

**Task 2: READING COMPREHENSION****Task 2: Cars and the Environment**

Read the following texts on cars and the environment. For questions (1 – 10) on the next page, choose one of the people (A - F) that best matches each question. Some choices will be required more than once. Write the corresponding letter (A – F) on the Answer Sheet.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

<b>A Sam</b>	<b>B Alice</b>
I'm aware I use my car too much and I'm also conscious of the fact that the number of vehicles on our streets is a major cause of global warming. I've tried going to the office by bike or on foot. I know it's healthier, but I must confess it was rather tough and I've had to quit for the time being. I'd go by bus or tram, but they're always packed. My company also has an underground garage.	Something definitely needs to be done about finding cleaner sources of energy. But what are the alternatives? We can run cars on hydrogen or electricity. The thing is that often you need to burn fossil fuels to generate such sources in the first place, which rather defeats the point. Of course, that doesn't mean we shouldn't explore their potential further. Of course, the public will have to help pay for it.
<b>C Colin</b>	<b>D Lana</b>
There's no doubt that many people use their cars excessively. They claim they don't do much damage, but who can take that seriously? We really ought to ask ourselves if there are other means of getting to our destinations, such as underground. It's certainly a way of getting round where to leave your car. It might not save you any money, but it saves time. All in all, it has to be far more efficient if you ask me.	Automobiles powered by cleaner energy sources are a fantastic idea and I'm all for them. People question how clean they really are, but the evidence points to them being an improvement. The question that now needs to be addressed is affordability. The models that are starting to come on to the market are all somewhat on the dear side. Having said that, this will almost certainly change. Besides, we don't have much of a choice.
<b>E Josh</b>	<b>F Kath</b>
Just take a look around you. All these fumes contribute to the increase in people with breathing difficulties. People say driving's more convenient, but look at the gridlocks in and around our cities. Vehicle owners should be taxed more to help finance the burden we are all under. However, it'd be unpopular because there are always those who are against what they see as limitations on their liberty.	It's all very well talking about car pollution. Of course, no one in their right mind can deny they are responsible in part for the amount of carbon emissions. It's just that they are not solely to blame. Besides, some of the scientific research is reportedly rather questionable. People also talk about imposing restrictions. This ignores the fact that we need to be free to live our lives and would represent an unacceptable check on this right.

Which person

- 0       D       thinks that alternatives to oil are not cheap enough?
- 1     \_\_\_\_\_     says that alternative fuels are not as clean as people think?
- 2     \_\_\_\_\_     is against controlling people's use of cars?
- 3     \_\_\_\_\_     mentions traffic jams?
- 4     \_\_\_\_\_     is in favour of using public transport?
- 5     \_\_\_\_\_     states that cars are not the only source of global warming?
- 6     \_\_\_\_\_     mentions the effect that pollution from cars has on health?
- 7     \_\_\_\_\_     says that more research has to be carried out?
- 8     \_\_\_\_\_     says drivers should pay more because of the problems cars cause?
- 9     \_\_\_\_\_     says driving is more comfortable than other means of travel?
- 10    \_\_\_\_\_     refers to difficulties in finding a parking space?

Tasks 3 - 8: ENGLISH IN USE

Task 3: Flora MacDonald

Read the following text. Use the word given in CAPITALS at the end of each line to form a word that best fits the gap in the same line.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Flora MacDonald, considered by many to be one of the great Scottish national (0) <u>heroines</u> , was born on the island of South Uist in 1722. In 1745, Prince Charles Stuart, better known as Bonnie Prince Charlie, had attempted to seize the British throne with the assistance of his many (1) _____ in Scotland. However, after initial successes, the (2) _____ was crushed a year later at the Battle of Culloden, and Bonnie Prince Charlie (3) _____ to the island of Benbecula. Here, the young Flora MacDonald was asked to help the prince escape from government forces. (4) _____ her fear, she disguised the prince as an Irish maid and obtained a pass from the local military (5) _____, who was actually a relative, and sailed for the island of Skye. From there, the prince was able to escape to France.	(0) HERO
(6) _____ immediately fell upon Flora and she was arrested and (7) _____ in the Tower of London. She was given her (8) _____ in 1747 and later emigrated to the United States of America, but returned home to Scotland where she died in 1790. Flora MacDonald's courage and (9) _____ have been immortalised in the traditional Scottish ballad the Skye Boat Song and she has become a (10) _____ figure in Scottish history.	(1) SUPPORT (2) RISE (3) FLEE (4) COME (5) COMMAND (6) SUSPECT (7) PRISON (8) FREE (9) LOYAL (10) LEGEND

#### Task 4: The European Eel

Read the following text. In most of the lines 1 - 15, there is one extra word. Identify the extra words which are either incorrect grammatically or do not fit in with the text's meaning. Remember that some lines are correct.

If a line is correct, put a tick (✓) in the appropriate place on the answer sheet. If there is an extra word in the line, write the extra word in the appropriate place on the answer sheet.

The task begins with two examples, (0) and (00).

Remember to write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

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| ✓    | (0)  | The life cycle of the European eel for a long time was one of the greatest          |
| only | (00) | mysteries in science. In fact, it was not only until the eighteenth century that it |
|      | (1)  | was even discovered that it was a fish. The mystery centred on the fact that        |
|      | (2)  | no young eels had not ever been found in the rivers and lakes of Europe. The        |
|      | (3)  | transparent juvenile eels that had lived in the sea were believed to be a           |
|      | (4)  | separate species until the end of the nineteenth century. Then, in 1922,            |
|      | (5)  | scientists discovered that eels breed in the Sargasso Sea in the Atlantic           |
|      | (6)  | Ocean and then make their way up to fresh water to grow into adults, a              |
|      | (7)  | journey that covers more than about six thousand kilometres. Once the               |
|      | (8)  | young eels reach the coast, they enter in the continent's rivers. They can          |
|      | (9)  | even move across such wet grass and so colonise landlocked bodies of                |
|      | (10) | water such as ponds. Certain mature adults make for the return journey to           |
|      | (11) | the Sargasso Sea, which also lasts about 150 days. Unfortunately, the               |
|      | (12) | European eel has been placed on the list of critically endangered species and       |
|      | (13) | therefore its numbers have fallen by as much as 98 percent in the last forty        |
|      | (14) | years. Although numerous theories have recently been put forward for this           |
|      | (15) | decline, including overfishing too and the appearance of a new parasite.            |

### Task 5: The First Thanksgiving

Read the following text and choose the answer (A, B, C or D) that best fits each numbered space.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Thanksgiving Day is one of the most important (0) B in the American calendar. It was (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a national holiday by Abraham Lincoln in 1863. Thanksgiving Day is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ every year on the fourth Thursday in November. At this time of the year, family and friends (3) \_\_\_\_\_ together for a meal. The (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of the occasion is to thank God for the harvest. The (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of Thanksgiving can be traced back to the early colonists of the seventeenth century. It is believed that the first harvest festival took place at Plymouth Plantation in New England in 1621 when the colonists invited 90 members of the Wampanoag (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to join them in a feast to give thanks for their survival. The Wampanoag were invited because they had helped the colonists survive their first winter, which had been extremely (7) \_\_\_\_\_, by teaching them how to catch fish and plant crops. They had also provided extra food when the colonists' own supplies proved (8) \_\_\_\_\_. According to contemporary (9) \_\_\_\_\_, the feast continued for three days and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ a variety of types of fish, meat, fruit and vegetables. The Wampanoag brought (11) \_\_\_\_\_ five deer that they had hunted, but the most abundant type of meat was turkey, which is probably why this particular bird became the traditional Thanksgiving dish. Modern Thanksgiving dinners reflect this first feast in the types of food that are prepared, as only food that is (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to the United States, such as sweet potatoes, sweet corn and pumpkin, is (13) \_\_\_\_\_. Unfortunately, this (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of co-operation did not continue and the Wampanoag were eventually dispossessed of their land by the settlers. Each year, there is a National Day of Mourning held on the same day as Thanksgiving to draw attention to their (15) \_\_\_\_\_.

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| (0) A episodes   | B events       | C happenings | D incidents    |
| (1) A affirmed   | B announced    | C proclaimed | D stated       |
| (2) A celebrated | B commemorated | C rejoiced   | D remembered   |
| (3) A bring      | B draw         | C gather     | D group        |
| (4) A intent     | B principle    | C purpose    | D reason       |
| (5) A causes     | B cores        | C grounds    | D origins      |
| (6) A group      | B inhabitants  | C race       | D tribe        |
| (7) A awful      | B harsh        | C rough      | D strict       |
| (8) A absent     | B defective    | C faulty     | D insufficient |
| (9) A accounts   | B explanations | C portrayals | D versions     |
| (10) A comprised | B consisted    | C contained  | D covered      |
| (11) A along     | B down         | C forth      | D round        |
| (12) A limited   | B local        | C native     | D resident     |
| (13) A dished    | B distributed  | C served     | D supplied     |
| (14) A essence   | B feeling      | C spirit     | D tendency     |
| (15) A fate      | B finish       | C fortune    | D outcome      |

### Task 6: Garlic

Read the text below and think of the word that best fits each space. Use **ONLY ONE** word each time.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Garlic is a (0) member of the onion family that has been cultivated by man throughout history. Besides (1) \_\_\_\_\_ used in cooking, it has been extensively utilised for its supposed medicinal properties in cultures as (2) \_\_\_\_\_ apart as China and that of the Cherokee in North America. Many ancient writers referred to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ they saw as the healing qualities of the plant. For instance, the Roman writer Pliny, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ lived in the first century AD, described its use in treating both breathing and stomach disorders. In the First World War, it was employed (5) \_\_\_\_\_ an anti-septic. More recently, scientific tests (6) \_\_\_\_\_ suggested that garlic might indeed have positive effects (7) \_\_\_\_\_ people's health. For example, some research has indicated that garlic could be effective (8) \_\_\_\_\_ certain types of virus and bacteria. Other studies have claimed that it can help (9) \_\_\_\_\_ reducing levels of cholesterol in the blood. However, it needs to be pointed (10) \_\_\_\_\_ that the results of tests in laboratories and (11) \_\_\_\_\_ animals have not been conclusively reproduced in humans. As (12) \_\_\_\_\_ consequence, the use of garlic is confined to herbal rather (13) \_\_\_\_\_ conventional medicine. One thing that (14) \_\_\_\_\_ would deny, however, is its rather noticeable side (15) \_\_\_\_\_ of giving those who eat it bad breath.

### Task 7: Sentence Transformation

For questions 1 -15, complete the second sentence so that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the first sentence using the word in brackets. DO NOT CHANGE THE GIVEN WORD. Do not use more than SIX words, including the given word. Only write the missing words on the answer sheet.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

(0) I don't know if we have enough money to pay for a holiday this year. (cover)

I don't know if we have enough money to cover the cost of a holiday this year.

(1) You need to consider the facts before making such an important decision. (account)

You need to \_\_\_\_\_ the facts before making such an important decision.

(2) As far as I know, Jean should be back home at around ten this evening. (knowledge)

To the \_\_\_\_\_, Jean should be back home at around ten this evening.

(3) Bill was dismissed because he constantly criticised management. (sack)

Bill was \_\_\_\_\_ constantly criticising management.

(4) Kay said that it was very difficult to compare the two artists' work. (draw)

Kay said that it was very difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ the two artists' work.

(5) Eddie did not feel at all relaxed during his job interview. (ill)

Eddie felt very \_\_\_\_\_ during his job interview.

(6) Ray felt sorry for the children and gave them some money. (took)

Ray \_\_\_\_\_ the children and gave them some money.

(7) Ana got really drunk and behaved embarrassingly at the party. (fool)

Ana got really drunk and \_\_\_\_\_ herself at the party.

(8) My doctor advised me to start going for a walk every day. (habit)

My doctor advised me to get \_\_\_\_\_ going for a walk every day.



(9) It seemed that Diane was not really interested in what was being said. (**impression**)

Diane \_\_\_\_\_ not really being interested in what was being said.

(10) You really should buy your own phone instead of borrowing mine all the time. (**high**)

It is \_\_\_\_\_ your own phone instead of borrowing mine all the time.

(11) The other competitors were running so fast that I soon fell behind. (**up**)

The other competitors were running so fast that I was not \_\_\_\_\_ with them.

(12) Debbie has just had a baby and won't be back at work for another six months. (**leave**)

Debbie is going to be \_\_\_\_\_ for another six months.

(13) Toby's team-mates felt very disappointed when he didn't turn up for the match. (**let**)

Toby \_\_\_\_\_ badly by not turning up for the match.

(14) I can't describe how irritating I find Andy's behaviour recently. (**nerves**)

Andy has really been \_\_\_\_\_ with his behaviour recently.

(15) I did not realise that I had left my keys in the office until I arrived. (**when**)

Only \_\_\_\_\_ that I had left my keys in the office.

### Task 8: Gap Filling

For questions 1 to 10, find one word which is appropriate for all three gaps in each of the following sets of sentences.

The task begins with an example (0).

Remember to write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

- (0) Gymnasts need a good sense of balance if they are to avoid falling.  
Now that I have internet banking, I am able to check my balance on-line.  
For success in life, it's necessary to balance your work and family life.
- (1) Despite being the better side, Rangers could only \_\_\_\_\_ the match.  
I would like to \_\_\_\_\_ your attention to this important safety notice.  
If we're going out, I need to go to the bank and \_\_\_\_\_ some money.
- (2) My Mum and Dad's plane \_\_\_\_\_ in New York at six-thirty local time.  
The book is about a man who visits many strange \_\_\_\_\_ on his travels.  
Julie's temper often \_\_\_\_\_ her trouble with those in authority.
- (3) The passengers began to \_\_\_\_\_ to those on shore as the boat set sail.  
The president condemned the recent \_\_\_\_\_ of terrorist attacks.  
The bathers all got completely wet when a large \_\_\_\_\_ broke over them.
- (4) All citizens get a bus and tram \_\_\_\_\_ at the age of sixty-five.  
The government announced it is going to \_\_\_\_\_ a new law on taxation.  
In my opinion, no other team can \_\_\_\_\_ the ball the way that Brazil can.
- (5) With such a high temperature, Ben was in no \_\_\_\_\_ state to go to work.  
Sarah found it very difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ in at her new high school.  
Jim took the shoes back to the shop because they didn't \_\_\_\_\_ him.

