



Instructor's Name: Ms. Yousefi

Level: Solutions Advanced

Student's Name:

1 Choose the correct options to complete the dialogues.

Kelly Would you like to come with me to my old school reunion?

Tim ¹ _____? It'll be nice to meet your old friends.

a Why not? b Why?

Kassim Danny's left dirty footprints all over the carpet.

Jack ² _____ with dirty shoes on – it's really thoughtless of him.

a He never comes in b He's always coming in

Piotr Have you heard this song before? It's really, really old.

Anna ³ _____ the Beatles? My grandma listens to them sometimes.

a It isn't by b Who are

Fabio That story about a robbery in town was just a rumour.

Rosanna ⁴ _____? The town centre was full of police when I went shopping.

a Why did that happen? b Then what did happen?

Harry Have you ever been to a theme park, like Disneyland?

Sue Yes, I have. We used to live near a Universal Studios theme park when I was young. My parents ⁵ _____ – it was great.

a kept on taking me there b would often take me there

Mark: ___ / 5

2 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

1 Anton is a pretty **abrasive** / **placid** character. He doesn't really think about others much, and he has few friends.

2 I have a vague **nostalgia** / **recollection** of seeing this film before, but I can't remember how it ends.

3 We really **look up to** / **look into** our aunt Bethany and admire her.

4 Viviane is a real **introvert** / **extrovert** – she'll talk to anyone.

5 A lot of people have applied for the job, so you'll have to really **blend in** / **stand out** from the crowd at the interview.

6 Actors have to memorise their lines until they know **them by heart** / **jog their memories**.

7 I've written a note on my smartphone to **recall** / **remind myself** to pick up some milk on the way home.

8 Marcus still has very **fond** / **bitter** memories of how Sarah stopped going out with him without any explanation.

Mark: ___ / 8

3 Choose the correct words to complete the dialogues.

Sam 1 _____ went to Mike's party on Sunday?

Josh I did. It was OK, but Mike 2 _____ insist on playing his electric guitar instead of putting on some decent music.

Sam 3 _____ in a band?

Josh Yes, but they can't be very good!

Fran Carlos shouted at me today.

Pete 4 _____? He's 5 _____ doing things like that.

Fran I know. 6 _____ be so aggressive all the time?

Pete He 7 _____ be a much nicer person, but he's changed.

- | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 9 a Did | b They | c Who |
| 10 a kept | b will | c would |
| 11 a He's never | b Wasn't he | c Isn't he |
| 12 a Did he | b Was he | c He does |
| 13 a never | b continually | c keeping on |
| 14 a Don't | b Why | c Why not |
| 15 a would always | b didn't use to often | c used to generally |

Mark: ___ / 7

4 Tick (✓) the correct sentences and rewrite the others, changing 1-3 words.

1 I used to living in Peru for a while when I was growing up.

2 Thanks for letting me in. I'm continually forget to take my keys when I go out.

3 I used to hate British food, but I quite like it now.

4 When Tom was young, he'll get up early every morning and go for a run.

5 Who did you tell Liam I wanted to go out with him, if it wasn't you?

6 Max is really annoying. He will insist on turning the volume up on the TV when I'm trying to work.

7 Why ask the teacher if you don't understand this task? She'll explain it to you better than I can.

8 Of course you would like to go round to Robert's house with me. You fancy his sister!

Mark: ___ / 8

5 Match the words in the box with the definitions.

narrow-minded gene therapy hereditary disease trustworthy ethically unacceptable go off the rails placid

- 1 An illness which is partly caused by genetic factors, and can be passed from a child to a parent.

- 2 Morally wrong. _____
- 3 Calm, and not easily worried or offended. _____
- 4 Someone who keeps their promises and doesn't lie. _____
- 5 Treating diseases by replacing damaged genes, or making some genes active or inactive.

- 6 To become depressed or begin to behave unacceptably due to pressures such as stress, addiction or grief.

- 7 Intolerant, prejudiced and easily offended. _____

Mark: ___ / 7

6 Match the parts of the sentences, and complete them with the words in the box

quick tempered follow a different path enduring bring about shrewd

- 1 As soon as you even begin to criticise Tom, he gets angry. He's ...
- 2 Kelly was polite to Jack, but she was _____ enough to realise ...
- 3 Both of Cathy's parents were scientists, but she chose ...
- 4 It's ridiculous that young people can go to war at the age of 17 but not ...
- 5 Elaine's childhood was a happy one and she has _____

- A that he was only being friendly because he wanted her to do something.
- B to _____ and study English Literature at university.
- C memories of spending time with her family abroad.
- D vote until they're 18. We need to _____ a change in the law.
- E a very _____ person.

Mark: ___ / 5

7 Read the dialogue and find ten mistakes. Circle the mistakes and write the corrections.

- Ben** I spend most of my time playing the guitar in a band. As from sport, I'm really keen on karate. 1 _____
- Anna** Really? I used to do judo, but I couldn't continue, which with a bad knee injury from football. 2 _____
- Ben** That's a shame. To the mind, martial arts should be compulsory at school. 3 _____
- Anna** That's an interesting idea, especially on view of the obesity problem this country has. 4 _____
- Ben** For myself, it isn't just about fitness. Martial arts teach children self-confidence, discipline and respect. 5 _____
- Anna** Yes, but I dare tell most teenagers will give up any martial arts to get into team sports at school. 6 _____
- Ben** That's true. As though team sports are important for social skills, weaker players often don't get to participate as much. 7 _____
- Anna** And when that comes to gender equality, girls usually take part alongside the boys in martial arts classes. 8 _____
- Ben** Martial arts also help to improve behaviour at school, bearing at mind the strict attention you need to pay in a karate or judo class. 9 _____
- Anna** Yes, they teach you self-discipline too, giving that you have to spend time being silent and waiting for the next command. 10 _____

Mark: ___ / 10

Reading

A Michelle Payne

Six months after Australian jockey Michelle Payne was born, her mother died in a car accident. It left a painful and lasting impression on the whole family, and Payne recalls how her father would always talk to her about her mother.

Michelle's parents used to work with horses, and the whole family would often go to watch horse races. Michelle and seven of her nine siblings carried on the family tradition of horse racing, and Michelle rode in her first race in 2000 when she was fifteen. She won – the first of many victories. In 2004, she had a horrific fall while racing and suffered bad head injuries. Her family tried to convince her to retire, but she refused.

As well as being injured several times since then, Michelle Payne has continually fought sexism in the racing industry, which still tends to look down on female jockeys. In 2015 she proved the sceptics wrong once and for all when she won the prestigious Melbourne Cup. She startled race-goers by winning this \$6.2 million race on a horse that the betting professionals had given odds of 100 to 1! The win made her a national celebrity, and a role model for young Australian sportspeople.

B Nikki Lauda

When Austrian Andreas Nikolaus Lauda first took up motor racing, he used to hide his racing car from his parents, who didn't approve of such a career. After racing successfully in lower motor racing categories, Nikki applied to enter a Formula One team. The big teams turned him down, and he had to pay a smaller team a lot of money to let him race in their car. Finally, in 1974, he joined the Ferrari racing team. After that, Nikki won win race after race, and in 1975 he became the World champion.

In August 1976, Nikki nearly refused to drive in Germany due to bad weather conditions, but in the end he raced. His car later hit a barrier and began to burn. By the time people had pulled him from the wreckage, he had terrible burns all over his body. In hospital, the doctors thought that he would die, but Nikki survived. Amazingly, he raced again six weeks later in the Italian Grand Prix, but in terrible pain. Why suffer so much for sport? The answer probably lies in Nikki's sheer guts and determination – qualities that made him world champion again in 1977 and 1984.

C Wilma Rudolf

At the age of four, Wilma Rudolf contracted an illness which paralysed her legs. The doctor told her mother that she would never walk again, but Wilma's mother simply refused to accept that. Although she had to look after a huge family of twenty-two children, Wilma's mother would massage and move Wilma's legs every day. Wilma used to use a leg brace to move around, but after eight years of slow improvements, she could finally walk normally again when she was twelve. Although she had a lot of catching up to do, she soon became very good at sports. She began playing basketball at school. Later, a coach at Tennessee State University spotted her talent at running and trained her in athletics.

Just four years after starting to walk normally again, Wilma qualified to represent the United States at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics. She won a bronze medal in the 4x400 metre relay. Four years later at the 1960 Rome Olympics, she won three gold medals: in the 100 metres, 200 metres and 4x100 metres relay. Wilma came home from Rome as a national hero, celebrated and greeted wherever she went in her home town. To this day, Tennessee remembers June 23rd as Wilma Rudolf Day.

D Jackie Robinson

Growing up in Cairo, Georgia in the 1920s, Jack Roosevelt Robinson and his four brothers experienced both poverty and racial prejudice. Despite these difficulties, Jackie took after his older brother, an athlete, and excelled at sports. He later went to university, but had to leave owing to the cost of studying. After playing professional football in Hawaii, Jackie joined the army during World War II. There he experienced prejudice again: he faced a military trial simply because he had refused to give up his seat to a white soldier.

After the war, Robinson became a professional baseball player. In 1947 he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers, becoming the first African-American player in a Major League baseball team. At first, Robinson suffered a lot of racial abuse not only from baseball fans, but even from narrow-minded members of his own team. However, his ability at baseball was undisputed, and he was named the best new player of that year. It was the start of a brilliant career for Robinson, which ended with him entering the Baseball Hall of Fame. In 1972, the year he died, the Dodgers announced that nobody would wear the number 42 again. It was the number Jackie used to wear.

8 Read about four sportspeople. Match people A–D with questions 1–5. Each person can be matched with more than one question.

Which sportsperson ...

- 1 spent years recovering from a disability?
- 2 won a race against the experts' predictions?
- 3 suffered terrible burns in an accident?
- 4 learned about racism when they were young?
- 5 competed again weeks after a near-fatal accident?

Mark: ____ / 10

Writing

9 Read the task below and write an opinion essay (220–260 words). Remember to plan your paragraphs before beginning to write.

What is more important for your education: school, your family or your own interests and talents? Write an essay in which you discuss this question and give your opinion.

Mark: ____ / 10

Total: ____ / 70