GRAMMAR TEST

I. *Complete the text with* **a/an**, **the** *or* **–** *(no article).*

Alex Mann worked for a computing company for two months before he decided that (1) _____. position was not suitable for him. Once he had handed in his notice, he started to look for a job in the music industry. He joined (2) _____ band and has been touring (3) _____ world ever since. To date, he has played in (4) _____ US, Australia, Singapore and many countries in (5) _____ Europe.

II. *Complete the text with one word in each gap.*

I've lived in two Spanish cities: Madrid and Barcelona, and although everyone usually prefers Barcelona, I think Madrid is by (1) _____ the best place to live.

It is true that there are fewer tourist attractions in Madrid (2) _____ in Barcelona, but Madrid has an indescribably happy feel to it.

When I first arrived in Madrid, it resembled more a large town than a major city. That said, that was a few years ago and since then, the government has expanded it and it's getting more and (3) _____ like a major city.

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When comparing Madrid to Barcelona, I feel that Barcelona doesn't offer the same sense of community

(4) _____ Madrid. The people tend to be friendlier in Madrid and perhaps more hospitable.

Generally speaking, I feel the more time you spend in Madrid, (5) _____ more you fall in love with it.

III. *Complete the text with the correct active or passive form of the verbs given.*

Celebrities endorsing products is something that nowadays (1) _____ (see) all over the world. But it is far from new, in fact this method (2) _____ (use) for the first time as far back as the 19th century when a set of chess pieces (3) _____ (promoted) by a famous chess player.

Celebrity endorsements are still being used today because they work. George Clooney's coffee adverts

(4) _____ (play) continuously in the UK for years and some say that the adverts have not only boosted the company's sales, but they also (5) _____

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(improve) the reputation of the celebrity. By the end of this year George Clooney's adverts (6) _____ (watch) by over 10 billion people. In recent years celebrities (7) _____ (sign) contracts with famous perfume companies, and every December people want (8) _____ (see) who is promoting the latest scent. (9) _____ (say) that, there are some people who won't buy a product because of the person endorsing it. But with global audiences on the rise, it looks like celebrities (10) _____ (earn) plenty of extra cash for years to come.

Vocabulary

IV. *Choose the correct alternatives to complete the text.*

Last month I went with a friend to a theme park and there were two attractions that we particularly enjoyed. The first was a 'haunted house' which as you entered, deafened you with (1) *ear-splitting*/*heart-stopping* theatrical music aimed at setting the tone for the ride. As my friend and I walked around, actors approached us in various gory

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costumes. At one point, my friend and I were waiting in front of a closed door when suddenly someone touched us on the back. A (2) *soul-destroying*/*heart-stopping* moment! Once we'd recovered, we decided to go on a ride called the 'Chocolate Factory'. Unlike the other rides, which hurtle round the track at (3) *hair-raising*/*breakneck* speeds, this one was far more subdued. On the ride, we entered a room with curious, (4) *nail-biting*/*eye-catching* pictures on the wall. Suddenly, they magically turned into TV screens and transmitted a film about the history of chocolate. The images of families all over the world eating chocolate together were quite (5) *heart-warming*/*soul-destroying*.

V. Complete the text with the correct form of the words given.

Many psychologists argue that school uniforms benefit everyone: teachers, students and parents. They can make sure that the students wear (1)_____ (sense) clothes to school, helping them to focus on their education instead of their appearance. Another reason is that they can actually reduce (2) _____

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(child) and (3) _____ (predict) behaviour in the classroom. There is also evidence to suggest that wearing a school uniform can help students to develop more effectively, because they can encourage and a sense of belonging and school pride. On the other hand, some experts are more (4) _____ (cynic) and claim that making students wear school uniforms is (5) _____ (point) and possibly even harmful to individual student's creativity and identity.

VI. *Complete the text with the correct answer*, A, B, C or D.

'I can't get a job because I don't have experience, and I don't have experience because nobody has given me a job.' This is a common scenario for school leavers, so one thing they should think about is how they are going to (1) ..... experience before they get a job. At the end of the day concrete experience will be more valued than a (2) ..... on paper.

I suggest (3) ..... a hobby that will have elements that you can transfer into (4) ..... For example, if you

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want to be a journalist, start writing a blog. If you want to be a scientist, (5) ..... some research of your own. You have to take responsibility for this as only a few parents will actually tell you what career you must choose. To (6) ..... your fears it is a good idea to practise a hobby with other people, as they can make the whole process fun and lift your (7) ..... if you lose motivation. They say it takes five years to be really (8) ..... at something. So imagine, if you start now, where could you be in five years' time? Who knows, you might get to a (9) ..... where you can turn your hobby directly into a job and start your own business, and if that takes off you will feel on top of the (10) .....

1	A put	B make	C up	D gain
2	A note	B mark	C qualification	D score
3	A giving up	B taking up	C beginning up	D embarking in
4	A work	B job	C career	D paper
5	A overcome	B take	C make	D undertake
6	A come off	B go down	C overcome	D look up

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7 A humour	B spirits	C shadow	D moon
8 A best	B successful	C top of the world	D astounded
9 A point	B spot	C top	D mark
10 A moon	B world	C heaven	D clouds

VII. Use of English

Complete the text with one word in each gap.

Some people say it is (1) _____. far the most difficult interview question in (2) _____ world and when they hear it, many people's hearts sink. It is simply 'So, tell me about yourself.'

People get in a panic and think that they must invent an amazing life story. But in fact the whole point (3) _____ this question is to connect with the candidate. It is (4) _____ nearly as complicated a question (5) _____ you might think. So, what should you say?

The (6) _____ important thing is that you can tell (7) _____ story that explains how you got from where you started to where you are now and most

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importantly shows why you are the best candidate for the job. All (8) _____ the information should be true so you will need to think about this beforehand. (9) _____ planned it out, you should rehearse it on a friend. The more you practise the (10) _____ confident you will feel and the better you will do when it comes to answering this question in the interview

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