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Placement test 5th to 6th Intensive

Reading

1) **Read the following article about a famous some superstitions related to sports. Then, match the missing headlines.** (5p)

It is not only the players who are superstitious / A good example is Serena Williams / Superstitions and rituals are very common among fans / After my wife left the room, Murray lost the fourth set / The superstitions and rituals are not confined to the court

If I bounce the ball five times...

Matthew Syed *writes about sports superstition.*

Tennis players are strange people

Have you noticed how they always ask for three balls instead of two, how they bounce the ball the same number of times before serving, as if any change from their routine might result in disaster?

_____, the number 1 female tennis player. When she had played so badly at the French Open she answered, "I didn't tie my shoe laces right, and I didn't bounce the ball five times, and I didn't bring my shower sandals to the court with me. I didn't have my extra dress. I just knew it was fate; it wasn't going to happen.

_____. Goran Ivanisevic, Wimbledon champion in 2001, was convinced that if he won a match, he had to repeat everything he did the previous day, such as eating the same food at the same restaurant, talking to the same people, and watching the same TV shows. One year this meant that he had to watch *Teletubbies* every morning during his Wimbledon campaign. "Sometimes it got very boring," he said.

_____. As we were watching tennis player Andy Murray play the fourth set at Wimbledon, my wife suddenly got up and went to the kitchen. "He keeps losing games when I'm in the room," she said. "If I go out now, he'll win".



_____. Last year, a survey of a British soccer supporters found that a 21% had a lucky charm (anything from a scarf to a lucky coin), while another questionnaire revealed that 70% of Spanish soccer fans performed pre-match rituals (like wearing "lucky" clothes, eating the same food or drink, or watching games with the same people).

_____. She returned, and won the fifth. I laughed at her, and then remembered my soccer team, Spurs, who were losing 1-0 in the Carling Cup. "If I leave the room now, Spurs will score," I told my kids, after 27 minutes of overtime. I left the room and they scored. Twice.

2) **Read again and answer the following questions (1x3=3p)**

1. Who was the champion at Wimbledon in 2001?

   _____

2. Why did the man's wife leave the room while Murray was playing?

   _____

3. How many minutes did the Spurs play overtime?

   _____

3) **Look at the underlined words in the text and match them with their meaning.** (4x1=4p)

a. Fasten things together or hold them in a particular position using a string or rope: _____

b. A period of time added to the end of a sports game: _____

c. A set of questions you ask a large number of people to find out their opinion: _____

d. Throw the ball up in the air and hitting it over the net: _____

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Grammar & Vocabulary

4) Peter is reading the main headlines in the newspaper. Complete them using The Passive Voice Form of the verbs provided in the parentheses. (8x2=16p)

☑ **ENVIRONMENT**

In the last forty years, almost 20% of the Amazon rain forest _____ (present perfect: *cut down*)

People need the land so that cattle _____ there. (*can/raise*)

Scientists fear that another 20% of the forest _____ by 2030. (simple future: *destroy*)

☑ **LOCAL**

Every year, thousands of dogs _____ in the streets of Salta. (simple present: *abandon*)

☑ **FINANCE**

Mike Morrison, owner of CNG Petroleum, recently died, leaving all his money to his dog and nothing to his children.

Now his wishes _____ by the family. (present continuous: *challenge*)

They say it is unfair that a dog _____ better than a person. (simple present: *treat*)

☑ **ENTERTAINMENT**

Recently a celebrity wearing a fur coat _____ by a group of animal activists. (simple past: *attack*)

The celebrity says she _____ to wear whatever she wants. (*should/allow*)

5) Peter is revising the rules about skydiving. Read them and choose the correct answer to complete them. (6p)

a. You _____ be 18 years old.
must can't don't need to

b. Not everyone _____ skydive.
can may not must

c. Skydivers know they_____ jump without a helmet. It's one of the rules.
don't have to mustn't needn't

d. The new skydivers _____ buy any special clothes- the equipment is provided by the instructors.
mustn't don't have to have to

e. If you want to take part in skydiving soon, you _____ start taking lessons now.
would will should

f. If you are over the weight limit, it _____ be dangerous to jump.
might needn't needs

6) Peter is tidying his dining room. Read the conversation with his wife Lisa. Choose the correct option. (7p)

L: What are you doing, Peter? **You've been / You've been being** in here for ages. You're making an awful mess.

P: **I've cleaned / I've been cleaning** out this cupboard most of the afternoon.

There's a lot of old stuff in here. **I've found / I've been finding** these, look.

L: **You've sat / You've been sitting** there staring at those old boots for the last five minutes!

P: They're football boots. **I've had / I've been having** them since I was about sixteen.

They've been / They've been being in here for years.

L: Well, throw them away. And what about that tennis racket? Is that yours?

P: No, it must be yours. **I've never had / I've never been having** a tennis racket.

7) Peter has a lot of friends. Complete what they said with the words in the box. (10p)

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Jack: Do you think you have what it _____ to be the best athlete in the tournament?

Sarah: My sister doesn't want to participate. I think she didn't _____ the right decision.

Kelly: I'm terrible at running, but it helps me _____ my mind off things.

John: I don't know how they can _____ up with our coach's instructions. He is so rude.

Lisa: My teammates played badly. They didn't _____ their best.

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Bill: Because of weather conditions, they had to _____ the competition off till next month.

Kevin: They are going to _____ a project focused on young athletes.

Alex: You have to _____ on well with your team in order to cooperate and succeed.

Edward: If we _____ an effort, we will win the match.

Daniel: The team was very unhappy about losing the championship. But, they will _____ over it.

8) Peter is reading about the Extreme Breath-Holding World Record. Change the words in CAPITALS to complete the sentences. (6x1=6)

EXTREME BREATH-HOLDING WORLD RECORD

When David Blaine held his breath underwater for 17 minutes and 4 seconds in 2008, it made an _____ (IMPRESS) on people all over the world. It was an extraordinary _____ (ACHIEVE). Blaine prepared himself for months in advance, with the help of experienced _____ (TRAIN). He had also taken part in similar tests of endurance before, so he knew what to expect. However, many _____ (JOURNAL) doubted that Blaine's attempt would be successful. Some people still wonder if it was real. We spoke to Dr. Alan Sharp who gave us an _____ (EXPLAIN) of how it is possible. "Under the right conditions, the human body can survive for a long time without air. The key is to get your mind to control your body. Most people can hold their breath for about 2 minutes but, with practice, there is a _____ (POSSIBLE) of increasing that time. People who take part in such tests relax their bodies so that everything slows down, and they need less oxygen. They even try to think less and stay calm. Of course, you need to be very healthy, too."

9) What would you do in these imaginary situations? Finish the sentences with your own ideas. (2x4=8p)

1. If I lived near the beach, ...
2. If I could try any extreme sport, ...
3. If I had more free time, ...
4. ..... I would be happier.

10) Peter is watching the "Law and Order" TV series. Report what these people said. (3x5=15)

a. Female Witness: "I saw the suspect stealing my car."
   The witness said _____

b. Judge:"What do you have to say?"
   The judge asked the suspect _____

c. Male Suspect: "That's not true."
   The suspect _____

d. Judge: "Speak a bit louder."
   At this point, the judge _____

e. Male Suspect: "It's not true. I've never stolen a car."
   The suspect _____



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