

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.

From one language to another

Finding an accurate (1) from one language to another is **TRANSLATE**
 not always easy and the job of an interpreter can be (2) **PREDICT**
 Many (3) in one language don't work in another language **EXPRESS**
 and trying to give a good idea of what a (4) wants to say **SPEAK**
 can be difficult. The most important thing is that no (5) **INFORM**
 should be lost. The interpreter has to have complete (6) **CERTAIN**
 that they understand the message and their (7) language **SPEAK**
 has to be very good. Interpreters can provide a real (8) **CONNECT**
 for people who speak different languages. They are (9) **CERTAIN**
 an important part of international (10) **COMMUNICATE**

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.	wager	a. gather together, bring together
2.	descend	b. a thing, usually and image, that is worshiped, a person or thing that is loved very much
3.	assemble	c. put off to a later time, delay
4.	neglect	d. to give too little care or attention to
5.	thorough	e. cannot be questioned
6.	defraud	f. look angry by lowering the eyebrows, frown
7.	postpone	g. go or come down from a higher place to a lower level
8.	undeniable	h. not doing anything, not busy, lazy
9.	hazy	i. take money, right, etc. away by cheating
10.	bewildered	j. joke, fin, mockery
11.	mature	k. bet
12.	unanimous	l. confused completely, puzzled
13.	wretched	m. misty, smoky, unclear

- 14. scowl
- 15. idle

- n. being all that is needed, complete
- o. in complete agreement
- p. without important or striking happenings
- q. ripe, fully grown or developed
- r. very unsatisfactory, miserable

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!

Murder at the station

Jane Platt, who is travelling to London because of a mysterious letter, is	0	..... v.....
the only person who witnesses a murder at the Victoria Station. The	00	..... the.
detective to whom she gives her statement then disappears. Jane goes to	1	.....
an office in SoHo to answer the letter she had received. There she	2	.....
discovers that her uncle Gordon, who lives in South America, and has	3	.....
sent her a small box of which she should open only if in trouble. Jane,	4	.....
whose parents have never mentioned any Uncle Gordon, is suspicious of	5	.....
the box, which she gives to her friend Tony. They go to Scotland Yard	6	.....
and see to Inspector Groves, who has not heard of Victoria Station	7	.....
murder, which was not been reported to the police. Jane gives Inspector	8	.....
Groves the murdered man's ticket which she found beside his body.	9	.....
Then Jane and Tony decide to go to Redhill, which was the town of the	10	.....
murdered man had come from. On the train they meet a man, whose face		
is somehow familiar to Jane, who says he knows her Uncle Gordon...		

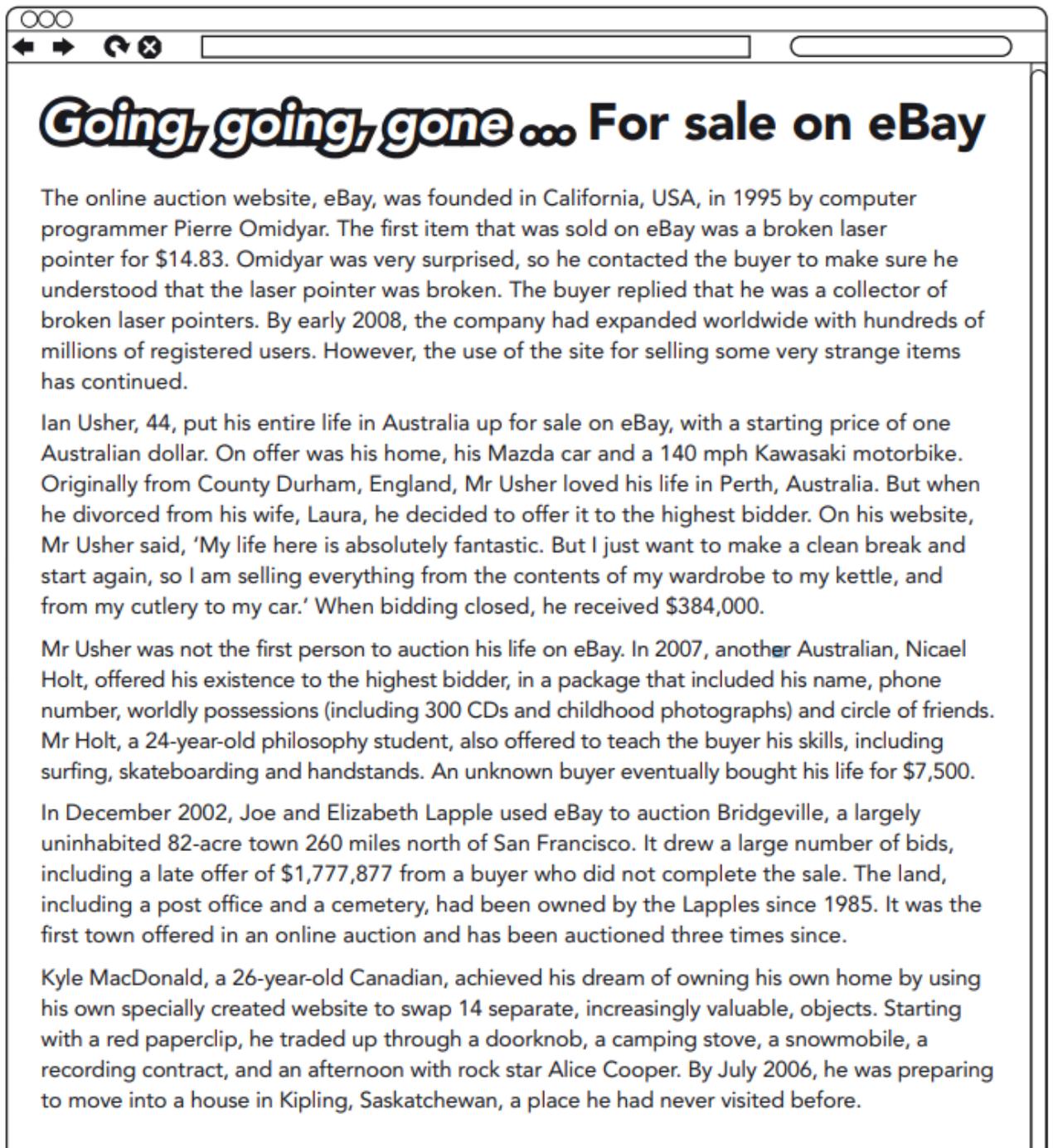
Task 4. Reading

There are two texts:

- 1. Text one has 7 multiple-choice questions (a, b, and c). The score for text one is 10,5 points. For each correct answer, you will get 1,5 points. For each incorrect or not chosen answer, you will get 0 points.*
- 2. Text two has 8 True (T), False (F), Not Given answers. The score for text two is 12 points. For each correct answer, you will get 1,5 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*.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with a title bar containing three window control buttons (minimize, maximize, close) and a navigation bar with back, forward, and refresh buttons. The main content area displays the following text:

Going, going, gone... For sale on eBay

The online auction website, eBay, was founded in California, USA, in 1995 by computer programmer Pierre Omidyar. The first item that was sold on eBay was a broken laser pointer for \$14.83. Omidyar was very surprised, so he contacted the buyer to make sure he understood that the laser pointer was broken. The buyer replied that he was a collector of broken laser pointers. By early 2008, the company had expanded worldwide with hundreds of millions of registered users. However, the use of the site for selling some very strange items has continued.

Ian Usher, 44, put his entire life in Australia up for sale on eBay, with a starting price of one Australian dollar. On offer was his home, his Mazda car and a 140 mph Kawasaki motorbike. Originally from County Durham, England, Mr Usher loved his life in Perth, Australia. But when he divorced from his wife, Laura, he decided to offer it to the highest bidder. On his website, Mr Usher said, 'My life here is absolutely fantastic. But I just want to make a clean break and start again, so I am selling everything from the contents of my wardrobe to my kettle, and from my cutlery to my car.' When bidding closed, he received \$384,000.

Mr Usher was not the first person to auction his life on eBay. In 2007, another Australian, Nicael Holt, offered his existence to the highest bidder, in a package that included his name, phone number, worldly possessions (including 300 CDs and childhood photographs) and circle of friends. Mr Holt, a 24-year-old philosophy student, also offered to teach the buyer his skills, including surfing, skateboarding and handstands. An unknown buyer eventually bought his life for \$7,500.

In December 2002, Joe and Elizabeth Lapple used eBay to auction Bridgeville, a largely uninhabited 82-acre town 260 miles north of San Francisco. It drew a large number of bids, including a late offer of \$1,777,877 from a buyer who did not complete the sale. The land, including a post office and a cemetery, had been owned by the Lapples since 1985. It was the first town offered in an online auction and has been auctioned three times since.

Kyle MacDonald, a 26-year-old Canadian, achieved his dream of owning his own home by using his own specially created website to swap 14 separate, increasingly valuable, objects. Starting with a red paperclip, he traded up through a doorknob, a camping stove, a snowmobile, a recording contract, and an afternoon with rock star Alice Cooper. By July 2006, he was preparing to move into a house in Kipling, Saskatchewan, a place he had never visited before.

- 1 What did Ian Usher include in his sale?**
 - A. His house
 - B. His care
 - C. All his clothes
 - D. Everything he possessed

- 2 Why was Omidyar surprised about his company's first sale?**
 - A. He didn't think he would make a sale so quickly.
 - B. He didn't expect interest in something that was broken.
 - C. He didn't expect to be offered so much money.
 - D. He didn't know anyone collected laser pointers.

- 3 Why did Ian Usher decide to sell his life on eBay?**
 - A. He was no longer happy with his life in Australia.
 - B. He needed to make enough money to start a new life.
 - C. After his divorce, he wanted to return to England.
 - D. He wanted to change his life after his marriage ended.

- 4 Ian Usher ...**
 - A. was not a pioneer in auctioning his life on eBay.
 - B. decided to sell his Mazda car and a 14 mph Kawasaki motorbike.
 - C. put his entire life up for sale on eBay with one US dollar as a starting price.
 - D. None of the above.

- 5 What did Nicael Holt offer for sale on eBay?**
 - A. his social life
 - B. his family
 - C. his home
 - D. his skateboard

6 What does the article tell us about Bridgeville?

- A. It was once bought for \$1,777,877.
- B. It has a large population.
- C. A lot of people took part in the auction.
- D. Since 2002, its owners haven't tried to sell it.

7 Kyle MacDonald ...

- A. bought his dream house in an auction
- B. started a red paperclip business
- C. sold objects through a very powerful website launched by the company of Alice Cooper.
- D. none of the above

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

'It should be possible to make a precious stone that not only looks like the real thing, but that is the real thing', said a chemist many years ago. 'The only difference should be that one crystal would be made by man, the other by nature.'

At first this did not seem like a particularly hard task. Scientists began to try making synthetic diamonds towards the end of the 18th century. It was at this time that an important scientific fact was discovered: diamonds are a form of carbon, which is a very common element. The black mineral that is used in your pencil is made of it too. The only difference, we know today, is that the carbon atoms have been packed together in a slightly different way. The chemists were filled with enthusiasm: Why not change a cheap and plentiful element, carbon, into a rare and expensive one, diamond? You have probably heard about the chemists who for centuries tried to turn plain metals into gold. They failed, because gold is completely different from metals. Changing carbon into diamond, however, is not illogical at all. This change takes place in nature, so it should be possible to make it happen in the laboratory.

It should be possible, but for one hundred and fifty years every effort failed. During this period, several people believed that they had solved the diamond problem. One of these was a French scientist who produced crystals that seemed to be the real thing. After the man's death, however, curious news began to spread. The story told that one of the scientist's assistants had simply put small pieces of real diamonds into the carbon mixture. He was bored with the work, and he wanted to make the old chemist happy.

- 1 A chemist said many years ago that it should be possible to make artificial crystals that would be real, yet, would not look real.
- 2 Diamonds are made of a wide spread element.
- 3 The different structure of an atom makes the main difference between the black mineral and the diamond.
- 4 It is impossible to turn metals into gold as they consist of different elements.
- 5 A French scientist finally managed to produce real crystals.
- 6 According to the story, one of the scientist's assistants had only added a few genuine diamond fragments into the mixture as he was bored with constant vain attempts.
- 7 Changing carbon into diamond is quite logical.
- 8 Carbon is a cheap but rare element.