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**PART 1**

Read the text below and underline the correct answer, a), b) or c), opposite.

**10 points over 100**

**Computer technology and happy cows**



Cows that milk themselves? This is not science fiction, but a product of twenty first-century technology. Farmers and scientists have created a farm where the cows choose when they want to be milked using a computerised automatic milking system. As long as they turn up for milking at least once a day, the cows are free to do whatever they like. But how does it work? The animals are first attracted into the building by automated devices like skin-brushing and scratching machines, which they enjoy using. Nearby, there's a robot, which scans a microchip in the cow's collar. The chip holds information about the cow's milking history and health. If it needs to be milked, the robot machine starts the milking process, while feeding it with a protein and energy supplement at the same time.

Farmers who use this computerised milking system are very enthusiastic about it. One British farmer we interviewed told us, 'It's amazing how the cows take to it and it's certainly the biggest step forward for dairy farmers in the last thirty years.' There are now more than eight thousand farms in over twenty-five countries around the world using the new system. People who support it say the system not only saves time and money, but also shows respect for the cows by allowing them to manage their own lives. However, others claim it's just another form of 'factory farming', and has a negative effect on the animals.

1 Self-milking cows are \_\_\_\_\_

- a) expected to become a thing of the future      b) in existence at this moment in time      c) going to evolve naturally

2 The new system has been created . \_\_\_\_\_

- a) by agriculturally-orientated scientists      b) through cooperation with farmers      c) as a result of researching cows' behaviour

3 Much of the time. \_\_\_\_\_

- a) milk goes to waste      b) cows do their own thing      c) the scratching facility doesn't function

4 Robots are essential for \_\_\_\_\_

- a) keeping data records up-to-date      b) scratching and brushing the cows      c) attracting the cows into the milking area

5 after having its collar scanned. \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Not every cow is given supplements      b) Each cow automatically gets milked      c) A cow doesn't always get milked



**PART 2**

Choose the correct answers to complete the text, a), b), c) or d).

16 points over 100

Last month my company ran an advert during the Superbowl. Our 30-second ad cost us a total of \$5.1 million. If we 1\_\_\_\_\_ (show) the advert 24 hours earlier, it 2..... (cost) only \$115,000, but do you know how many people watch the Superbowl each year? Roughly 100 million. And what 3..... (happen) when that many people 4..... (watch) your advert? Well, it's certainly good for business. If it 5..... (be) my decision, of course, I 6\_\_\_\_\_ (prefer) not to pay \$5 million for 30 seconds of TV. You know, there's a famous saying in advertising: half of all the money you spend is a total waste. But nobody knows which half. Anyway, our Superbowl advert is right here on our website. 7..... you (like) to see it? Here, I 8..... (show) it to you.

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|---------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1 a) will     | b) show      | c) would show   | d) had shown          |
| 2 a) cost     | b) will cost | c) 'd have cost | d) would cost         |
| 3 a) happen   | b) happens   | c) Will happen  | d) would happen       |
| 4 a) 'd watch | b) watch     | c) 'll watch    | d) would have watched |
| 5 a) were     | b) was       | c) will be      | d) had been           |
| 6 a) prefer   | b)had prefer | c) prefers      | d) would have prefer  |
| 7 a) do       | b) would     | c) will         | ) had                 |
| 8 a) 'll show | b) d'show    | c) had shown    | d) show               |

**PART 3**

Choose the correct answers to complete the text, a), b) or c).

22 points over 100.

Chinese billionaire Li Jinyuan, 1\_\_\_\_\_ is the twenty-fourth richest person in China, is 2\_\_\_\_\_ special kind of boss. When 3\_\_\_\_\_ President of the Tiens Group decided to treat 4\_\_\_\_\_ of his staff to a holiday, he paid around £24 million for half his workforce (5\_\_\_\_\_ incredible 6,400 employees) to go on a four-day trip to France. The staff 6\_\_\_\_\_ went on this vacation went to Paris for a few days first and 7\_\_\_\_\_ able to visit the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre. They then travelled by train to the South of France, 8\_\_\_\_\_ they stayed in four and five-star hotels in Monaco and Cannes. During 9\_\_\_\_\_ four-day period, an amazing 30,000 hotel rooms were booked. This generous act is something

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10 \_\_\_\_\_ has benefited his staff as well as his company and has also 11 \_\_\_\_\_ the French economy.

- 1 a) who      b) whose      c) which  
 2 a) a      b) an      c) the  
 3 a) a      b) an      c) the  
 4 a) a plenty      b) a lot      c) a lots  
 5 a) -      b) a      c) an  
 6 a) whose      b) that      c) which  
 7 a) wasn't      b) was      c) were  
 8 a) where      b) which      c) who  
 9 a) a      b) an      c) the  
 10 a) who      b) whose      c) which  
 11 a) help      b) helped      c) been helped



#### PART 4

annoy	confuse	embarrass
relax	satisfy	worry

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box.  
12 points over 100

- 1 Their science teacher was very \_\_\_\_\_ about their bad behaviour during class and made them stay late after school.  
 2 Some people believe that we shouldn't be so \_\_\_\_\_ about climate change. They don't think it's really happening.  
 3 It was really \_\_\_\_\_ when I introduced my boss to everyone at the meeting but got his name wrong.  
 4 Our art teacher said she was \_\_\_\_\_ with the paintings we had done during our summer holidays.  
 5 The instructions for the new television are really hard to understand. I'm more \_\_\_\_\_ now than I was to begin with.  
 6 I love going to Tai Chi classes because they are so \_\_\_\_\_ after a stressful day at the office.

#### PART 5

Underline the correct alternative.

14 points over 100

I always find it amazing to see how quickly my children learn new things. Obviously, I'm a proud father (I'm also amazed that I 1 managed/could to produce two such beautiful kids!), but they really do learn fast. Take cooking, for example. 2 I can/could just about cook to an acceptable standard now, but when I was ten years old, I 3 can't/couldn't cook at all. I remember once when I tried to make soup, but 4 wasn't/didn't able to get the liquid right, and it was just a sticky mess. My daughter is ten now though and she 5 can/could already cook soups and pasta. OK, it's messy, she even 6 could/managed to get soup on the cat last week – a personal record – but she 7 was able to/could produce an edible meal. Amazing.

**LISTENING**

Listen to six conversations and underline the correct answers, a), b) or c).

**10 points over 100**

1 The neighbours invited Lynne for \_\_\_\_\_  
a) tea. b) coffee. c) lunch.

2 Jim thinks Jack should do \_\_\_\_\_  
a) a degree. b) an apprenticeship. c) an engineering course.

3 Dennis suggests that Jo \_\_\_\_\_  
a) asks the travel agent to check for special offers online.  
b) stays for a drink and a chat.  
c) books her break through an online travel site.

4 If Elizabeth is invited to dinner, she shouldn't take \_\_\_\_\_  
a) photos. b) flowers. c) chocolate.

5 Vicky can't remember \_\_\_\_\_  
a) where her phone is.  
b) what Matt's phone number is.  
c) where she parked her car.



**WRITING**

Write an internet post about a recent challenge or achievement. Use the ideas below to help you. Write 120-150 words.

**16 points points over 100**

What did the challenge/achievement involve?

What did you learn from this experience?

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