

Examination Practice

A Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.

THE VW BEETLE

The Volkswagen Beetle is one of the best known cars in the world.

(1) _____ all accounts, it defined a whole generation

(2) _____ people.

It all began in 1935 when Ferdinand Porsche designed the car on his

(3) _____ and later presented it to the German public.

Although back then it was criticised (4) _____ its shape

and its noise level, the car went on to become a legend. During World War

II, the Volkswagen factory was burnt down, but this did not discourage the

manufacturers (5) _____ continuing their work. At the end of

the war, Volkswagen (6) _____ its factory rebuilt by the Allies, among others.

In 1946, Volkswagen named the car 'Type I' to mark a new start for the company. Within two years, the first Beetle

convertible was produced. Although complaints (7) _____ the noise persisted, the Volkswagen

designers made every effort to improve (8) _____ model. They always believed it was only a matter of

time before everyone fell (9) _____ the Beetle - and they were right!

Over the years, sales grew dramatically and by 1972 the Beetle had made its way into history books as the most produced

car ever! Its production reached twenty million cars in 1981, a high percentage (10) _____ which were

exported to the United States.

In 1999, the new Beetle went (11) _____ sale. This model is not simply a more fashionable version of the

original (12) _____. It is a completely new, modern car which has definitely come a long way since the

1935 model.



B Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given unchanged. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1 Someone stole Bill's briefcase yesterday.

stolen Bill _____ yesterday.

2 Our flat needs painting before we rent it out.

get We need _____ before we rent it out.

3 Sheila, make sure they sign the contracts by the end of the day.

signed Sheila, _____ by the end of the day.

4 My secretary has rescheduled the meeting for Tuesday.

had I _____ for Tuesday.

5 Did you know that one of our friends painted this picture?

friend Did you know that _____ painted this picture?

6 Have some more cheesecake.

help Please, _____ some more cheesecake.

7 Jennifer finally agreed to apply for the position.

got They finally _____ for the position.

8 He always waxes his car on his own.

anyone He never _____ his car.

9 The children were told to be well-mannered in front of the guests.

behave The children were told _____ in front of the guests.