

Task 1. Grammar

There are 30 questions with **a**, **b** and **c** answers. Read the sentence and choose the correct answer from **a**, **b**, or **c**.

The total score for this task is **15**. For each correct answer, you will get **0.5** points. For each incorrect or not chosen answer, you will get **0** points.

1. What time to bed on Saturdays?
a) do you go b) are you going c) have you gone
2. I have finished my exams so I a party tomorrow.
a) have b) have had c) am having
3. I play tennis, but now I play football.
a) was using b) used to c) had used to
4. Ann a film when Julie arrived.
a) was watching b) watched c) has been watching
5. When I see her again, I her your news.
a) tell b) am telling c) shall tell
6. My arms are hurting now because I since two o'clock.
a) swam b) am swimming c) have been swimming.
7. Janet was out of breath because she
- a) had been running b) has run c) has been running
8. I am completely soaked! We taken an umbrella.
a) should have b) should c) had to
9. Great news about your engagement. You absolutely exhausted.
a) can be b) must be c) have to be
10. If I a motorbike, I would ride to school.
a) have b) have had c) had
11. Nick in if he had had a ticket.
a) would got b) got c) would have got
12. This book to me by John.

13. He heard the bomb
 a) was lent b) had lent c) lent
14. Do you know how often?
 a) to explode b) explode c) exploded
15. Jane isn't an engineer. Neither Mary.
 a) do the buses come b) did the buses come c) the buses come
16. My brother speaks French. So my sister.
 a) is b) isn't c) was
17. Sorry, I forgot the letter.
 a) is b) does c) doesn't
18. Sorry, I forgot the letter.
 a) post b) posting c) to post
19. You take a bit of time to think this one over carefully.
 a) ought b) had better to c) had better
20. I think he laughs at me my back.
 a) in b) behind c) at
21. present my friends gave me was wonderful.
 a) The b) -- c) A
22. love is a wonderful thing.
 a) The b) A c) --
23. You were there for long time. What were you doing?
 a) a b) the c) --
24. He spoke quickly for us to understand, and that's the reason we do not know what assignment we have to do.
 a) so b) such c) too
25. my mother nor my father went to university.
 a) Either b) Neither c) Both
26. I'm thirsty. Can I have water, please?
 a) some b) any c) little
27. We were to hear your good news.
 a) thrilling b) thrilled c) so thrilling
28. This is the woman complained about the room service.
 a) who b) whom c) whose
29. She's so bad at driving that she caused pile up!
 a) ten-car b) a ten-car c) a ten cars'
30. he is rich, he lives in a small house.
 a) In case b) Despite c) Although
31. the price, the more reliable the product.
 a) The higher b) Highest c) Higher

Task 2. Word Formation

Complete the sentences by changing the form of the word in capitals when it is necessary.

The total score for this task is **5** points. For each correct answer, you will get **0.5** points. For each incorrect answer or an answer with a spelling mistake, you will get **0** points.

Charlie Chaplin

During the First World War, at a time when there was lots of (1) **HATE**
 in the world, one man did more than anyone else to spread (2) **HAPPY**
 That man was the (3), Charlie Chaplin. Audiences around the **COMEDY**
 world watched his films and each new one caused a lot of (4) **EXCITE**
 Chaplin created the character of the little tramp and people (5) **SYMPATHY**
 with this poor man. Up until then, film comedies had been (6) **NOISE**
 and very fast. Although they were fun and (7), the audiences **ENERGY**
 became (8) with seeing the same situations. Chaplin produced **BORE**
 a different kind of comedy. It was slower and more (9) His **EMOTION**
 films both made people laugh and touched their (10) Even **FEEL**
 today, his films are enjoyed by many people of all ages.

Task 3: Vocabulary: Matching

Match the words with their definitions or synonyms. There are 3 extra definitions/synonyms.

The total score for this task is **7,5** points. For each correct answer, you will get **0.5** points. For each incorrect answer, you will get **0** points.

| N | WORD | DEFINITION/SYNONYM |
|---|----------------|---|
| 1 | bachelor | a. weak |
| 2 | dismal | b. a stupid mistake |
| 3 | devise | c. a man who has not married |
| 4 | beckon | d. saving, careful in spending |
| 5 | venture | e. a daring undertaking |
| 6 | feeble | f. pour boiling liquid over |
| 7 | thrifty | g. signal by a motion of the hand or head |
| 8 | undernourished | h. a short division of a chapter in a Bible |

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| 9 | blunder | i. having a fixed place, standing still |
| 10 | roam | j. quiet, calm, comfort |
| 11 | verse | k. dark and depressing |
| 12 | loyalty | l. a long period of dry weather |
| 13 | untidy | m. faithfulness to a person, government, idea, etc. |
| 14 | stationary | n. not sufficiently fed |
| 15 | scald | o. not neat, not in order |
| | | p. decision of a jury |
| | | q. think out, plan, invent |
| | | r. wander |

Task 4. Grammar: Odd-word-out

Read each line carefully. Some lines are correct, but some have a word that should not be there. Put a tick (✓) if the line is correct. If a line has a word, which should not be there, write the word in front of each line. There are 10 lines.

The total score for this task is 5 points. For each correct answer, you will get 0.5 points. If there is no tick or nothing is written on the answer sheet, you will get 0 points.

Lines 0 and 00 are marked as examples for you!

Dear Aunt Jean,

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| I am just writing to tell you how much more I appreciate the money you sent me, and to tell you how I am getting on in my first term at university. | 0more..... |
| Actually I am really enjoying myself! I am studying quite hard as well, | 00v..... |
| but at the moment I am spending a lot of time for just making friends. I | 1 |
| am still staying with my friend Sue, and I am looking for somewhere of | 2 |
| my own to live. Only a few of the first-year students who live in college | 3 |
| here, and as I seem to be spending a lot of time travelling backwards and | 4 |
| forwards. I go to lectures every morning, and most afternoons I study in | 5 |
| the library. In fact, I am writing this letter instead of an essay on <i>Hamlet</i> . | 6 |
| I think I'll buy some new clothes with the money you sent. Everything | 7 |
| costs a lot of here, and I am saving to buy a winter coat. It gets really cold | 8 |
| here in the evenings. I now know some other students and in generally | 9 |
| speaking we have quite a good time socially! I am also learning to drive. | 10 |

See you soon.
Katherine

Task 5. Reading

There are two texts:

1. Text one has 7 **multiple-choice questions (a, b and c)**. The score for text one is **3,5 points**. For each correct answer, you will get **0,5 points**. For each incorrect or not chosen answer, you will get **0 points**.
2. Text two has 8 **True (T), False (F), Not Given (NG)** answers. The score for text two is **4 points**. For each correct answer, you will get **0,5 points**. For each incorrect or not chosen answer, you will get **0 points**.

Text 1

Read the text and choose the most appropriate answer from *a, b or c*.

CITY MAKES PROGRESS FOR DISABLED



This week is the first anniversary of mayor Alex Walker's promise to make life in our city easier for disabled people. One year on, we asked disabled athlete Ayesha Omar to tell us about her experiences in the city.

Just over a year ago, City News invited me here for the day to do an interview; it turned out to be a visit I will never forget – unfortunately, for all the wrong reasons. As someone in a wheelchair, it was almost impossible for me to get around the city. There was not nearly enough access to public transport and I discovered that taxis were no better: none of them had the special doors I need to carry my wheelchair. The day was such a nightmare that I decided to write a story about my experience in the paper. After I wrote my story, mayor Alex Walker promised to make things better in the city and gave £6 million to the project. Last week, I returned to see if the city had improved.

I arrived at the train station early in the morning. One year ago, the station had only had stairs up to the exit. That meant that three men had to carry me off the platform which was by far the most embarrassing thing that happened to me during my last visit. This year, I saw immediately that they had built a new lift. 'Wonderful!' I thought – but then I remembered something – the buttons. On 'normal' lifts, the buttons are sometimes too high for a person in a wheelchair. That means that I have to ask someone to push the buttons for me. However, the lift in the station had buttons that were much lower so I was able to push them myself. I was really pleased with this.

I decided to take a taxi into the city centre, so first of all I needed to get some money from the bank. Again, I am very pleased to say that when I found the line of three cash machines outside the station, one of them was lower than the other two and so it was the right height for wheelchair users. Later that day, I took a bus and a tram and visited all the main museums, galleries and shopping centres. There was access for wheelchair users everywhere I went. Things are still not perfect and there is a long way to go but I can honestly say that Alex Walker has kept his promise to disabled people in the city!

1. How long has Alex Walker been mayor of the city?
 - a. at least one year
 - b. exactly one year
 - c. less than one year

2. What does Ayesha say about taxis during her first visit?
 - a. It was impossible for her to find one.
 - b. She was not able to use them.
 - c. They were better than public transport.

3. Why is Ayesha writing another report about the city?
 - a. She has been invited to an anniversary party in the city.
 - b. She has become a professional journalist.
 - c. She heard that a lot of money had been spent on the city.

4. How has the train station improved since Ayesha's last visit?
 - a. Men are employed to help her get from the platform to the exit.
 - b. She can get from the platform to the exit by herself.
 - c. They have repaired the old lifts on the platform.

5. How many of the cash machines at the station can Ayesha use easily?
 - a. one
 - b. two
 - c. three

6. How many different forms of transport did Ayesha use to get around the city?
 - a. one
 - b. two
 - c. three

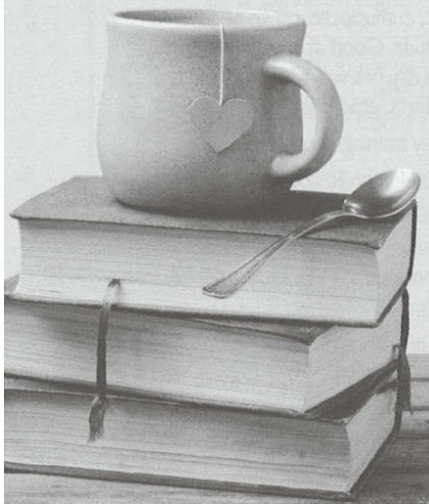
7. The writer says that she...
 - a. enjoyed her very first visit to the city.
 - b. will never forget her first visit to the city because of the marvelous things that have happened.
 - c. will never forget her first visit to the city because of the problems she has encountered.

Text 2

Read the text carefully and decide whether the statements are True, False, Not Given.

THE ANTIDOTE: HAPPINESS FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN'T STAND POSITIVE THINKING

by Oliver Burkeman



Is your life disappointing? Does that make you feel depressed? If you answered 'yes' to those two questions, what can you do to find happiness? The answers to these questions can be worth their weight in gold – last year, people spent almost \$11 billion on 'self-help' books. These books promise to make us more confident, more sociable and more successful. They tell us that all we really need to find love and achieve our goals is a positive attitude.

If you are amused by promises like these, then Oliver Burkeman's book *The Antidote* might just be for you. Burkeman has travelled the world in search of happiness and he has found it in some very unusual places. For example, he meets poor people in Africa who seem to be happier than some wealthy people he knows in London. For Burkeman, this shows us that people who do not own very much cannot worry about losing it. In other words, having a lot of things can add a lot of stress to our lives. Of course he is not saying that poor people in Africa have an easy life. Instead, Burkeman uses this example to talk about 'negative paths'.

A 'negative path' is important for a satisfying life. He suggests that we need to remind ourselves that bad things happen and that we should learn to live with them. True happiness – if it exists – must include both positive and negative experiences. A complete life should be one that knows hate as well as love and illness as well as health.

In my favourite part of the book, Burkeman takes us to a small village in Mexico on the Day of the Dead. The Day of the Dead is a festival that celebrates everyone who has died. However, it is not a sad festival at all, but a colourful party for friends and family. According to Burkeman, we need events like this to remember why we should be happy more often. *The Antidote* is an interesting book that has the ability to make you feel that happiness really is possible.

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| 1 | The phrase 'worth their weight in gold' in the first paragraph means 'valuable'. |
| 2 | Burkeman's book <i>The Antidote</i> is a typical example of a 'best-selling' book. |
| 3 | Burkeman did not expect to find happiness in some of the places he visited. |
| 4 | Burkeman discovers that life is more difficult for some poor people in Africa. |
| 5 | Burkeman says we cannot understand happiness unless we also have bad experiences. |
| 6 | People are often happy and enjoy themselves during the Day of the Dead. |
| 7 | Although there are some good parts, the reviewer does not recommend this book. |
| 8 | The reviewer enjoys a description of a traditional festival. |