

# SECTION I

## USE OF ENGLISH

### Test 1

Read the text below. For each empty space (1-12) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

#### WORDS THAT DESCRIBE A GOOD FRIENDSHIP



Have you ever thought of what friendship really (1) \_\_\_\_\_? It is really hard to put into words. Friendships are (2) \_\_\_\_\_ beneficial, meaning each of you get something out of the relationship. Friends are there when you need them, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to comfort, support, congratulate, or just listen.

If you are (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a speech or writing a paper and need some sayings or quotes about friendship, here are (5) \_\_\_\_\_ for you to consider:

The more I think it (6) \_\_\_\_\_, the more I feel that there is nothing more truly artistic than to love people. — *Vincent van Gogh*

Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who (7) \_\_\_\_\_ our souls blossom. — *Marcel Proust*

The most beautiful discovery true friends make is that they can grow separately without growing (8) \_\_\_\_\_. — *Elizabeth Foley*

It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to be stupid with them. — *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

The most basic and powerful way to connect to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ person is to listen. Just listen. Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention ... . A loving silence often has (11) \_\_\_\_\_ power to heal and to connect than the most well-intentioned words. — *Rachel Naomi Remen*

The only way to have a friend is (12) \_\_\_\_\_ one. — *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

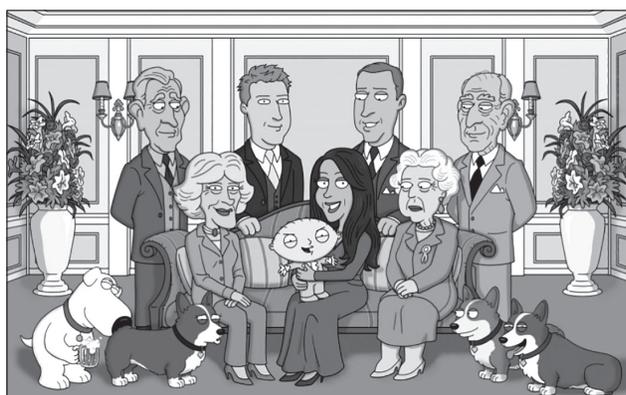
	A	B	C	D
1	thinks	does	means	exists
2	both	mutually	together	alone

3	weather	if	when	whether
4	composing	doing	comprising	drawing
5	few	a few	much	many
6	of	up	to	over
7	force	make	let	prove
8	in	out	apart	among
9	afford	able	capable	let
10	the other	other	others	another
11	far most	far more	far much	far many
12	being	be	to be	to being

## Test 2

Read the text below. For each empty space (1-12) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

### FAMILY LIFE IN BRITAIN



A “typical” British family used to consist of a mother, a father and two children. But in recent years there (1) \_\_\_\_\_ many changes in the family life. For example, since the law made it easier to get a divorce, the number of divorces (2) \_\_\_\_\_. That’s why 24% of British children live with only one parent, usually their mother.

The contemporary British child (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of companionship from brothers and sisters, because an average family has only one or two children. Most British children live with their parents (4) \_\_\_\_\_ until they finish school at the age of 17 or 18. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ many go to college, leaving some parents sad and lonely in their empty nest and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ enjoying their release from parental responsibilities. But many adults stay with their parents during their college years or return home after graduation. (7) \_\_\_\_\_ parents cannot even be sure that their married children have moved out forever. After a divorce they may return to the parental home temporarily or even on a long-term basis.

Older people take (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in their independence, enjoy their freedom and don’t want to be a burden to their children. Members of the family — grandparents, aunts,

uncles, cousins usually keep in touch, but they see (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of each other than they used to. This is because people often move away from home town to work and so the family becomes scattered. Christmas is the traditional season for reunions. Although the family group is smaller nowadays than it used (10) \_\_\_\_\_, relatives often travel many miles in order to spend the holiday together. Family parties are (11) \_\_\_\_\_ when they bring together relatives who (12) \_\_\_\_\_ each other for a while.

	A	B	C	D
1	were	have been	will be	had been
2	have increased	increased	has increased	had increased
3	don't have	isn't having	doesn't have	didn't have
4	at last	at least	at most	at best
5	Then	Than	That	Those
6	other	others	another	the others
7	Today's	Today's	Today	Today's'
8	proud	pride	prouds	prides
9	little	the less	the least	less
10	to be	being	be	to being
11	joyous	most joyous	more joyous	the more joyous
12	didn't see	hadn't seen	wasn't seeing	haven't seen

### Test 3

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#### HOW DO PEOPLE SPEND THEIR FREE TIME IN THE UK?



An Euro stat survey, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ statistical office, discovered that people in Britain spend about 45% of their free time watching television, 24% of their free time socializing, 22-23% on sport and hobbies, and 10% on (2) \_\_\_\_\_ activities. Other popular leisure activities are listening to the radio, listening to pre-recorded music, reading, DIY (Do it Yourself), gardening, eating (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and going to the cinema. People enjoy various indoor and outdoor activities in Britain.

The British (4) \_\_\_\_\_ as a nation of gardeners. Most people have a garden (5) \_\_\_\_\_ their property. Gardening (6) \_\_\_\_\_ a popular pastime since Roman times. Many people in Britain are proud of their houses and gardens. They want their houses and gardens (7) \_\_\_\_\_ nice. Every town in Britain (8) \_\_\_\_\_ one or more DIY centres and garden centres. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ are like supermarkets for the home and garden. These places are very popular with British home-owners (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the weekends.

“We don’t have a big garden like some people. Dad likes to mow the lawn. Sometimes I help him. Mum looks (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the flowers. She weeds the garden (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the garden looks good. I am growing some vegetables in my garden.” (Andy Brown, 12 years old, London)

	A	B	C	D
1	EU	the EU’s	the EU	EU’s
2	another	others	other	the others
3	out	in	much	outdoors
4	know	are known	knows	have known
5	in	of	at	on
6	was	has been	had been	is
7	look	looking	to look	to be looking
8	have	has	had	have had
9	This	These	That	Those
10	on	in	at	of
11	after	for	out	at
12	so	such	because	so that

### Test 4

Read the text below. For each empty space (1-6) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

#### BEST WAY TO TRAVEL AROUND THE UK

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My (1) \_\_\_\_\_ daughter will be in London on her own for 2 months and is wondering what the best way to travel around the UK is. A lot of her time (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in



London but she would also like to visit other parts of England, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Scotland and Wales. She thinks she will take the tube most days while she is in London (she'll be living in Zone 6). What is the most effective and efficient way to get around in the UK? (4) \_\_\_\_\_ she need to purchase an Oyster card and a rail pass? Can/should she purchase (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of these from the US before she leaves? (6) \_\_\_\_\_ help is greatly appreciated! Thank you.

	A	B	C	D
1	23-year old	23-years old	23-year olds	23-year old's
2	will spend	will be spending	will have been spent	will be spent
3	also	as well as	too	as
4	Does	Is	Should	Has
5	neither	either	both	all
6	Some	A few	Any	Much

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If she is living in London, then an Oyster Card is fairly essential. However, that is for local commuting, not for travel (1) \_\_\_\_\_ London. The best way to travel around depends (2) \_\_\_\_\_ how much money she has and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ she is going.

If she wants to travel around (4) \_\_\_\_\_ rail, then a Young Person's Rail Card is a good idea and will get her 1/3 (5) \_\_\_\_\_ rail travel (off peak) throughout the country.

However, depending on where she wants to go there are also Megatrain, Megabus, National Coaches and Greyhound Coaches.

You can also get the cheapest (6) \_\_\_\_\_ flights.

	A	B	C	D
1	inside	outside	around	throughout
2	from	of	at	on
3	where	why	when	wherever
4	on	by	in	for
5	on	for	from	off
6	international	long-haul	internal	short

## Test 5

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### NATION'S FAVOURITE BRITISH FOOD



The poll, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ by Discover Cornwall, showed seven (2) \_\_\_\_\_ ten adults rate a fish supper as the top traditional British meal.

A classic fish supper, preferably eaten straight (3) \_\_\_\_\_ newspaper at the seaside, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the nation's favourite British food, a study revealed.

Roast dinner with all the trimmings ideally eaten (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday lunchtime in a decent British pub came (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The traditional seaside Victoria sponge and the Cornish pasty come top of (7) \_\_\_\_\_ favourite meals and snacks.

Bacon butties, baked beans, and shepherd's pie also ranked highly in the list of 40, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ with buttered crumpets and a cream tea.

A full English breakfast usually (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of bacon, sausages, baked beans and fried eggs made up the iconic top three.

One in eight said fry-ups are most satisfying on a Sunday morning and other food made tastier by an event included a hot pie at a football match, and strawberries and cream (10) \_\_\_\_\_ watching tennis.

(11) \_\_\_\_\_ with a sweet tooth voted apple crumble, Victoria sponge and a classic Bakewell tart into the top 40 list, as well as pub favourite sticky toffee pudding and custard.

Some quintessential English snacks (12) \_\_\_\_\_ as buttered crumpets, sausage rolls and Scotch eggs also featured in the list.

	A	B	C	D
1	conducting	conducted	having conducted	having been conducted
2	of	at	in	from
3	out	from	out of	off
4	has crowned	has been crowned	was crowned	will be crowned

5	on	until	at	in
6	the second	second's	the seconds	second
7	Britain's	Britain	the Britain	the Britain's
8	together	also	along	among
9	consists	consisting	consist	consisted
10	wherever	during	since	while
11	Those	These	That	This
12	so	such	while	as well

## Test 6

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### UNITED KINGDOM: SOCIETY LANGUAGE



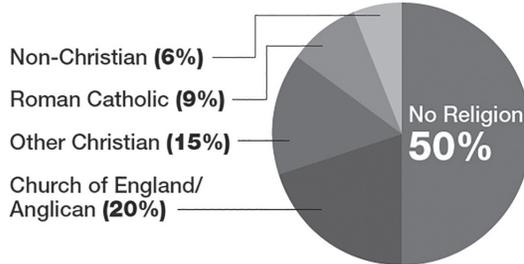
English is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ official language of the UK. Welsh (2) \_\_\_\_\_ by about 19 per cent of people in Wales (2011 census) and is the first language in (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of rural north and west Wales. Scottish Gaelic is spoken in Scotland (4) \_\_\_\_\_ some 70,000 people, many of (5) \_\_\_\_\_ live in the Hebrides. Many ethnic (6) \_\_\_\_\_ speak the languages of their countries of origin.

	A	B	C	D
1	an	a	the	some
2	spoken	is spoken	speaks	spoke
3	many	more	much	lots
4	by	with	for	since
5	which	whose	who	whom
6	the minorities	minorities	minority	the minority

## Test 7

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### RELIGION



The majority of adherents (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a religion are Christians; independent churches and new religious movements (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ 20<sup>th</sup> century. There are substantial communities of (4) \_\_\_\_\_, Hindus, Sikhs, Jews and Buddhists. About (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of the population (6) \_\_\_\_\_ any religion (25.7 per cent in the 2011 census).

	A	B	C	D
1	for	on	in	to
2	increased	rose	raised	stood
3	last	late	latter	latest
4	Muslims	Muslim	The Muslim	Muslim's
5	first-quarter	one-quarters	one-quarter	first-quarter's
6	do not profess	does not profess	not profess	not professes

## Test 8

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### HEALTH



The National Health Service (NHS) (1) \_\_\_\_\_ free health care. It has a workforce of more than one million people and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ for mainly through general taxation. Cancer, heart disease and stroke are the major causes of death, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ accidents are (4) \_\_\_\_\_ cause of death under 30. Up to the end of 2012, around 100,000 people (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to be living with HIV. Cigarette smoking is (6) \_\_\_\_\_ preventable cause of illness and death. There are 34 medical schools in the United Kingdom (2014). Infant mortality was four per 1,000 live births in 2013.

	A	B	C	D
1	provide	provided	provides	providing
2	paid	is paid	pays	paying
3	where	why	while	wherever
4	the commonest	the most common	more common	commoner
5	estimated	was estimated	estimates	were estimated
6	the larger	the largest	largest	the large

## Test 9

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### EDUCATION



There are 12 years of compulsory education (1) \_\_\_\_\_ at the age of five. Primary school comprises six years and secondary seven, with cycles of three and four years. The school year starts in September.

After the age of 16, when it is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ compulsory, most young people stay in education, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ at school or at further education colleges, and may (4) \_\_\_\_\_ go on to higher education institutions. According to the higher education admissions service there are more than 300 institutions (5) \_\_\_\_\_ higher education courses, including universities, colleges of higher education and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ education colleges.