

1. TRANSFORMATIONS; rewrite the sentences using the words given. Do NOT change the words given. (16 p)

- a. He moved to the countryside. He wants to start a farm. VIEW
- He moved to the countryside with a view of starting a farm.
- b. I haven't driven an automatic car for several years. LAST
- It's been several years since the last time I have an automatic car.
- c. She waited for Peter to send her an email; then she went out. HAD
- She went out after Peter had sent her an email.
- d. People believe that Leonardo da Vinci foresaw the invention of aircraft. BELIEVED
- The invention of aircraft is believed to have been foreseen by L. da Vinci.
- e. »Is this your best piece of work?« she said. KNOW
- She asked if I know, whether that was my best piece of work.
- f. "Shall I buy that car?" he asked himself. Use special reporting verb
- He ~~asked~~ ^{wondered} whether or not he should buy that car.
- g. "All right, I will do the dishes," my sister said. Use special reporting verb
- My sister agreed she would do the dishes
- h. "Have you ever thought about moving to another country? Tom inquired.
- Tom inquired whether I had ever thought about moving to another country.
- j. "Well done in the test!" said the teacher. Special reporting verb
- The teacher praised us for doing well in the test.
- k. "Try not to forget her birthday," Sandra said to Ann. Use special reporting verb
- Sandra ~~asked~~ ^{warned} Ann not to forget her birthday.
- l. "Shall I open the door?" said the man. Use special reporting verb
- The man asked whether he should open the door.
- m. If you argue about it more, we'll get there even later. THE
- The more you argue about it, the later we will get there.
- n. What was your inspiration for creating such a character in your new novel? TO
- What inspired you to create such a character in your new novel?
- o. Mum insisted on apologising to my sister. MADE
- Mum made me apologise to my sister.
- p. Is Mary as good a singer as her brother? AS
- Does Mary sing as well as her brother?
- q. When does the film start tonight? WHAT
- Can you tell me what time the film starts tonight.

2. REPORTED SPEECH GAP (15 P)

Write one word in each gap.

The Excuses

The office was silent. 'So, let me get this right,' (1) Alison calmly. 'Not one of you is willing to donate some money towards Mr Bartlett's leaving present. There was silence again for a moment, then Deidre (2) up, saying that she (3) love to give a donation, but unfortunately her house (4) being painted that week and she (5) not have any spare cash at all. Alec was next. He was very apologetic and said that he (6) meant to bring some money to work (7) morning, but had forgotten. Perhaps tomorrow? Betty said she (8) completely broke at (9) moment in time, and said she (10) not give anything until she (11) her pay cheque at the end of the week. Alison stared at them all. She (12) them how disappointed she (13) with all of them, and that she (14) remember their excuses when it was time for (15) to retire. She slammed the door behind her as she left the room.

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3. WORD FORMATION (8 P)

Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

A snooker player speaks

When I first started playing snooker, I had no real (1) of the rules. I just thought it looked an (2) game. Also, I didn't need to buy any expensive (3) because the snooker hall near my house had tables and cues. I spent (4) all the free time I had practising, and then decided to enter a (5) It was great fun! My (6) was someone who'd been playing for years. Of course, he beat me, but the fact that I'd (7) didn't put me off at all. And, (8) , my game improved enough for me to become a professional snooker player three years ago.

KNOW
ENJOY
EQUIP
PRACTICAL
COMPETE
OPPOSE
LOSE
FORTUNE

4. GAP FILL (15 P)

Write one word in each gap.

CULTURE SHOCK

Many people dream (1) about living in a foreign country. It can be an amazing experience for those who (2) have the courage to leave their family and friends and settle (3) down in a new place. However, there's one potential problem you should be aware of: culture shock. Culture shock is the feeling we get from living in a place that is so different to where we (4) grew up that we are not sure how to deal with it. Societies are organised in many different ways, and we can often be (5) taken aback by some of the things we find in foreign countries. Customs and traditions can be very different and that can sometimes make it difficult to (6) get on with local people and to (7) make friends. They might not approve (8) some things you do or might object (9) to things you say. You might even be banned (10) from doing things in another country that are perfectly legal in your own. (11) if you were to move to a country such as Singapore, say, you might find some of the laws very strict. There, people can be forced (12) to pay a large fine just for dropping litter. Eventually, though, most people who live abroad (13) fall in love with their adopted country and learn to accept its differences. It does (14) take real courage to make such a big change to your life, but many people agree (15) that it is worth it in the end.

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5. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER (12 P)

- 1 I don't know how you could even contemplate to allow / allowing Vicky to go on holiday with her friends.
- 2 The interviewer somehow managed to get / getting the politician to admit his mistake.
- 3 Did you mention to have / having to book the restaurant when you saw Angie?
- 4 We missed our flight so we ended up to sleep / sleeping on the floor in the airport.
- 5 The woman demanded to know / knowing who was in charge.
- 6 I can't help to feel / feeling that I've forgotten something.
- 7 The board of directors opted to apply / applying to the bank for a loan.
- 8 What happened when Sandra applied to join / joining the army?
- 9 We don't foresee to need / needing to employ anyone to replace Amy when she's on maternity leave.
- 10 I really wasn't expecting to bump / bumping into Ken in Birmingham.
- 11 I'm beginning to wish I hadn't volunteered to help / helping Sandra move house.
- 12 Please don't hesitate to contact / contacting me if you require further information.

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6. 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.

Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Drop me a line!



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 C**

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 D** 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 G 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. | E Poor handwriting can spoil your enjoyment of a letter. |
| B We had been corresponding for 29 years but had never met. | F But instead of harming the relationships, letter writing seemed to improve them. |
| C It didn't matter how short or untidy they were as long as they were letters. | G She and my son have penfriends of their own in Texas, organised by my penfriend. |
| D Notes are appreciated, but how much better to have a year's supply of news! | H More important, if she hadn't replied, we would be the poorer for it. |

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