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1 Read the article about the author Ian Fleming and answer the questions. Write no more than three words for each answer.

Ian Fleming

Ian Fleming was the writer [1] who invented James Bond. *Casino Royale*, published in 1953, was the first novel in which this character appeared. Fleming went on to write [2] eleven more James Bond novels before his death in 1964.

As a young man, Fleming's ambition was to join the British Foreign Office, but he failed to get a job there, which represented [3] a great disappointment to him. Although he [4] had never intended to be a writer, he got a job as a journalist for Reuters News Agency. Then, due to world events in the late 1930s, Fleming became [5] a secret information officer in the navy.

[6] Leaving the navy in 1945, Fleming took the decision to become a writer. But it was his work for the navy, which included several secret expeditions, that gave him the ideas for his James Bond novels.

The first James Bond novel to be made into a film was [7] *Dr. No*, in 1962. The film, starring Sean Connery, was a huge success.

Nobody really knows what makes the James Bond stories so successful, but now, half a century after Fleming's death, they are as popular as ever.

1 In which novel did the character of James Bond originally feature?
2 Who did Ian Fleming work for before becoming a secret information officer?
3 Which organization inspired Ian Fleming to write the James Bond stories?

2 points for each correct answer | | 6

2 Which part of speech are the underlined words in the text? Choose a, b, or c.

1 a subject and relative clause
  b subject and object
  c relative clause and object
2 a relative clause
  b object consisting of several words
  c subject
3 a subject consisting of several words
  b verb
  c object consisting of several words
4 a subject consisting of several words
  b verb
  c object consisting of several words
5 a subject consisting of several words
  b verb
  c object consisting of several words
6 a present participle clause as an object
  b past participle clause as an object
  c object consisting of several words
7 a subject
  b verb
  c object

2 points for each correct answer | | 14

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3 Complete the sentences with a reporting verb from the box in the correct tense. There are two verbs that you don't need.

announce	assure	blame	claim
deny	encourage	persuade	
point out	promise	remind	
suggest	warn		

1 My husband _____ me for being late, but he knows perfectly well that it was his fault.
2 Even though I really didn't want to go, Karl managed to _____ me to go to the party with him.
3 I might _____ that we set out earlier than planned because of the bad weather.
4 My mother has always _____ me to concentrate on my education.
5 I offered to do the cleaning, but my flatmate _____ that I'd done it recently and it was her turn.
6 Magda _____ me that the food in this restaurant wasn't very good. I wish I'd listened!
7 When I expressed my concerns, my boss _____ me that there was nothing to worry about.
8 We've complained about our room and the receptionist _____ to upgrade us to a bigger one.
9 At the end of the meeting, Hannah _____ that she would be leaving next month.
10 Susie _____ that she used to be on TV, but nobody takes her seriously.

1 point for each correct answer | | 10

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words from the box. There are two extra words that you don't need.

breakthrough		campaign	conflict
crisis	cure	inspire	peace
suffer	survive	unfortunate	
victory	wound		

1 Several people were _____ when the armed robber opened fire.
2 The most recent economic _____ in Europe lasted for many years.
3 After decades of _____, the two sides decided to sit down together and work things out.
4 Everyone lives in the hope that one day there will a medical _____ in the fight against cancer.
5 It was a bittersweet _____ for the team because although they won the match, they still lost the championship.
6 Nowadays there's no need to _____ in silence. Call the doctor and make an appointment!
7 Scientists are confident that they are just about to discover a _____ for blindness.
8 Amongst all the bad news we hear every day, I must say it's _____ to hear a story about human kindness.
9 I can't believe anyone _____ that explosion. The building was completely destroyed!
10 Everyone was delighted when the _____ agreement was finally signed to end the war.

1 point for each correct answer | | 10

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5 Match 1–5 to a–f to make complete sentences. There is one letterthat you don't need.

1 I enjoy watching current affairs programmes ___
2 There are far too many celebrity chefs around these days ___
3 The home improvement programmes on Channel 4 were really useful___
4 I found the latest crime drama really gripping ___
5 That new sitcom with Frank Monroe is one of the best I've seen ___

a and most of them are doing the same old thing.
b but a recent survey showed that people disliked the commercial breaks on all channels.
c because they gave me some ideas for transforming my spare room.
d and there are some really amusing dialogues.
e because I get a better understanding of what's going on in my country.
f and watched most of the series at the weekend.

2 points for each correct answer | 10

6 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

1 'I went to the new shopping centre yesterday,' said David.
David said _____.
2 'I'll call you as soon as I finish,' said Pablo.
Pablo said _____.
3 'Did you visit the Louvre when you were in Paris?' asked Zara.
Zara asked _____.
4 'I'm going to the gym tomorrow,' said Julia.
Julia said _____.
5 'Were you travelling to the airport when your car broke down?' asked Boris.
Boris asked _____.

2 points for each correct answer | 10

7 Complete the sentences with an adjective formed from the word in brackets.

1 It's hard to remain _____ when you're talking about your own family, isn't it? (object)
2 This is the _____ desk that the author Charles Dickens sat at to write his novels. (act)
3 I'm not sure if I could handle twelve hours on a plane, but four or five is _____. (manage)
4 It was an _____ meeting that led to them becoming close friends. (accident)
5 The video went _____ as soon as it was posted on You Tube. (virus)
6 Alex hasn't had many girlfriends. He's quite _____ when it comes to asking girls out. (select)
7 There are bottles of water in the fridge. The tap water here isn't _____. (drink)
8 I recently read a very _____ article on social networking. (inform)
9 It looks like Dirk is the _____ partner in the business. (dominate)
10 Coffee is a highly _____ drink due to the caffeine in it. (addict)

1 point for each correct answer | 10

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