

TEST 2

I. In each line (1-5), identify the word (A, B, C or D) that has a different consonant sound (согласный звук) in the underlined part. Mark your answer on your answer sheet. Here is an example:

0. (A) these (B) thank (C) think (D) thread

Answer: 0.

A	B	C	D
✓			

1. (A) lose (B) loose (C) housework (D) base
 2. (A) chef (B) chief (C) arch (D) bachelor
 3. (A) doors (B) looks (C) plays (D) legs
 4. (A) bathe (B) bathh (C) birthday (D) mouthhful
 5. (A) language (B) longer (C) king (D) sign

II. Indicate which syllable (слог) carries the stress (ударение) in the following words. Mark your answer on your answer sheet. Here is an example:

0. elect [r'lekt]

00. cancel ['kænsəl]

Answer: 0.

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
	✓		

00.

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
✓			

6. materialism
 7. occupy
 8. outcome
 9. make-up
 10. diplomacy

III. Read the following sentences. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in the space. Write your word clearly in the answer box on your answer sheet.

11. He received a medal for his _____ (hero).
 12. They fought _____ (hero) in the war.
 13. She was described as a _____ (hero).
 14. To _____ (stable) the boat in rough sea, we redistributed the weight.
 15. Between 1860 and 1900 the country had a number of revolutions and uprisings. It was a time of great _____ (stable).
 16. The exchange rate is going up and down dramatically. It's very _____ (stable) at the moment.
 17. She works as a _____ (receive) at a hotel in Scotland.
 18. Ask for a _____ (receive) when you buy something, in case you need to return it.
 19. I made several suggestions to improve production, but the management was not very _____ (receive) to my ideas.
 20. In that tense situation I found the good news very _____ (comfort).
 21. I felt rather _____ (comfort), so I put a soft cushion behind me.
 22. She sat in terrible _____ (comfort) on the hard chair for over an hour.

23. The _____ (demonstrate) marched through the streets chanting slogans.
24. Grandfather rarely showed the affection he felt for his family. He was a very _____ (demonstrate) person.
25. What you say is _____ (demonstrate) false. Let me show you the facts.

IV. Fill each of the gaps in the following text with the correct preposition. Write your preposition clearly in the answer box on your answer sheet.

The hazards of extreme weather conditions discourage most walkers (26) _____ venturing into the hills in winter. For those few adventurous souls who do insist (27) _____ climbing in winter, however, a course in winter mountaineering skills lessens the dangers.

John White's Mountain School in Cumbria offers a short course which introduces beginners (28) _____ winter climbing. Anyone is eligible (29) _____ the Winter Walking Skills course, provided they are (30) _____ good health. Those who participate (31) _____ the sessions are taught basic navigation skills, winter skills (such as how to dig a snow hole), the use of ice-axes and crampons, and mountain first aid. This last subject, of course, is (32) _____ particular importance. The necessity (33) _____ learning how to recognise and deal (34) _____ hypothermia and frostbite effectively, for example, is impressed (35) _____ all the students who enrol (36) _____ the course. By the end of the course, those determined to gamble (37) _____ fate will have sampled their first proper ice-climbing route. Weather permitting, of course.

V. For the following sets of sentences, think of one word only which can be used appropriately in all three sentences. Write this word clearly in the answer box on your answer sheet.

38. _____
a) Since Jones has not yet made a _____ decision as to what he wants to do, we still have time to persuade him to join us.
b) To check that a melon or pineapple is not overripe, squeeze it gently with the tips of your fingers to make sure that it is still _____.
c) If you are not _____ with young children, they will become difficult and rude as adolescents.
39. _____
a) The fly _____ in only seven days.
b) A teenager _____ quickly on leaving the security and comfort of home.
c) This cheese _____ much more slowly than other types of cheese, so don't attempt to eat it yet.
40. _____
a) The police attempted to _____ order, but the crowd seemed determined to express their feelings of anger and dissatisfaction.
b) How long do you think it will take them to _____ the Queen Anne Theatre?
c) Surgeons feel that the operation to _____ my father's hearing will be successful.

41. _____
- a) She looked so _____ at the party, I wondered whether she was going down with the flu.
 - b) I think the _____ blue curtains we bought will be ideal for this room.
 - c) Experts agree that this copy of the painting is a _____ imitation of the original work.
42. _____
- a) They'd like to see their daughter _____ down, get married, and have kids.
 - b) Should you decide to _____ in America, you must make sure that you have all the necessary documents.
 - c) I think that butterfly will _____ on your arm, as long as you don't make any sudden movements.

VI. Read the following text and look carefully at each line. In most lines, there is one unnecessary word. It is either grammatically incorrect or does not fit in with the sense of the text. For each numbered line 43–60, find this word and then write it in the answer box on your answer sheet. Some lines are correct. Indicate these lines with a tick (✓).

WHO IS FATHER CHRISTMAS?

43. Although it is not a very clear how contemporary Father Christmas's 'look'
44. came about, it is certain that it is the result of a continuous amalgamation
45. of many old folk customs and beliefs from the varied sources. First and
46. foremost, there is the image of the three kings are bringing gifts to the baby
47. Jesus. A second source is the Roman custom of giving to children presents
48. for good luck during the pagan festival which celebrating the winter solstice.
49. Last but not least, there is Saint Nicholas, a 4th-century bishop and the patron saint
50. of children, sailors and the poor whose saint's day it is December 6. Traditionally, Saint
51. Nicholas was depicted as like a tall dignified figure riding a white horse, giving
52. sweets to children and helping for the poor. The familiar image of a good-humoured
53. round-bellied Santa Claus, is complete with sleigh, reindeers and sack of toys, seems
54. to have be a 19th-century American invention. Built up on the Dutch figure of
55. Saint Nicholas which settlers they brought with them to New York, contemporary
56. Santa Claus is as the result of the blending of religious and pagan traditions from
57. many European countries with newer American customs. Such elements as the
58. reindeer, the stockings and the North Pole can round off the modernised legend.
59. Thus, nowadays because Joulupukki of Finland, Papa Noel of French-speaking
60. countries, English Father Christmas and American Santa are very much alike.

VII. Complete each of the following sentences in a meaningful way by choosing one of the options (a, b or c). Mark your answers on your answer sheet.

61. Don't you sometimes wish you and Dad (a) *would not get* / (b) *did not get* / (c) *had not got* married when you were so young?
62. I really wish I (a) *would go* / (b) *could go* / (c) *went* to Australia for my nephew's wedding.

63. It's high time you children *(a)start / (b)will start / (c)started* helping your mother around the house a bit more.
64. I wish I *(a)did / (d)would / (c)will* not live so far away from the rest of my family.
65. Suppose you *(a)have had / (b)had had / (c)would have had* triplets instead of twins. Do you think you would have been able to manage?

VIII. Fill in the gaps in the following sentences with *do* or *make*. Write the verbs clearly in the answer boxes on your answer sheet.

66. It took me weeks to _____ all the arrangements for my holiday and then I realised there was no one to look after my cats.
67. She decided she would have to _____ more of an effort to learn Polish.
68. You would _____ everyone a favour if you were to agree to be Head of Department.
69. Would you be able to _____ use of this sofa bed? It's really too big for my living room.
70. Why don't you take a few weeks off? It would _____ you the world of good!

IX. You are going to read an article in which four people talk about their first day at work. For questions 71–80, choose from the people (A–D). The people may be chosen more than once. Mark your answers on your answer sheet.

MY FIRST DAY AT WORK

Four young people remember their first day in a new job.

A. Sheila

My first day at work was alright, really. When I walked into the office the first person I saw was the person who'd interviewed me. She didn't make much of an effort to put me at my ease. I just sat down where she told me to and got on with it. They gave me a load of data to input, so I had plenty to do straight away, which was a relief. I wasn't familiar with the computer system, but I thought if I told anyone I needed help with it, they might just laugh at me. Now I know how kind everyone actually is, I know it would have been fine if I had. I decided I'd bring in some pictures and a plant for my desk, just to make it feel more mine. I could see that's what the others had done. I've been there for two years now, and I've made some good friends and learnt an awful lot.

B. Judy

On my first day, everyone in my new team seemed to know all about me, which I hadn't expected. They all introduced themselves and were very friendly, but I immediately got everyone muddled up, because I felt pretty nervous. I thought my course had prepared me for the work, but in fact it was soon clear to me that there were huge gaps in my knowledge. I was asked to write a press release and then left on my own for ages. I didn't do it particularly well, mainly because I did it quite quickly. I didn't want to look as if I had nothing to do, though, so I typed it out three times. It was a bit disappointing, because I'd thought I'd get so much more done. Now I often wish I had a bit more time like I did on that first day – I never seem to stop!

C. Marion

The first thing I did was learn what everybody was called – not too hard as I'm good at that sort of thing. It was a nice surprise to be greeted by someone I was at school with – it turned out we'd be working together. That was great as I'd been a little worried about not knowing anyone there at all. She showed me where everything was and it was a thrill to have my very own desk and even a locker with my name on! I was a little taken aback when she told me most people went home fairly late and I'd have to do the same if I wanted to be considered for promotion in the future. I should have realised that, I suppose, because my friends had warned me that might be the case. I didn't mind, though – I knew I was very lucky to be there.

D. Valerie

I remember being quite nervous, and when I got there, nobody seemed to know who I was or what I should be doing. That was a little odd, I thought, but my boss turned out to be very friendly and soon made me feel at ease. I was very smartly dressed and everyone else was fairly casual – I wished I'd listened to a friend who'd worked there the previous summer and had told me not to wear a suit. I'd imagined I might not actually do much, but I was asked to look for some photographs of animals to go with an article my boss was writing. I found several suitable ones, and went home at the end of a long day feeling pretty pleased with myself! I've learnt a lot since then but I'll always remember that first day!

Which person

71. achieved more than she had hoped to? _____
72. tried to appear busier than she really was? _____
73. imagined how she would personalise her workspace? _____
74. found it difficult to remember all her colleagues' names? _____
75. was surprised at how unprepared her colleagues were for her arrival? _____
76. discovered her working hours could be longer than she had expected? _____
77. felt too embarrassed to ask for assistance? _____
78. was relieved to see a familiar face? _____
79. realised how much she still had to learn? _____
80. regretted ignoring some advice she had been given? _____