _____ home that he realised he _____ his phone at the bar.
a) had got/left
b) got/had left
c) got/left
d) had got/had left
- He _____ the crime. He is the only one whose fingerprints were in the victim's flat.
a) can't have committed
b) can't commit
c) must have committed
d) must commit

