


PLEASE, TRANSFER YOUR ANSWERS ONTO THE ANSWER SHEET.

1. Put the verbs in the correct tense, voice and mood forms. A spelling mistake makes the answer incorrect and brings 0 points. 11 points.

	<p>Steph took a photo of her carefully arranged breakfast and flowers. Her eggs and her coffee (1) _____ cold, but the plate (2) _____ really cool. It was from an expensive art market she (3) _____ that morning. The flowers were ones (4) '_____', from her neighbour's garden. No one (5) _____. Besides, she thought, flowers (6) _____</p>	1	to go
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		4	to borrow
		6	to be
		7	to be, not
		8	to walk
		9	to adjust
10	to install		
<p>for everyone to enjoy, (7) _____ they?</p> <p>And, probably only ten people a day (8) _____ past old Mrs. Robinson's garden. Posting the picture on Instagram meant far more people would get to appreciate them.</p> <p>Steph (9) _____ the colours on her picture to make the orange juice and the pink roses brighter. As she scrolled through the Instagram filters, TrueBeauty caught her eye. She (10) _____ it yesterday and forgotten about it. The picture looked perfect with that filter. She posted the photo for her 15k followers to envy. Then she threw the food on her plate into the bin. There was no point eating it now that it (11) _____ cold.</p>		11	to be

2. Use the right article by writing 'a', 'an', 'the' or '-' in the gaps. 20 points.

- A. (1)___ Gulf of Finland offers breathtaking views of the surrounding landscapes and is (2)___ popular sailing destination in Europe.
- B. (3)___ San Francisco Bay provides a stunning backdrop for the city's skyline and is a haven for sailors and surfers alike.
- C. (4)___ Great Pond in England is known for its serene beauty and abundant wildlife, making it a peaceful retreat for nature lovers.
- D. (5)___ Ellis Island served as (6)___ immigrant processing station in the early 20th century and holds a significant place in American history.
- E. With their unique landscape and warm climate, (7)___ Canaries are (8)___ popular destination for travellers seeking winter sun.



F. (9)___Cape Cod is famous for its picturesque beaches and charming seaside villages, making it (10)___ favourite summer destination for many Americans.

G. (11)___Mount Etna, (12)___ Europe's highest and most active volcano, offers visitors a chance to witness nature's raw power up close.

H. Crossing several Central Asian countries, (13)___ Kara Kum is the place to visit.

I. As (14)___ member of (15)___ Commonwealth of Australia, the country shares strong ties with other former British colonies.

J. (16)___ District of Columbia, home to (17)___ nation's capital, is (18)___ vibrant city filled with historical landmarks and cultural attractions.

K. They crossed (19)___ Black sea by (20)___ boat.

3. Complete the sentences with the correct word or phrase that are given in the box. 10 points.

- a) dire effects
- b) going away
- c) handing over
- d) high profile
- e) on-the-go drink

- f) pick up
- g) push along
- h) removed
- i) sustainability-minded
- j) zip through



Starbucks customers who_____(1) drive-throughs or _____(2) mobile orders are used to baristas _____(3) their beverages in the coffee chain's signature single-use cups. Now, change is coming. Disposable cups aren't _____(4), but consumers in the US and Canada will now be able to bring their favourite reusable cups for _____(5) runs.

The idea that consumers can bring in their own cups isn't new, especially across independent coffee shops, which encourage their customers to use personal cups. However, due to Starbucks' _____(6), and the sheer number of store locations throughout the US and Canada, the company's announcement could provide more momentum to

_____ (7) the adoption of reusable cups.

However, the beginning of the road could be rocky. Consumers are increasingly aware of the damage that single-use plastic has on the ecosystem, including the _____ (8) on marine life. However, research shows that paper cups are also environmental hazards, largely due to a plastic lining that needs to be _____ (9) before recycling. Consumers who are already are already _____ (10) using their own cups.

4. Choose the best alternative to fill the gaps in these sentences. Write down a letter. 8 points.

1. I need to pass my Cambridge First _____.
a) test b) certificate c) diploma d) document
2. He got a _____ to do French at Oxford.
a) position b) place c) spot d) vacancy
3. I don't know how mistakes like this can _____.
a) rise b) arise c) rose d) raise
4. Teachers _____ so many exercise books!
a) mark b) note c) estimate d) measure
5. She fixed me with a _____ stare.
a) glass b) glassy c) glass like d) glassed
6. Mr. Smith has such terrifying _____ blue eyes.
a) steely b) steel like c) steel d) steelish
7. How do you pronounce the first figure in the number: 07458962147?
a) oh b) nil c) null
8. The acoustics in this hall _____ excellent.
a) is b) are

5. Fill in the missing prepositions (if necessary). 11 points.

Scientists have discovered that malaria-carrying mosquitoes are deterred 1) _____ the smell 2) _____ certain animals, particularly chickens.

Working 3) _____ Ethiopia, researchers found that the *Anopheles arabiensis* mosquito strongly preferred human 4) _____ animal blood. And while it fed 5) _____ randomly 6) _____ cattle, goats and



sheep, it avoided chickens.

They feed 7)___ humans and other domestic animals, but not 8)___ chicken, because the mosquito antennae did not respond 9)___.

Person sleeping 10)___ untreated bed nets inside the house, the light trap attached to the chicken didn't catch the malaria mosquitoes, while the light trap 11)___ which human beings slept overnight collected quite a significant number of malarial mosquito.

6. Read the text below and do the tasks that follow.

THE TIME TO RETIRE



The general assumption is that older workers are paid more in spite of, rather than because of, their productivity. That might partly explain why, when employers are under pressure to cut costs, they persuade a 55-year old to take early retirement. Take away seniority-based pay

scales, and older workers may become a much more attractive employment proposition. But most employers and many workers are uncomfortable with the idea of reducing someone's pay in later life – although manual workers on piece-rates often earn less as they get older. So retaining the services of older workers may mean employing them in different ways.

One innovation was devised by IBM Belgium. Faced with the need to cut staff costs, and having decided to concentrate cuts on 55 to 60-year olds, IBM set up a separate company called Skill Team, which re-employed any of the early retired who wanted to go on working up to the age of 60. An employee who joined Skill Team at the age of 55 on a five-year contract would work for 58% of his time, over the full period, for 88% of his last IBM salary. The company offered services to IBM, thus allowing it to retain access to some of the intellectual capital it would otherwise have lost.

The best way to tempt the old to go on working may be to build on such 'bridge' jobs: part- time or temporary employment that creates a more gradual

transition from full-time work to retirement. Studies have found that, in the United States, nearly half of all men and women who had been in full-time jobs in middle age moved into such ‘bridge’ jobs at the end of their working lives. In general, it is the best-paid and worst-paid who carry on working. There seem to be two very different types of bridge job-holder – those who continue working because they have to and those who continue working because they want to, even though they could afford to retire.

If the job market grows more flexible, the old may find more jobs that suit them. Often, they will be self-employed. Sometimes, they may start their own businesses: a study by David Storey of Warwick University found that in Britain 70% of businesses started by people over 55 survived, compared with an overall national average of only 19%. But whatever pattern of employment they choose, in the coming years the skills of these ‘grey workers’ will have to be increasingly acknowledged and rewarded.

6.1 Choose the correct letter, A, B, C or D. Write the correct letter in boxes 1-4 on your answer sheet. 8 points.

1. In paragraph one, the writer suggests that companies could consider ...
 - a. abolishing pay schemes that are based on age.
 - b. avoiding pay that is based on piece-rates.
 - c. increasing pay for older workers.
 - d. equipping older workers with new skills.
2. Skill Team is an example of a company which ...
 - a. offers older workers increases in salary.
 - b. allows people to continue working for as long as they want.
 - c. allows the expertise of older workers to be put to use.
 - d. treats older and younger workers equally.
3. According to the writer, ‘bridge’ jobs ...
 - a. tend to attract people in middle-salary ranges.
 - b. are better paid than some full-time jobs.
 - c. originated in the United States.
 - d. appeal to distinct groups of older workers.

4. David Storey's study found that ...

- a. people demand more from their work as they get older.
- b. older people are good at running their own businesses.
- c. an increasing number of old people are self-employed.
- d. few young people have their own businesses.

6.2 Mark the statements as True or False. Write 'True' or 'False' on the answer sheet. 12 points.

- 5. Older workers are paid more because of their high productivity.
- 6. IBM Belgium established Skill Team to encourage early retirees to fully retire.
- 7. High earners are less likely to continue working in later stages of their careers.
- 8. The job market becoming more flexible may limit opportunities for older workers.
- 9. Starting a business after the age of 55 has a low success rate.
- 10. The skills of older workers are expected to increase in value in the future.