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1. **TRANSFORMATIONS**; complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence (8 p)

- a. I wouldn't go sailing in this weather. BETTER  
You have better not go skiing in this weather.
- b. John came to Glasgow many years ago. LIVING  
John has been living in Glasgow for many years ✓.
- c. I haven't enjoyed myself so much in years. LAST  
It's been a long time since I've last enjoyed myself.
- d. It's a pity he didn't tell us about the affair. WISH  
I wish he ~~would~~ told us about the affair.
- e. I like studying art more than sciences. PREFER  
I prefer studying art to sciences ✓.
- f. It wasn't necessary for her to ask my permission but she did it anyway. ASKED  
She didn't have to ask for my permission, but she did it anyway.
- g. I have no doubt that she was lying about her intentions. BEEN  
She has been undoubtedly lying about her intentions.
- h. My last exam is on Thursday afternoon. FRIDAY  
By Friday, I will have written all my exams ✓.

2. **TRANSLATIONS**; translate the following sentences into English. (5p)

- a. Počakala je, da je letalo vzletelo, predno je začela brati.  
She had been waiting for the plane to take off, before she started reading.
- b. Policija je bila do sedaj izjemno uspešna.  
The police have been very successful up until now ✓.
- c. Ali bi bili tako prijazni in mi posodili pisalo?  
Would you be so kind as to borrow me the pen?
- d. Tokrat bi raje smučala kot drsala.  
This I'd rather ski than ~~skate~~ ice-skate this time ✓.
- e. Spoznali smo, da je hotel, ki smo ga bili rezervirali, na zelo nepraktični lokaciji.  
We found out, that the hotel we had booked was in a very impractical location.

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3. **WORD FORMATION**; complete the sentences with the correct forms of the words in capital letters. (11 p)

- a. It should not be too difficult to strengthen (STRONG) the relationship. strengthen
- b. I don't want to listen to another lecture on dangerous (DANGER) species
- c. Food shortage (SHORT) is not the only problem.
- d. I accidentally (ACCIDENT) knocked a glass over
- e. The main character strikes the reader as a submissive (SUBMIT) wife.
- f. You should eat food that is both tasteful (TASTE) and nutritious (NUTRIENT).
- g. There is little likelihood (LIKE) of that happening.
- h. The disease is becoming increasingly (INCREASE) more aggressive.
- i. Some people are wasteful (WASTE) with food, ordering too much at a restaurant and leaving most of it.

j. This pizza place is undoubtedly (DOUBT) the best one in town. We'll be back.

4. **VOCABULARY**; provide meaningful explanations for the following words/phrases ( 5 p)

FRANTIC <sup>to be</sup> irritated  
BEWILDERED <sup>to confuse</sup>, be in a state of confusion  
BLISSFUL extremely happy  
TO PLAY TRUANT <sup>to skip</sup> classes  
EXASPERATED be in an irritated/annoyed state

5. **SPOT THE MISTAKE**; Read the following sentences and decide if each one is correct or incorrect. Then identify the mistake and correct it. ( 5 p)

- 1 = incorrect  
C = correct  
will be living
- a. I believe that in five years' time less people are going to live in the cities. |  
b. When you are going to finish this one, you should read another short story. |  
c. This report must be finished until Monday. |  
d. We are looking for a new apartment for a year now. |  
e. He had better not wait any longer. |

6. **GAP FILL**; read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only ONE word in each gap. (12 p)

Vancouver in western Canada is named (0) after Captain George Vancouver of the British Royal Navy. However, Captain Vancouver was not the first European (13) to visit the area – the coast (14) had already been explored by the Spanish. Nor did Captain Vancouver spend many days there, even (15) though the scenery amazed him and everyone else (16) that was travelling with him.

The scenery still amazes visitors to (17) the city of Vancouver today. First-time visitors who are (18) in search of breathtaking views are usually directed to a beach about ten minutes (19) from the city centre. There, looking out over the sailing boats racing across the blue water, visitors see Vancouver's towering skyline backed by the magnificent Coast Mountains.

The city is regularly picked by international travel associations (20) as one of the world's best tourist destinations. They are only confirming what the two million residents and eight million tourists visiting Greater Vancouver (21) every single year are always saying: there is simply (22) no other place on earth quite (23) like it. It's not just the gorgeous setting that appeals to people, (24) but also Vancouver's wide range of sporting, cultural and entertainment facilities.

7. **READING COMPREHENSION** ( 7 p)

You are going to read a magazine article about letter writing. Seven sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A–H the one which fits each gap (9–15). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.



In our fast world of phones, emails and computers, the old-fashioned art of letter writing is at risk of disappearing altogether. Yet, to me, there is something about receiving a letter that cannot be matched by any other form of communication. There is the excitement of its arrival, the pleasure of seeing who it is from and, finally, the enjoyment of the contents.

Letter writing has been part of my life for as long as I can remember. It probably began with the little notes I would write to my mother. My mother, also, always insisted I write my own thank-you letters for Christmas and birthday presents. **9 D**

When I left home at 18 to train as a doctor in London, I would write once a week, and so would my mother. Occasionally my father would write and it was always a joy to receive his long, amusing letters. **10 A** Of course, we also made phone calls but it is the letters I remember most.

There were also letters from my boyfriends. In my youth I seemed to attract people who had to work or study away at some time and I was only able to stay in touch by correspondence. **11 F** I found that I could often express myself more easily in writing than by talking.

I love the letters that come with birthday or Christmas cards. **12 C** And it's even nicer

when it's an airmail envelope with beautiful stamps. My overseas letters arrive from Mangala in Sri Lanka, from someone I trained with over 20 years ago, and I have a penfriend in Australia and another in Vancouver.

Then there's the lady who writes to me from France. If we hadn't started talking in a restaurant on the way home from holiday, if my husband hadn't taken her photo and if I hadn't asked her for her address, I would never have been able to write to her. **13 H** As it is, we now have a regular correspondence. I can improve my French (she speaks no English); we have stayed at her home twice and she has stayed with us.

My biggest letter-writing success, however, came this summer, when my family and I stayed with my American penfriend in Texas. **14 B** Everyone was amazed that a correspondence could last so long. The local press even considered the correspondence worth reporting on the front page.

I am pleased that my children are carrying on the tradition. Like my mother before me, I insist they write their own thank-you letters. My daughter writes me little letters, just as I did to my mother. **15 E** However convenient communicating by email may appear to be, I strongly urge readers not to allow letter writing to become another 'lost art'.

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**A** Most of the letters from home contained just everyday events concerning my parents and their friends.

**B** We had been corresponding for 29 years but had never met.

**C** It didn't matter how short or untidy they were as long as they were letters.

**D** Notes are appreciated, but how much better to have a year's supply of news!

**E** Poor handwriting can spoil your enjoyment of a letter.

**F** But instead of harming the relationships, letter writing seemed to improve them.

**G** She and my son have penfriends of their own in Texas, organised by my penfriend.

**H** More important, if she hadn't replied, we would be the poorer for it.

8. GAP FILL; Fill in the blanks with the suitable form of the verbs in brackets. ( 17 p)

Mary and Jane are twin sisters. When they (be born) ~~had~~ <sup>been born</sup> their mother (die) <sup>died</sup> and they (be separated) <sup>were separated</sup>. Mary (go) <sup>went</sup> to live in France and Jane to England. They (be) <sup>are</sup> 16 years old now and they (not see) <sup>haven't seen</sup> each other since they (be) <sup>were</sup> 3 years old. Nowadays they (be) <sup>are</sup> in touch, they (write) ~~are writing~~ <sup>write</sup> letters twice a month. They (speak) ~~are speaking~~ <sup>have been learning</sup> different languages but Mary (learn) ~~learnt~~ English, Jane (learn) ~~has been learning~~ French for 3 years now to be able to communicate. They (discover) <sup>had discovered</sup> they were sisters when they (see) <sup>saw</sup> a picture at school while they (do) <sup>were doing</sup> an international student exchange. Next summer they (visit) <sup>are going to visit</sup> Germany together, they hope they (have) <sup>will have</sup> a great time.

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9. LITERATURE ( 4 P)

Provide an example of both DRAMATIC and SITUATIONAL IRONY from the short story Lamb to the Slaughter

Situational irony <sup>happened</sup> in the short story when the fellow detectives <sup>had come</sup> to investigate the murder of ~~their~~ coworker, a fellow detective, Patrick. In case of a dramatic irony, it <sup>happened</sup> when the ~~as~~ reader knows something more than the characters, for example that Mary killed Patrick with the lamb and the police then ate it.

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