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PART 1 - LISTENING

**1) Listen to a man talking about sports. Are the sentences true or false?**

6 X 0.25=1.5 MARKS

- 1 Roger Bannister studied to become a doctor. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Coaches used to believe that tall people were the best athletes. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Gymnasts were taller in the past than they are now. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 To be a good swimmer, you need to have long legs. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Roger Bannister ran on a track made from pieces of wood. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 In the past, skis were made from plastic and metal. \_\_\_\_\_

**2) Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.**

6 X 0.25=1.5 MARKS

- 1 In \_\_\_\_\_, Roger Bannister ran a mile in just under four minutes.
  - a 1944
  - b 1954
  - c 1955
- 2 Roger Bannister trained for \_\_\_\_\_ each day.
  - a less than an hour
  - b more than an hour
  - c four to five hours
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ of players in the NBA are over seven feet tall.
  - a 1%
  - b 10%
  - c 20%
- 4 The American gymnast Simone Biles is \_\_\_\_\_ cm tall.
  - a 160
  - b 145
  - c 142

- 5 Hicham El Guerrouj is \_\_\_\_\_ Michael Phelps.
- a taller than
  - b shorter than
  - c the same height as
- 6 Hicham El Guerrouj set a new world record in \_\_\_\_\_ .
- a 1990
  - b 1995
  - c 1999

PART 2 – READING AND USE OF ENGLISH.

**3) Read the text. Are the sentences true (T), false (F), or is there not enough information to decide (N)? Write T, F or N in the box.**

10 X 0.1 = 1 MARK

### What's it worth?

What would you say is the job with the best salary? Of course, we all know that actors and sports stars can earn enormous sums of money, so let's consider instead those careers which are a bit more usual in everyday life. One recent study in the United Kingdom showed that airline pilots are among the highest paid people in the country. People typically think that a pilot's job is one of the best in the world as it offers opportunities both to see the world and to earn good money. That can be true, especially for pilots with many years of service on long-haul flights. However, it's a different story for the flight attendants, who earn far less than those who actually fly the planes.

Another well-paid job is that of a doctor. Studying and training for at least seven years at university is not cheap, however, and just like pilots, doctors are responsible for looking after people, in some ways. That's why those heading for the top of the medical profession or aviation industry can look forward to earning some of the highest salaries in the country.

However, we can't all be doctors and pilots, can we? There will always be people who earn much less than others. Some of the lowest-paid jobs are often the ones working with customers in restaurants and bars. Hairdressers and sales assistants in supermarkets are often paid a minimum salary. However, one advantage for waiters is that customers can leave tips, and that can make a big difference. More experienced hairdressers also receive tips in some countries.

Talking to a couple of my friends who work in supermarkets, I realized that money isn't always the most important issue when choosing a job. Both of them are parents with young children, and they enjoy being able to choose their working hours, despite the fact that they realize they could earn more in an office, for example. They also feel less stressed than they would in a job with more responsibility, and they are satisfied where they are.

It's certainly true that different people earn very different salaries, but maybe money isn't everything.

- 1 The writer thinks that sports stars and actors earn too much money compared with the salaries of everyday jobs.
- 2 The research is quite new.
- 3 There are two main advantages to being a pilot.
- 4 Both pilots and doctors think their job is rewarding.
- 5 The writer believes doctors and pilots share a similar responsibility.
- 6 The writer believes that pilots and doctors should be paid the same.
- 7 The research shows that people usually earn a good salary from being a hairdresser.
- 8 Waiters can earn extra money.
- 9 The writer's friends know that their jobs are less well paid than others.
- 10 The writer's friends are going to look for better-paid jobs.

<b>4) Complete with the correct word</b>	<b>5 X 0.2 = 1 MARKS</b>
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1. Watching movies when I was a teenager i\_\_\_\_\_ me to write and direct my own films.
2. Learning to drive was a big c\_\_\_\_\_ for me, because I wasn't very confident.
3. Mark had a successful job interview last week, but now I think he wants to c\_\_\_\_\_ his mind and turn it down.
4. My grandmother can make food from recipes that she learned by h\_\_\_\_\_ as a teenager.
5. Maria has just a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ that she's going to have a baby in the summer.

**5) Choose the correct Option**

5 X 0.2 = 1 MARKS

I had to '\_\_\_\_\_ to my brother yesterday that I didn't know how to change something on my computer. At first he laughed at me. I asked him to '\_\_\_\_\_ explain to me the steps I needed to take. '\_\_\_\_\_, he agreed, but he kept on laughing at me, even though I '\_\_\_\_\_ that I didn't really know much about computers. A few days later, the wheel on his bike broke. I thought about '\_\_\_\_\_ to help him, just to teach him a lesson, but I didn't. I guess I'm just too nice.

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- a) claim
- b) admit
- c) deny
- d) suggest

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- a) insisted
- b) discovered
- c) apologised
- d) promised

2

- a) occasionally
- b) regularly
- c) surprisingly
- d) patiently

5

- a) announcing
- b) denying
- c) refusing
- d) suggesting

3

- a) After a while
- b) Nowadays
- c) Secretly
- d) Occasionally

6) Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs

10 x 0.1 : 10  
MARKS

### How cinemas have changed in 100 years

People \_\_\_\_\_ (GO) to see films at cinemas now for over a hundred years. When the first cinemas \_\_\_\_\_ (BUILD) in the early 1900s, they were places where a small audience \_\_\_\_\_ (WATCH) short, black-and-white films. The first films were silent movies, with simple plots, and the actors \_\_\_\_\_ (HAVE) tell the story physically with their bodies. It wasn't until 1927 that people could hear an actor speaking in a film.

A few years later, colour film \_\_\_\_\_ (INTRODUCE). Now, directors could start making 'talkies' as well as films with more imaginative plots, setting them in more interesting places outside the film studios.

Today, more and more films are released in more and more countries. A far more varied choice of films is on offer than ever before, and foreign language films with subtitles are becoming more and more popular at the moment with people who would prefer \_\_\_\_\_ (WATCH) a film in the original language. This is fantastic if you \_\_\_\_\_ (WANT) to improve your language skills.

When I think back to all those silent films of the past, the ones which people always \_\_\_\_\_ (WATCH) in black and white, I love to imagine what they would have looked like if they had been shot in colour and how the actors would have sounded. A lot \_\_\_\_\_ (CHANGE) since the early cinemas, and with the speed of new technology in film-making, it's exciting to think what cinemas \_\_\_\_\_ (BE) like in the future.

### PART 3 – WRITING.

#### Option 1: For-and-against essay

Write ten sentences for a for-and-against essay on one of these topics:  
*"The government should put a tax on unhealthy foods."* OR *"Using plastic bags is a crime – people who use them should pay large fines."*

- Write two sentences for your introduction.
- Write three sentences which argue for the topic.
- Write three sentences which argue against the topic.
- Write two sentences for your conclusion.
- Include at least two topic sentences and use examples to support your arguments.

