

PART 1: CLOZE: VOCABULARY

From the words listed below, choose the ones which best fit the space, A, B, C or D.

CONKERS

The conker is a chestnut, the hard brown fruit of the chestnut tree. There are two types of chestnut: the sweet chestnut which you can eat. In winter, they are sold, roasted, from barrows in the street. And then (1)..... is the horse chestnut, which cannot be eaten. It is the horse chestnut, or conker, which grows (2)..... in England.

The conker does, however, (3)..... one useful purpose. It is collected in autumn by (4)..... small boy in England. He dries it, (5)..... a hole in it, and puts it on the end of a piece of string. He is then ready to challenge(6)..... small boy to play conkers.

One of the boys holds his conker, at the end of his string, while the other boy strikes it by bringing his conker down upon it as (7)..... as he can. Then the positions are (8)..... . The victor is the boy who smashes the other's conker to (9)..... .

But in the city of Birmingham, conkers (10)..... come to an end. A member of the city government - Councillor Florence Pickersgill - is worried about the number of children injured (11)..... out gathering conkers from chestnut trees. She has asked that all chestnut trees in the city be (12)..... so that they cannot bear conkers. A chemical firm has been approached. They will drill small holes in the trees, and then insert an anti-conker pill in each hole.

There has been a lot of (13)..... to the scheme. Mrs Joan Whippitt, mother of eight children, said, "Councillor Pickersgill must be crazy. The city of Birmingham has long refused to provide a family planning service for its (14)..... . Now it has been (15)..... that the only completely free birth-control service is to be offered to trees."

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|-----|----------|----------|------------|----------|
| 1. | it | here | that | there |
| 2. | usually | often | frequently | commonly |
| 3. | serve | make | offer | give |
| 4. | every | all | most | many |
| 5. | screws | digs | grinds | bores |
| 6. | second | another | other | every |
| 7. | tough | hard | strong | heavy |
| 8. | reversed | reviewed | revised | remade |
| 9. | scraps | lumps | parts | pieces |
| 10. | can | may | ought | shall |
| 11. | after | while | since | as |



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| 12. | treated | drugged | dealt | medicated |
| 13. | criticism | dislike | protest | opposition |
| 14. | members | citizens | partners | staff |
| 15. | set | legalised | decided | dictated |

PART 2: CLOZE: GRAMMAR

Complete with the word that best fits the space.

JOB TRAINING IN CALIFORNIA

In California, Ms Brenda Blackman has started a business teaching people (16)..... to marry a millionaire. Her students, mainly women, sit (17)..... class saying over and over (18)..... : "I want to be rich. I deserve to be rich. I was born to be rich. I will be rich."

She (19)..... them useful information, (20)..... as the telephone numbers of the golf and tennis clubs (21)..... the filthy rich (22)..... to be found. She advises them on (23)..... to wear at a croquet match. She instructs them (24)..... the basic etiquette of dealing (25)..... servants: "Always address the chauffeur (26)..... his surname."

(27)..... homework, her students study the *Wall Street Journal*. She trains them to walk (28)..... straight backs, and to keep their arms (29)..... their sides. She also advises them to confirm (30)..... his chequebook stubs that their target millionaire really does have the money he appears to have.

PART 3: TRANSFORMATION: USAGE

Complete the second sentence, using between two and five words, including the word given. Do not change that word in any way.

31. May we borrow your ladder for half an hour?
mind
 Would you your ladder for half an hour?
32. "I'm not frightened," he said; in fact, he was terrified.
be
 He pretended frightened.
33. The Majestic is better than this hotel.
good
 This hotel the Majestic.
34. To enjoy travel, you must go on your own.
only
 You enjoy travelling if you go on your own.



35. You were very generous, giving us all that money.
of
It was very generous us all that money.
36. He was sorry he had asked the bank to lend him the money.
wished
He asked the bank to lend him the money.
37. I haven't owned a car for five years now.
since
It is five years a car.
38. Why didn't you warn me it was going to rain?
have
You me it was going to rain.
39. Heavy smokers are more likely to suffer serious illness than non-smokers.
runs
A heavy smoker serious illness than a non-smoker.
40. Even though she knew she had to get up early, Mary still went to the disco.
despite
Mary still went to the disco that she had to get up early.

PART 4: ERROR CORRECTION

Some of the following lines are correct; others have a word that should not be there. Tick the correct lines. Underline the words that should not be there.

HOUSE SITTING

41. If you do live in certain parts of inner London,
42. the chances are one in to four that your house
43. will be burgled in the next twelve months.
44. If you leave your house empty for any much time longer than two weeks,
45. then there is also going a good chance
46. that you will have the squatters.
47. Squatters are homeless and penniless, and they take over "empty" houses.
48. They make life difficult for people who are away on their business



49. or who are selling their house and moving.
50. It is no surprise that the profession of house-sitter has so become popular.
51. This new job describes someone person who is paid to live in a house
52. while the owners are off away,
53. to make certain sure no one squats in it,
54. and perhaps also feed the pets and to water the flowers.
55. Of course, you need to be very careful indeed as to the character
of whomever you employ as a house-sitter, otherwise....

PART 5: WORD FORMATION

To fill the spaces, use a word formed from the words in the list below.

FILM CRITICS AND JUDGES

The (56)..... was made that the British Academy of Film and Television had awarded the prize for the Best TV Drama Series to something called *Prime Suspect*. Immediately, four out of the seven members of the jury (57)..... They said they had in fact voted for a rival series, (58)..... *GBH*. By and large, the British are not terribly good at advanced mathematics, but this is (59).....

A film critic told a similar story about a country where a film (60)..... was held. He was on the jury to make the selections for prizes. He was approached by a man who had a film in the (61)..... This producer offered him £3,000 to make sure that his film won the main prize. Rather than take the money, the critic mentioned the matter to the (62)..... of the festival. He was shocked. He said, "This is most (63)..... It is (64)..... simply (65)..... I shall speak to this man. The going rate for the main prize is at least £5.000."

56. announce
57. agree
58. title
59. ridicule
60. festive
61. compete
62. preside
63. reason
64. outrage
65. scandal

PAPER 3: USAGE
ANSWER SHEET**PART 1: Vocabulary**

01. D. there
02. D. commonly
03. A. serve
04. A. every
05. D. bores
06. B. another
07. B. hard
08. A. reversed
09. D. pieces
10. B. may
11. B. while
12. A. treated
13. D. opposition
14. B. citizens
15. C. decided

PART 2: Grammar

16. how
17. in
18. again
19. gives
20. such
21. where
22. are
23. what
24. in
25. with
26. by
27. For/As

28. with
29. by
30. from

PART 3: Usage

31. mind our borrowing/if we borrow/lending us
32. not to be
33. is not as/so good as
34. will/can only
35. of you to lend/give
36. wished he had not asked
37. since I owned
38. should have warned
39. runs more/a greater risk of
40. despite knowing/the fact

PART 4: Correction

41. do
42. to
43.
44. much
45. going
46. the
47.
48. their
49.
50. so

51. person
52. off
53. certain (sure)
54. to
55.

PART 5: Word Formation

56. announcement
57. disagreed
58. entitled
59. ridiculous
60. festival
61. competition
62. president
63. unreasonable
64. outrageous
65. scandalous

NOTE: YOUR SCORE

To be certain of an A grade in this paper, you need to score 80%; for a B grade, 70%; and for a passing C grade, 60%.

Sometimes the exercises are rather harder than in the actual examination; occasionally, they are easier.