

NR. 1

1p. A. Choose the correct answer:

Environmental Concerns

Earth is the only (0) ... we know of in the universe that can support human life. (1) ... human activities are making the planet less fit to live on. As the western world (2) ... on consuming two-thirds of the world's resources while half of the world's population do so (3) ... to stay alive we are rapidly destroying the very resource we have by which all people can survive and prosper. Everywhere fertile soil is (4) ... built on or washed into the sea. Renewable resources are exploited so much that they will never be able to recover completely. We discharge pollutants into the atmosphere without any thought of the consequences. As a (5) ... the planet's ability to support people is being reduced at the very time when rising human numbers and consumption are (6) ... increasingly heavy demands on it. The Earth's natural resources are there for us to use. We need food, water, air, energy, medicines, warmth, shelter and minerals to (7) ... us fed, comfortable, healthy and active. If we are sensible in how we use the resources they will (8) ... indefinitely. But if we use them wastefully and excessively they will soon run out and everyone will suffer.

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|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1 | A Although | B Still | C Yet | D Despite |
| 2 | A continues | B repeats | C carries | D follows |
| 3 | A already | B just | C for | D entirely |
| 4 | A sooner | B neither | C either | D rather |
| 5 | A development | B result | C reaction | D product |
| 6 | A doing | B having | C taking | D making |
| 7 | A hold | B maintain | C stay | D keep |
| 8 | A last | B stand | C go | D remain |

1p B. Fill in using one word only:

Exam Tips

When the day comes give yourself plenty of time (0) ... do everything: have breakfast but don't drink (1) much; go to the toilet; arrive on time, but not too early or you will find yourself getting more and more nervous while you wait to start.

In the exam, calm (2) by breathing deeply and thinking positively. Read the exam questions carefully and underline all of the key instruction words (3) indicate how the questions should be answered. If possible start with the ones (4) can do easily to give you confidence. Remember what you've learnt from practising questions and doing mock exams previously and plan your use of time. Don't panic (5) everyone around you seems to start writing furiously straight away and don't be tempted to follow their example.

Finally, after the exam, don't join in a discussion about (6) everyone else did, (7) you want to frighten yourself, and drain your self-confidence for the next exam.

Above (8)....., remember that exams are not designed to catch you out, but to find out what you know, what you understand and what you can do.

1p. C. Word formation:

In the not-too-distant past farm animals were able to live (0) ... lives in what we would now term 'free-range' conditions. Such farming methods however, (were not able to supply the rapidly growing (1) ... of the world and the increasing demands on food (2) ... In order to cope with this rising demand, factory farming methods were introduced along with the (3) ... of genetically engineered (4) ... hormones, which resulted in a massive increase in food production. However, these developments in the use of factory farming and drug (5) ... have led to a widespread feeling that animals are being caused a lot of distress and that the quality of the food itself suffers as a consequence. Certainly, many people (6) ... with the idea of keeping animals in one building for their entire (7) ... and argue that more emphasis should be given to (8) ... farming methods.

NATURE
POPULATE
CONSUME
DEVELOP
GROW
TREAT
AGREE
EXIST
ALTERNATE

1p. D. Rephrase:

1. "Have you been on holiday recently, Jane?" asked Tony.

BEEN

Tony asked Jane on holiday recently.

2. I was too tired to go to the party.

THAT

I was I couldn't go to the party.

3. There's no point asking Lynda to help as she's really busy.

WASTE

It's asking Lynda to help as she's really busy.

4. I'm sure it was Ana I saw in town as I recognised her coat.

MUST

It Ana I saw in town as I recognised her coat.

5. We demanded to see the hotel manager to make our complaint.

SEEING

We the hotel manager to make our complaint.

6. The boss wouldn't object to you going early today.

OBJECTION

The boss would not you going early today.

2p. E. Read and choose the best answer:

Extract

Six months ago I made a rash promise. The leader of the youth club in our village had rung me in March saying, "We're thinking of running a children's play scheme for a day in October half-term. Would you be prepared to help?" My response was "Sure, why not?" In truth I was a little flattered to be asked, even though working as a care assistant with old people hardly qualified me for the role. Still, I duly put the date in my diary and of course I forgot all about it. I don't know if you've noticed this but time has a habit of speeding along faster than a police car chasing a robber and, before I knew it, the dreaded day was dawning.

I arrived at the youth centre that morning feeling full of trepidation. There was a gang of 12 helpers including me, split into pairs, and each pair had been allocated a particular age group. Mine was the 10 to 11 year olds. Even with the planning meeting I had attended the week before, I worried about whether I was up to the task. Why hadn't I read through the copious lesson plans we were given beforehand? And wasn't the average 10-year-old more interested in the latest electronic game than making things with paper and glue?

All too quickly the children began arriving. The look of relief on parents' faces as they handed their offspring over to us was almost comical. A handful of the children were already members of the club but the other forty five or so were from the local primary schools. One or two looked tearful but the rest were in high spirits. Again I asked myself why I had elected to spend a day with all these 'little monsters' especially when I have two all of my own to contend with! I needn't have worried of course as it turned out to be a marvellous day. We watched entertaining DVD clips, learned 'action' songs, made clay pyramids, kneaded bread, decorated biscuits, played memory games and spent some time in quiet reflection. I say 'we' because I rediscovered my inner child and joined in all the activities with glee.

The particular highlight for me was a rousing rendition of "He's got the whole world in his hands" in the closing part of the day. The children already knew the words and actions off by heart and sang so loudly it was almost enough to bring the roof down. It's difficult to explain those moments; only that the body tingles with the pleasure of having witnessed something so magical.

Of course there were also moments of great poignancy. I found it difficult to stop thinking of one little girl, who mentioned oh-so-casually that her mum was in hospital and would be there for a long time. It's easy for us adults to idealise childhood and forget that some children have their own burden of anxieties and concerns. When I got home utterly exhausted, still with modelling clay under my fingernails, I reflected on what a privilege it had been.

There was one disappointment for the children and that was that the play scheme was only running for a day, and not the whole week. As I said farewell to my group, one of the children turned and said, "Can we do it again in the next holiday, Miss?" My response was, "Sure, why not?"

1. When the first day of the job arrived the writer was surprised

- A. that the day had come round so quickly.
- B. because she'd forgotten to write down the date.
- C. because she witnessed a car chase on the way.
- D. that she woke up at dawn.

2. When the writer arrived to start her job she

- A. put the children into pairs.
- B. realised she should have done more preparation.
- C. felt confident she could deal with 10 and 11 year olds.
- D. saw the children had brought their own electronic games to play with.

3. According to the writer, the parents were

- A. happy to stay with their children all day.
- B. worried about children from the other schools.
- C. nervous that their children might not behave themselves.
- D. glad to leave their children.

4. The writer's best moment

- A. occurred in the middle of the day.
- B. took her by surprise.
- C. was hard to put into words.
- D. was when the day was over.

5. According to the writer, adults

- A. think that being a child is a privilege.
- B. sometimes forget that children have worries too.
- C. are usually exhausted by bringing up their children.
- D. don't have a stressful life.

6. What is the writer's attitude by the end of the day?

- A. She could imagine doing the job again next time.
- B. She was sad to say good bye to the children.
- C. She was disappointed with the experience.
- D. She hopes the play scheme will be longer in future.

4p. F. Write an essay outlining two ideas in the text and your own opinion on the issue.

NR. 2

1p. A. Choose the correct answer: Write the Perfect Crime Novel

Most people are born with the natural ability to (0) ... stories, but only a rare few have the determination to become professional authors, and even fewer have the joy of seeing their novels top the (1) ... of bestselling books. Some of the world's famous crime writers have achieved the (2) ... success of all. Who can deny the appeal of famous detectives like Sherlock Holmes, Miss Marple or Hercule Poirot? Even if you haven't read the (3) ... books you will have seen them in films or on the TV.

If you have an ambition to become the next Agatha Christie what should you do? The best starting (4) ... is to read lots of examples of crime fiction written by good authors. You will need a notebook to carry around with you or, even better, some loose (5) ... of paper that you can (6) ... notes on and then file into a folder. After all, the most everyday situation - for example, watching a woman get (7) ... a train - may be the inspiration for your first bestseller. Like any good recipe you have to know the main (8) ... of a successful novel. These are: an original story, strong characters and a memorable setting.

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|--------------|---------------|-----------|------------|
| 1 A queue | B list | C row | D line |
| 2 A largest | B greatest | C highest | D prime |
| 3 A first | B initial | C early | D original |
| 4 A spot | B tip | C point | D mark |
| 5 A strips | B sheets | C layers | D pieces |
| 6 A complete | B do | C fill | D make |
| 7 A out | B down | C off | D from |
| 8 A parts | B ingredients | C pieces | D sections |

1p B. Fill in using one word only: Too Good to be True

Some say you can do it in seven days, others promise success in 24 hours, or you may prefer to take (0) ... time and do it in 5 weeks. What are we talking about? Believe it (1)..... not, these periods (2) time refer to language learning courses that promise excellent results in less time (3) it takes to say 'Bonjour'!

However, the advertisements of these companies are not necessarily the best guide and if you don't know what to look for in a good course you could be left with little (4) than a large bill. A complaint was recently made to a consumer rights group against WhizzLearn Systems, a language school chain, and the company has been forced to remove its claim that its technique is ten times better than any (5) method. The Managing Director of WhizzLearn Systems said (6) "...we still believe our claim is true, we are willing to change our advert. But the fact remains, if you spend 3 hours per day for 5 weeks on our language course you will soon be speaking the language. What we (7) have done was to make (8) clearer in the advert."

1p. C. Word formation:

Dress Code

UK companies have received (0) ... from a business forum for what their report refers to as a rather narrow-minded attitude towards the dress code for office workers. This follows a case in which a male (1) ... working in the post room of a large company in the United Kingdom received a (2) ... for wearing jeans to work.

Whilst the report accepts that there is a need for people dealing with (3) ... to look well dressed, it questions whether employees who work behind the scenes necessarily need to dress formally.

The authors of the report made a (4) ... between the UK and other European nations where employers seem (5) ... about the need for their workers to wear smart clothes in the office.

Their (6) ... is based on research that claims workers are far more (7) ... when they have the (8) ... to dress in a way that they feel most comfortable in.

CRITIC

EMPLOY

SUSPEND

CUSTOM

COMPARE

CONCERN

ARGUE

PRODUCT

FREE

1p. D. Rephrase:

1. Because it snowed heavily during the night the motorway is closed.
due

The motorway is closed that there was heavy snow the night before.

2. Did you manage to get in contact with the boss today?
getting

Did you in contact with the boss today?

3. I don't care what you do.
concerned

As you can do what you like.

4. The meal we had in the restaurant was so nice.

such

It meal in the restaurant.

5. Do you and your brother have the same looks?

like

Does you?

6. That's the garage where I left my car last week.

repaired

That's where I went last week.

2p. E. Read and choose the best answer: BE WEB WISE

Protect your computer, by all means, but don't forget to protect yourself, advises web safety expert, Amanda Knox.

We're always being urged to stay safe online. But in an era where the internet is part of our everyday lives - for work, fun, study, shopping, even managing finances - it's not always easy to spot the dangers. Web safety expert, Amanda Knox, explores some of the issues lurking in cyberspace.

Her first piece of advice is to install software and a firewall to protect your computer from viruses, hackers and criminals who want to steal your data or financial information. "Think of these as your first line of defence," says Amanda.

So much for protecting yourself against intruders, but what about other problems? Say you've accidentally deleted an important file or you've been at the mercy of a natural disaster. Katy Marsh runs an online photography business from home and when a fire destroyed part of her house it could easily have spelled ruin for her business too. "Luckily I keep a regular back-up of my data so it wasn't a catastrophe." Amanda advises that while back-ups are good to have we must ensure we protect our computers to start with.

Whilst most of us are aware of the need to protect our computers, it seems we're more lax when it comes to looking out for ourselves, at least according to a recent web awareness survey. Web safety specialists say better personal awareness is needed and this is due in part to the rise of 'Social Networking' sites like 'Facebook' or 'Twitter', which allow us to connect with people around the world with similar interests and professional backgrounds. Chris Simpson, a computer programmer, learnt the hard way. "I joined a free online networking group in the hope of making some professional contacts to help me find a new job. After a month, one of my online contacts invited me to take out a subscription to a club that promised access to a network of job recruiters. It turned out to be a waste of money. I ended up a laughing stock with my mates - they couldn't believe that someone in my job could get taken in so easily." No wonder then that Amanda warns, "It's easy to get complacent and let our guard down when we meet someone with the same interests online."

This brings us to other potential pitfalls. Are the people you meet online who they really claim to be? Can you be sure the person you're chatting with is in fact a 22-year-old Maths undergraduate from London and not someone merely masquerading as a student to win your trust? Khaled, a postgrad from Manchester University, quickly realised that it was unwise of him to post his phone number and email address in the public forum of an online academic discussion group. He was soon bombarded with unwanted emails and nuisance phone calls. Yet, it's astonishing how many highly educated people do this without considering the consequences that anyone in the world could use the information to make (unwanted) contact.

When networking and joining online communities it's better to be cautious about the amount of personal information you share. For example, it isn't always necessary to use your real name as a username when registering for a service. You could instead use a pseudonym, or a name that doesn't give away your real identity to other users. And is it really important to tell the world details about your school, college or any local clubs you're a member of? Sometimes it pays to be a little vague and simply say something like 'I'm studying at college in Madrid at the moment and I'm a member of a local tennis club'.

If you do experience problems from another user be prepared to report them for misusing the service. You'll be doing other users a favour too. And if all else fails, check to see if it is easy to delete your account and leave the service if you choose to and that you have the option to delete all your details. A general rule of thumb is not to post any information about yourself that you would not be happy for the world to know - not just now but in years to come. This includes photographs of yourself, particularly embarrassing shots of you at that party which you may later regret! It's not always easy to remove information after it's been posted so you - not to mention your future employer - may have an unpleasant surprise a few years down the line.

1. In the second paragraph the phrase 'first line of defence' suggests something
 - A. is the only option.
 - B. offers protection.
 - C. is an instruction.
 - D. shows weakness.

2. The effect of the fire was
 - A. worse for Katy's business than her home.
 - B. to ruin Katy's business.
 - C. not as serious for Katy's business as it could have been.
 - D. to make Katy start to back up her data.

3. According to the web awareness survey, our attitude to our personal safety is
 - A. rather relaxed.
 - B. concerned.
 - C. positive.
 - D. uncertain.

4. Regarding Khaled's experience, the writer is surprised that
- A. people telephone complete strangers.
 - B. people don't think of the results of their actions online.
 - C. university students take part in online discussions.
 - D. people sent emails to Khaled without asking permission.
5. What tip does the writer give for joining an online community?
- A. Always use a false name.
 - B. Make sure you are properly registered.
 - C. Limit the information you give to others.
 - D. Tell other users where you're studying.
6. In the final paragraph, the writer advises people
- A. not to put photos online.
 - B. to apply for a job online.
 - C. not to have any personal information online.
 - D. to consider what may cause problems in the future.

4p. F. Write an essay outlining two ideas in the text and your own opinion on the issue.

1p. A. Choose the correct answer:

No More Classes

The use of computers has meant students can study language programmes (0) ... their own speed when and for how long they want. What's more, in the virtual classrooms of the future the student will (1) ... on their headset, and be transported into an imaginary school, choose their class, take the books they need off the shelf and (2) ... conversations with other computerised students.

They might (3) ... choose to pay a visit to the supermarket or the train station, the bank or the restaurant. At the (4) ... of a button they would be transported to (5) ... realistic settings where they could practice their English, maybe getting a hand from a virtual English companion. All this perhaps, at the computer, from the comfort of their home: no (6) ... to catch the bus to college, or a plane to England.

Exciting? Certainly, and an interesting alternative to traditional classroom lessons. But would it ever (7) ... the classroom? Hopefully not. Surely the need to relate to real people talking about real issues and generally learning a little more about others will always lead language learners to (8) ... at least a little of their time with real people.

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|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| 1 A place | B put | C set | D get |
| 2 A take | B do | C catch | D hold |
| 3 A although | B preferably | C instead | D contrary |
| 4 A force | B hit | C depress | D push |
| 5 A so | B such | C like | D alike |
| 6 A role | B duty | C obligation | D need |
| 7 A replace | B restore | C succeed | D recover |
| 8 A spend | B make | C have | D do |

1p B. Fill in using one word only: Camping Holidays

Although it has a reputation for being rather basic in terms of home comforts, the modern material used in (0) ... manufacture of tents means camping is at least a (1) less hard work. Nowadays tents are (2) lightweight that you hardly notice you're carrying them. They're easy to put up yet still a cheaper alternative to hotel accommodation.

Talk to an expert first before spending a lot of money (3) a tent. Different tents suit different needs and there's no point (4) buying a mountaineering tent (5) you're planning to camp in these conditions. Don't be tempted to splash out on all the latest equipment either. Most of the fun of camping lies in the chance to get back to nature. There's no need to take anything more (6) the basics.

Always try to plan your arrival at the site long before it gets dark. You will want to see (7)..... you're doing when you try to erect your tent. Don't forget to ask for permission if you're not camping on a registered site, and remember to take a supply of food and drink with you

in (8)... ... the local shops are closed when you arrive. You can then enjoy your first meal under the stars and begin to appreciate the joys of camping.

1p. C. Word formation:

The next time you go to the supermarket don't forget to buy the (0) ... bottle of kitchen cleaner you can to (1) ... your work surfaces.	BIG INFECT
Recent research in America has shown that the kitchen is often the most (2) ... of all the rooms in the home.	HYGIENE
The (3) ... of food, heat and dampness means the kitchen is (4) ... a breeding ground for bacteria that can cause stomach upsets and vomiting.	COMBINE POTENTIAL
The study at the University of Arizona examined 15 homes over 30 weeks. Levels of (5) ... were certainly not below average yet cutting boards and dishcloths were found to contain bacteria in far greater number than elsewhere in the home.	CLEAN
(6) ... say ignorance is the cause of the problem and point out that (7) ... cleaning can lead to serious food poisoning.	RESEARCH ADEQUATE
The (8) ... ? Make sure you clean all work surfaces daily and keep an eye on that dishcloth!	SOLVE

1p. D. Rephrase:

- 'Why don't you come over for dinner at the weekend?' he asked her.
suggested
He for dinner at the weekend.
- The school I studied at last year was better than this one.
good
This school my last one.
- Although the weather was terrible we had a good time.
spite

We had a good time the terrible weather.

4. Being rude is inexcusable.

excuse

There is rude.

5. I regret taking up smoking.

wish

I up smoking.

6. The police are interviewing the suspects.

interviewed

The suspects by the police.

2p. E. Read and choose the best answer:

Burglary and How to Avoid It

A recent survey of crime statistics shows that we are all more likely to be burgled now than 20 years ago and the police advise everyone to take a few simple precautions to protect their homes.

The first fact is that burglars and other intruders prefer easy opportunities, like a house which is very obviously empty. This is much less of a challenge than an occupied house, and one which is well-protected. A burglar will wonder if it is worth the bother.

There are some general tips on how to avoid your home becoming another crime statistic. Avoid leaving signs that your house is empty. When you have to go out, leave at least one light on as well as a radio or television, and do not leave any curtains wide open. The sight of your latest music centre or computer is enough to tempt any burglar.

Never leave a spare key in a convenient hiding place. The first place a burglar will look is under the doormat or in a flower pot and even somewhere more 'imaginative' could soon be uncovered by the intruder. It is much safer to leave a key with a neighbour you can trust. But if your house is in a quiet, desolate area be aware that this will be a burglar's dream, so deter any potential criminal from approaching your house by fitting security lights to the outside of your house.

But what could happen if, in spite of the aforementioned precautions, a burglar or intruder has decided to target your home? Windows are usually the first point of entry for many intruders. Downstairs windows provide easy access while upstairs windows can be reached with a ladder or by climbing up the drainpipe. Before going to bed you should double-check that all windows and shutters are locked. No matter how small your windows may be, it is surprising what a

narrow gap a determined burglar can manage to get through. For extra security, fit window locks to the inside of the window.

What about entry via doors? Your back door and patio doors, which are easily forced open, should have top quality security locks fitted. Even though this is expensive it will be money well spent. Install a burglar alarm if you can afford it as another line of defence against intruders.

A sobering fact is that not all intruders have to break and enter into a property. Why go to the trouble of breaking in if you can just knock and be invited in? Beware of bogus officials or workmen and, particularly if you are elderly, fit a chain and an eye hole so you can scrutinise callers at your leisure. When you do have callers never let anybody into your home unless you are absolutely sure they are genuine. Ask to see an identity card, for example.

If you are in the frightening position of waking in the middle of the night and think you can hear an intruder, then on no account should you approach the intruder. Far better to telephone the police and wait for help.

1 A well-protected house:

A is less likely to be burgled.

B is regarded as a challenge by most criminals.

C is a lot of bother to maintain.

D is very unlikely to be burgled.

2 According to the writer, we should:

A avoid leaving our house empty.

B only go out when we have to.

C always keep the curtains closed.

D give the impression that our house is occupied when we go out.

3 The writer thinks that hiding a key under a doormat or flower pot:

A is a predictable place to hide it.

B is a useful place to hide it.

C is imaginative.

D is where you always find a spare key.

4 Gaining entry to a house through a small window:

A is surprisingly difficult.

B is not as difficult as people think.

C is less likely to happen than gaining entry through a door.

D is tried only by very determined burglars.

5 According to the writer, window locks, security locks and burglar alarms:

A cost a lot of money but are worth it.

B are good value for money.

C are luxury items.

D are absolutely essential items.

6 The writer argues that fitting a chain and an eye hole:

A will prevent your home being burgled.

B avoids you having to invite people into your home.

C is only necessary for elderly people.

D gives you time to check if the visitor is genuine.

4p. F. Write an essay outlining two ideas in the text and your own opinion on the issue.