

## TEST

### I. Open the brackets putting the verb in the correct tense and voice form.

Write the answer clearly in the answer box on your answer sheet.

I (1)\_\_\_\_\_ (*pick*) up lots of things like books and computer games online, but that was the first time I (2)\_\_\_\_\_ (*get*) myself something to wear over the Internet. There was such a wide range of lovely clothes that I (3)\_\_\_\_\_ (*spoil*) for choice. It looked like I (4)\_\_\_\_\_ (*find*) a really lovely shirt and though I couldn't try it on there and then, I was sure it (5)\_\_\_\_\_ (*fit*) me. The price was incredibly low, so I (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (*click*) on 'Buy it now', (7)\_\_\_\_\_ (*pay*) by credit card and waited for it to arrive. I thought afterwards that perhaps I should have emailed the seller to check the colour, because although it (8)\_\_\_\_\_ (*look*) fine in the photo, it might not be exactly what I wanted. In the event I needn't have worried, and I was absolutely delighted when I saw it. I (9)\_\_\_\_\_ (*buy*) another one if I (10)\_\_\_\_\_ (*know*) how good it (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (*look*). I recollected then I once had had a similar shirt but I (12)\_\_\_\_\_ (*not / wear*) it long. Hardly (13) \_\_\_\_\_ (*I / wash*) it when it (14) \_\_\_\_\_ (*shrink*).

### II. Read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. Mark your answer on your answer sheet.

Nowadays, one of the most common items found in the home is the sticking plaster.

Protecting a cut by covering the affected area with a piece of material that sticks to the skin may seem a rather (15) ..... idea, so it is perhaps surprising to learn that the plaster was not (16) ..... until about ninety years ago.

The person who thought (17) ..... the idea was Earle Dickson, a worker of the Johnson & Johnson company. Concerned that his wife Josephine sometimes (18) ..... accidents while cooking and doing other jobs, he used pieces of cotton material placed inside strips of sticky tape to cover her injuries. This prevented dirt getting into the (19) ..... and protected it from further harm as she did the (20) .....

Dickson's boss was impressed, so in 1921 Johnson & Johnson put the new sticking plaster into (21) ..... under the brand name Band-Aid. Sales at first were slow, but somebody at the company came up with the (22) ..... idea of giving free plasters to the Boy Scouts. This created publicity and from then (23) ..... it became a commercial success. Dickson was (24) ..... within the company, eventually becoming a senior executive.

Although the basic design of the sticking plaster has remained similar to the (25) ....., there have been many developments in the materials used and it is now (26) ..... in a variety of shapes, sizes and colours. Total worldwide sales are believed to have exceeded 100 billion.

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
15.	clear	evident	plain	obvious
16.	realised	imagined	invented	dreamt
17.	up	over	in	forward
18.	did	had	made	took
19.	wound	damage	breakage	tear
20.	homework	household	housework	homecoming
21.	creation	formation	production	construction
22.	keen	bright	eager	shining
23.	after	to	since	on
24.	raised	lifted	advanced	promoted
25.	model	original	sample	standard
26.	available	achievable	accessible	attainable

**III. Fill each of the gaps in the following text with the correct preposition. Write the preposition clearly in the answer box on your answer sheet.**

Tanya Petrov works in a restaurant (27) ..... an extensive menu, but (28) ..... home she will only eat local or seasonal food: ‘I strongly believe that transporting food thousands of kilometres, or storing it (29) ..... refrigeration (30) ..... months (31) ..... end, ultimately has a highly negative impact (32) ..... the climate. I always try to buy food that is produced locally, and I have a special calendar to show me which kinds of food are (33) ..... season so that I know what I’m buying is really fresh. And I always check the ‘best-before’ dates (34) ..... fresh fruit and vegetables before I choose them so I don’t end (35) ..... having to throw any (36) ..... . Apart (37) ..... the environmental considerations, I’m convinced the food I eat, which has far fewer chemicals (38) ..... it, helps me avoid the kind of illnesses that seem to be so common these days.’

**IV. Read the text below. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in the space. Write the word clearly in the answer box on your answer sheet.**

Smiling, (39) \_\_\_\_\_ (*computer*), talking avatars are being introduced at airports around the world in an attempt to make travellers’ journeys more efficient. The life-sized hologram (40) \_\_\_\_\_ (*project*) which are

situated at key points in airports read out pre-recorded messages designed to help passengers – anything from the location of bathrooms and taxi stands to on-flight liquid restrictions and (41) \_\_\_\_\_ (*secure*) regulations. Some of these virtual assistants have a (42) \_\_\_\_\_ (*sense*) which activates their message when a person walks within a few feet of them. Others repeat their pre-programmed speeches on a loop. All provide their information in comforting and (43) \_\_\_\_\_ (*inform*) voices intended to calm passengers' nerves.

So how are these latest airport (44) \_\_\_\_\_ (*employ*) being treated? According to the airport staff, feedback from passengers has been largely positive. More (45) \_\_\_\_\_ (*importance*), though, these avatars are proving (46) \_\_\_\_\_ (*effect*). Because they are so lifelike passengers can't help but look at them and take notice of what they are saying. Thus, they are doing what they were designed to do: (47) \_\_\_\_\_ (*easy*) the workload on the airport's flesh-and-blood staff. Will we one day see avatars at all airports? Perhaps, but with one difference. The current avatars are not (48) \_\_\_\_\_ (*active*) – they cannot hold conversations with passengers. Developers are hopeful future additions to this series of avatars will be active.

**V. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. Write the word clearly in the answer box on your answer sheet.**

Tea (botanical name *Camellia sinensis*) was discovered in China nearly five thousand years ago, but it took several thousand (49) ..... years before the plant found its (50) ..... to other parts of the world. Today, tea is grown successfully in over fifty countries, though only about three dozen countries produce it in such quantities so (51) ..... to make the crop commercially important. (52) ..... to water, tea is the world's most consumed drink.

Of the five main types of tea (black, green, white, oolong and pu-erh), black and green teas account for about 98 % of world consumption. White tea was largely unknown outside China and the Orient (53) ..... recently, but today it is gaining in popularity in other countries. The beverage (54) ..... is not white but pale yellow, and has a delicate flavour and a subtly fruity, sweet aftertaste. Of all the teas, white tea is the (55) ..... processed – the leaves and buds of the plant are simply allowed to wither in natural sunlight before being lightly processed.

Are you (56) ..... the mood to try something new? Pu-erh tea slowly appears in Western tea Culture. Pu-erh tea – (57) ..... called because of its (58) ..... from the Pu-erh region of China – has a very distinctive flavour. It is bold and earthy,

with an intensely rich, full-bodied palate that typically improves with aging. Loved by coffee addicts, pu-erh tea can be an acquired taste, but (59) ..... that is (60) ..... worth acquiring.

**VI. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and eight words, including the word given. Write the answer clearly in the answer box on your answer sheet.**

61. Clothing costs the same as it did last year.

**changed**

Clothing prices \_\_\_\_\_ last year.

62. Hard work is a new experience for George.

**used**

George \_\_\_\_\_ hard.

63. These two cameras look the same to me.

**difference**

I can not \_\_\_\_\_ these two cameras.

64. May I use your computer?

**mind**

Do \_\_\_\_\_ your computer?

65. Most children do not think documentaries are interesting.

**are**

Most children \_\_\_\_\_ documentaries.

66. The furniture was so shabby that the house looked a mess.

**such**

It \_\_\_\_\_ the house looked a mess.

67. My mother insisted on my doing some chores every day.

**made**

My mother \_\_\_\_\_ some chores every day.

68. I showed no talent for rugby at university.

**good**

I wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ rugby at university.

69. You might get hungry on the journey, so you should take plenty of snacks.

**case**

Take plenty of snacks \_\_\_\_\_ hungry on the journey.

70. 'Don't touch the wires,' he said to us.

**not**

He \_\_\_\_\_ the wires.

**VII. Read the article in which four young people say how they deal with the everyday stress in their lives. For questions 71 – 80, choose from the people A – D. The people may be chosen more than once. Mark your answer on your answer sheet.**

- A.** School student **Ester Montoya** knows she has to improve her marks in her main subjects. She's trying hard, but it's not easy and sometimes she feels she's doing too much work. 'I have to get away from it now and then,' she says, 'so recently I've joined a local youth theatre group. It really helps because it takes my mind off everything, it's a kind of escape from reality. Also I'm meeting other people of my own age and I'm hoping to make some friends there. Apart from that I suppose there's TV, but there's not a lot on. I've read that laughing can be very relaxing, but I'm afraid none of the comedy series they're showing right now is worth watching. Something I've been meaning to try, though, is work helping others, perhaps old people. A friend of mine does it, and she says it really makes a difference – both to them and to her.'
- B.** For seventeen-year-old **Steve Ellison**, life is particularly busy right now. He's revising for some important exams but he still manages to find time for his favourite free-time activities, which include long-distance running, 'It's funny,' he says, 'I only took to it recently when I found it helped me wind down, because at school I never looked forward to those cross-country runs we had to do every Monday morning. Yet nowadays I run a lot at weekends, and I do some voluntary work with local kids at the sports centre.' As well as doing plenty of exercise, he also tries to maintain a healthy diet. 'I've told myself I must always eat a variety of healthy food, with lots of fruit and green vegetables, though if I'm out with my mates I may give in to temptation and have a burger and chips. I never drink coffee, though, because it makes you talk and act nervously, and it keeps you awake at night, too, which is bad for your stress level.'
- C.** First-year university student **Amelie Lefevre** believes that the best way to beat stress is to organise your life more sensibly. 'My life used to be pretty chaotic, there always seemed to be so much to do, often jobs that other people should have been doing. So what I eventually learned to do was to say *no*, politely, to extra work. That helped, as did making a list of priorities for each day, with some things scheduled for today, others for tomorrow and some that could be postponed for longer. I also make rules for myself about meal times, and

the amount of sleep I need. There was a time when I was staying up until all hours, but I was exhausted the next day so I don't do that any more. I think I manage my time quite well now, but nobody's perfect and occasionally I still oversleep and turn up late for lectures!

- D.** Student **Ndali Traore** likes to get up early so he has a relaxed start to the day. 'I hate leaving jobs till the last minute, and I always try to do those I like least first,' he says. 'These days I always listen to music while I'm working,' he adds, 'whereas a couple of years ago I found it annoying – it always seemed to spoil my concentration.' When he has some free time, he goes to the cinema, or out with friends. 'If something's bothering me,' he says, 'I often find that just talking to them about it helps. Particularly if you can make a joke about it, because it always seems a lot less serious when you do that.' If he's on his own, he has a special way of dealing with stress: 'I try to relive occasions when I was really relaxed, such as spending the day by a beautiful lake in the sunshine. That often works,' he says.

Which person

71. regularly does a job without getting paid? \_\_\_\_\_
72. no longer agrees to do things they don't want to do? \_\_\_\_\_
73. tries to see the funny side of things that are worrying them? \_\_\_\_\_
74. accepts that they sometimes make mistakes? \_\_\_\_\_
75. is disappointed they can't see a particular kind of entertainment? \_\_\_\_\_
76. is not doing as well in their studies as they would like? \_\_\_\_\_
77. likes to tell friends about their problems? \_\_\_\_\_
78. goes to bed quite early nowadays? \_\_\_\_\_
79. likes to think back to times when they felt less stressed? \_\_\_\_\_
80. believes in putting off certain tasks? \_\_\_\_\_