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ПИСЬМЕННАЯ РАБОТА

Total: 80 points

1. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense form. (12 points)

I suppose that, in many ways, I 1. _____ (be) lucky since the day I was born. I was born two months premature and I was very ill, but somehow I 2. _____ (survive). Then, when I was three, I 3. _____ (fall) into a pond on a farm I 4. _____ (stay) at. My mum 5. _____ (go) to hospital for an operation and some friends 6. _____ (look) after me at the time. Luckily, a man 7. _____ (work) near the pond and he 8. _____ (pull) me out! Now I am in my last year at school and all my friends 9. _____ (think) I am very lucky. For example, I 10. _____ (win) the lottery four or five times and I usually 11. _____ (beat) everybody in card games. I can't say I'm very hard-working, but I 12. _____ (do) well in my exams - the right questions always come up.

2. Read the text below and decide which word A, B, C or D best fits in each space. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write the letter to show your answers in the answer boxes provided. (15 points)

Marilyn Monroe, the American actress, was one of the (0)... stars in Hollywood (1)... the mid-1950s. She first attracted (2)... as a model. Early in her career she was (3)... only as a sex symbol, but later films showed that she also had talent (4)... a comedienne. Some of her (5)... famous films are «How to marry a Millionaire», «Gentlemen Prefer Blondes» and «The Prince and the Showgirl». By the late 1950s she had started to (6)... frustrated with her image and soon after her marriage (7)... the American author Arthur Miller she (8)... that she wanted to play more serious roles. She partially achieved this (9)... in the film «The Misfits», (10)... was written by her husband. Unfortunately, they did not have a happy marriage, (11)... after some time she divorced Miller. It was soon after this that she died in (12)... circumstances from an (13)... of sleeping pills.

0	A brightest	B strongest	C warmest	D shiniest	0	A
1	A while	B of	C for	D during	1	
2	A mention	B attention	C awareness	D eyes	2	
3	A believed	B held	C realised	D known	3	
4	A of	B like	C as	D in	4	
5	A most	B mostly	C extreme	D much	5	
6	A act	B convey	C feel	D behave	6	
7	A with	B to	C of	D for	7	
8	A announced	B noticed	C remarked	D notified	8	
9	A ambition	B purpose	C plan	D intention	9	
10	A what	B which	C that	D whichever	10	
11	A whereas	B while	C moreover	D so	11	
12	A suspicious	B hard	C problematic	D miraculous	12	
13	A overload	B overdraft	C overdose	D overtone	13	

3. Read the text below. Use the word given at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. (8 points)

<p>Curiosity goes back to the dawn of human (1) _____.</p> <p>This desire to know is not a (2) _____ of inanimate objects. Nor does it seem to be attributable to some forms of living organism, which, for that very reason, we can scarcely consider alive. A tree, for example, does not display (3) _____ curiosity, nor does a sponge or even an oyster. If chance events bring them poison, predators or parasites, they die as unceremoniously as they lived. Early in the scheme of life, (4) _____ motion was developed by some organisms. It meant an (5) _____ advance in their control of the environment. A moving organism no longer waited in stolid (6) _____ for food to come its way, but went out after it. The individual that hesitated in the zealous search for food, or that was overly (7) _____ in its investigation, starved. As organisms grew more complex, more messages of greater variety were received from and about the (8) _____ environment.</p>	<p>exist character</p> <p>recognise</p> <p>depend</p> <p>ordinary</p> <p>rigid</p> <p>conserve</p> <p>round</p>
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4. Fill in the gaps with the phrasal verb or a preposition. (10 points)

1. They thought they were just going to be told _____ but they were charged _____ criminal damage.
2. I finally made _____ my mind to turn _____ the job offer.
3. She comes _____ with loads of ideas but nine times _____ of ten they are completely impractical.
4. It was love _____ first sight but now they are having problems sorting _____ their relationship.

5. She is a complete liar and capable _____ making _____ the whole story.

5. Think of one word appropriate for the three gaps in each set of the following sentences. (4 points)

1. _____

- a) She is Irish on her mother's _____; her family is from Ireland.
- b) They were surrounded on every _____ by curious children.
- c) My mother always takes my father's _____ when I argue with him.

2. _____

- a) He is the _____ of man you could rely on.
- b) He can _____ fast; ask him to help you with this urgent letter.
- c) Use bold _____ for your headings.

3. _____

- a) The way that the _____ of the tree divides into smaller and smaller branches and twigs is really fascinating.
- b) The elephant willingly demonstrates that it uses its _____ in a variety of ways, for example to drink, store and spray water.
- c) We found an old album with cards in my aunt's _____ in the attic of her house.

4. _____

- a) I went out and forgot to _____ the window.
- b) At the _____ of the meeting the contract remained unsigned.
- c) My brother and I have become really _____ over the years.

6. In the text below some lines are correct but some have a word that should not be there. Indicate the correct lines with a tick (✓). For the incorrect lines, write the words that should not be there. (13 points)

- 1. _____ For years video games they have been criticised
- 2. _____ for making people overweight and depressed.
- 3. _____ But games can actually to change us for the better
- 4. _____ and improve either our body and mind. Games can
- 5. _____ help to develop physical skills. Pre-school children
- 6. _____ who played interactive games such as if the ones
- 7. _____ available on Wii seem to have improved motor skills,
- 8. _____ for example they can catch and throw a ball more better
- 9. _____ than children who don't play video games. Games
- 10. _____ also benefit a variety of brain functions, which including
- 11. _____ decision-making. People who play action-based games
- 12. _____ make decisions 25 per cent most faster than others and
- 13. _____ are no less accurate, in according to one study.

7. Rewrite the second sentence keeping the meaning the same. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word

given. (10 points)

0 Your house needs to be decorated.

have

You need to have your house decorated.

1. The Tower of London is quite near here.

FAR

It is _____ the Tower of London.

2. He made the robber drop his gun.

WAS

The robber _____ his gun.

3. Unless he turns up soon, I will call him.

TURN

If _____ soon, I will call him.

4. When did you leave your last job?

SINCE

How long _____ your last job?

5. **I think you should apologize for your behaviour.**

HAD

You _____ your behaviour.

6. Did Sally get the job she wanted?

WONDER

I _____ the job she wanted.

7. Someone broke into their flat last night.

HAD

They _____ last night.

8. Enjoy yourself at the party.

TIME

Have _____ the party.

9. Let's find a solution to the problem together.

WORK

Let's _____ together.

10. Fiona types faster than Tracy.

AS

Tracy doesn't _____ Fiona.

8. Fill in correct articles. (10 points)

Juan Perez was 1. _____ Spanish navigator who explored 2. _____ northwest coast of 3. _____ North America. He sailed from 4. _____ Mexico, up 5. _____ coast of 6. _____ North America in 1774, in 7. _____ ship named 8. _____ Santiago. He had been ordered to sail as far north as Alaska, but only made it to what is now 9. _____ British Columbia, because of 10. _____ bad weather.