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Points	/ 12	/ 12	/ 26	/ 26	/ 24

Total Points Grade

Teacher			
Student			

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Section A – Grammar (12 points)

A) Articles:

Complete the gaps with a / an, the or no article (Ø). (1/2 point each: total 2 points)

- I finished studying at _____ university in 1999.
- I'm terrified of _____ snakes!
- _____ UK is made up of four countries.
- I wish I had _____ car – any car would be great!

B) Quantifiers:

Choose one of the options A), B) or C) to complete the sentences below. (1/2 point each: total 2 points)

- Neither Patricia _____ Juan are going to the event tomorrow.

A) or B) and C) nor

- _____ import into the country must be declared.

A) Every B) Anyone C) All

- _____ people eat a variety of different food.

A) Most of the B) Most C) The most

- I don't have _____ cigarettes – I need to go to the shop!

A) any B) some C) no

C) Uncountable and Plural nouns: (1/2 point each: total 2 points)

Put a tick ✓ if **both** options are correct. If **only one option** is correct, **circle** the correct one.

- The police **is / are** generally helpful in the city.
- Economics **is / are** really boring to me!
- Have you got **scissors / a pair of scissors** that I could borrow?
- Did you read **a piece of paper / a paper** this morning? What's happening in the news?

D) Clauses of contrast and purpose: (1 point each: total 3 points)

Use an appropriate clause of contrast or purpose to complete the sentences.

EXAMPLE: The company created new procedures _____ **in order to** _____ improve customer service.

- I paid my electricity bill _____ it wouldn't be cut off!
- _____ he practiced very hard, he wasn't happy with his performance in the game.
- You should reserve accommodation _____ arrive late without anywhere to stay.

E) Reporting Verbs: (1 point each: total 3 points)

Complete the sentences below with the correct form of the verb in brackets, and a preposition if necessary.

- I can't believe he accused me _____ (steal) \$10 from his wallet.
- She regretted _____ (not / leave) the house earlier because arrived an hour late!
- Oliver insisted _____ (help) me with fixing my car - what a nice guy!

GRAMMAR TOTAL /12

Section B – Vocabulary (12 points)

1. The Media: Choose a word from the box to complete the sentences. (1/2 point each: total 3 points)

freelance	sensationalist	reviews	vows	commentator	biased newsreader
gossip	reporter	censored	paparazzi	critics	cuts

1. The _____ was out in the city covering a crime story when the earthquake struck.
2. The new film has great _____.
3. I think the newspaper is _____ and only supports one political party.
4. He's a _____ writer so he doesn't just work for one company.
5. The government _____ spending budgets every year.
6. The _____ are so intrusive following celebrities the way they do.

2. Business and Advertising: Complete the sentences with the correct word. The first letter has been given for you. (1 point each: total 5 points)

7. We should try to grow the business and e_____ into new markets
8. A m_____ company has offices all over the world.
9. That famous sportsman e_____ the new hair product on TV
10. We already have lots of c_____ at the new law firm. We need to hire more lawyers.
11. If they t_____ the smaller company, they will gain control and increase their profits.

3. Science: Write the subject form of the following words in space provided:

(1 point each: total 5 points)

12. Scientist _____
13. Chemist _____
14. Biologist _____
15. Physicist _____
16. Geneticist _____

VOCABULARY TOTAL /12

Section C – Reading TEXT 1 (13 points)

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You are going to read an article in which five people talk about why they enjoy camping.

1. For questions 1 – 7 choose from the people (A–E). (1 point each: total 7 points)

The letters may be chosen more than once.

A) Ben: a teacher B) Cathy: finance director C) Matt: IT engineer

D) Eli and Catriona: doctor and medical researcher E) Melissa and Stefano: salon manager and marketing director

Which person or people: ...

Example: likes being in the open air surrounded by wildlife? _____ B _____

1. gives some advice on things you should take with you? _____
2. gives an example of people working together to solve a difficult situation? _____
3. is looking for variety when he/she goes on holiday? _____
4. doesn't want to meet the people he/she works with when on holiday? _____
5. mentions something you can't do on campsites? _____
6. has enjoyed camping for many years? _____
7. likes to make last-minute decisions about where to go on holiday? _____

_____ and _____ (choose two paragraphs)

2. Read TEXT 1 again. (1 each: total 6 points)

Find the words or phrases in the paragraphs that match the definitions below.

Write the word(s) in the spaces below the definitions. Use no more than 3 words.

8. Paragraph A) Ben: a teacher
to reserve ahead of time

9. Paragraph A) Ben: a teacher
not discovered or known about

10. Paragraph B) Cathy: finance director
the movement of the sea approaching beach

11. Paragraph C) Matt: IT engineer
with directions to indicate a location

12. Paragraph D) Eli and Catriona: doctor and medical researcher
consecutively, one after the other

13. Paragraph E) Melissa and Stefano: salon manager and marketing director
unable to move from a particular position or place

READING TEXT 1 TOTAL _____ /13

Section C – Reading TEXT 2 (13 points)

You are going to read an article by retired lawyer and enthusiastic cook John Griffiths.
Seven sentences have been removed from the article.

**1. Choose from the sentences A-H the one which fits each gap in the reading text (1-7).
There is one extra sentence that you do not need to use.** (1 points each: total 7 points)

Write your answers (A – H) for questions 1 – 7 below.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____

- A. How do you fit a decent social life into that sort of existence?
- B. The choices I make depend not only on the wines that might best complement the food but also upon the preferences of my guests.
- C. However, it was the luxury of having the time to cook for friends at home that underlined the good sense of the decision I had made.
- D. Another factor is their attitude to their own cooking skills.
- E. It is not unusual for me to simply make everything up as I go along!
- F. It is one of the great joys of my life and cooking has remained fun.
- G. This means that, very often, I don't know what I am giving my friends until a few hours before they arrive.
- H. For these friends, I like to pull out all the stops and do everything I can!

2. Read TEXT 2 again. (1 each: total 6 points)

Find the **words or phrases in the paragraphs** that match the definitions below.
Write the word(s) in the spaces below the definitions. **Use no more than 3 words.**

8. Paragraph 2

feel sad, or disappointed about something done or not done in the past

9. Paragraph 4

extensive, big, wide

10. Paragraph 4

very enthusiastic

11. Paragraph 6

to try and give a better impression of something than is deserved, try to make look better or more important than it really is

12. Paragraph 6

to read a lot of information quickly, often with difficulty

13. Paragraph 7

not specific

READING TEXT 2 TOTAL /13

TEXT 1 - The Joys of Camping

Camping has been a popular choice for holiday accommodation for a long time but it seems that now its popularity is on the increase. Kate Reilly speaks to 5 dedicated campers and finds out why they prefer to pitch their tents or park their camper vans rather than stay in hotels or rent apartments.

A) Ben: a teacher

For Ben the most important thing is to find a cheap and affordable option during the busy school holidays. 'Because I have to go away during the peak season when all the schools are on holiday it's often difficult to find cheap hotel deals or holiday flats for rent,' he explains. In addition to this he enjoys the flexibility camping offers. 'I'm not that good at planning ahead and like to be spontaneous with my travel plans. The fact that it's not usually necessary to pre-book to stay at a campsite suits me very well. I also like that I can go away to more obscure and remote places and get away from the students I spend all year in the classroom with.'

B) Cathy: finance director

Cathy is looking for a contrast from her stressful working life when she goes on holiday. She says. 'I love being outside and the freedom camping offers. I spend all day in the office when I'm at work and have to be very organised to meet tight deadlines, so when I'm on holiday I like to be in the fresh air and be able to do exactly what I want when I want; camping is perfect for that. Of course there are some rules you have to respect like you're not allowed to make noise after 11 or 12 at night but I like that. I love going to sleep listening to the insects in the trees or the waves on the beach.'

C) Matt: IT engineer

Matt likes to spend his holiday seeing lots of different places. 'I'm a restless person so when I go away on holiday I don't like to be tied down to one place; camping means you can stay for two nights in one place then pack up the tent, jump in the car and stay somewhere else for the next night or two and so on with no need to book ahead. It's a great way to see lots of different places in a short period of time.' He also points out that, 'You obviously need a car to really be able to make the most of your time and make sure you have a good map and a good up-to date campsite guide with clear directions to help you find the different campsites. Campsites are often not well signposted and there is nothing more frustrating than driving around for hours looking for a campsite when you'd rather be relaxing on the beach.'

D) Eli and Catriona: doctor and medical researcher

Eli and Catriona explain why camping is the perfect holiday for families. 'We used to go camping when we were much younger, before we had children and loved it but now we have the boys it makes even more sense. There are so many child-friendly campsites with swimming pools and special activities for kids. It's so nice for them to have lots of space to run around in and other children to play with. It also means we have time to ourselves to really relax. We've actually been to the same campsite for 2 years in a row now as we all had such a good time there the first year. The boys are still in touch with friends they made there last year so we might well go back again this year too.'

E) Melissa and Stefano: salon manager and marketing director

For Melissa and Stefano it's the friendly atmosphere that means they keep going back to campsites year after year. 'We've travelled around the whole of Europe in our campervan and every year we meet so many interesting people and make friends with people from all over the world. Everyone is always so helpful when you stay on a campsite. If you need to borrow something like matches to light a fire your neighbours will always help you out. One year we got the back wheels of the campervan stuck in the sand and it took ten of our new neighbours to help push it out. Everyone came rushing over to help as soon as they saw there was a problem and most of us didn't even speak the same language. It was a wonderful feeling; you don't get that in hotels.'

TEXT 2 - Cooking for friends

Paragraph 1

Choosing the degree I should study for at university was quite difficult for me as there were two careers that I found equally attractive: the law and catering. After much soul searching, I realised that whilst I could be a lawyer during the day and then enjoy cookery as a form of relaxation, the reverse was not true. Thus, I opted for a law degree and made food and wine my number one hobby.

Paragraph 2

I have never regretted this decision and I am happy with the choices I made. Working as a lawyer provided a good living and allowed me enough spare time to indulge myself by enjoying some very fine food and wines at many superb restaurants. **1** A life in catering would have meant that I would always have been working when my friends were playing and vice versa. The hours that have to be worked by chefs are quite ridiculous. They have to arrive at their restaurant by mid-morning, at the latest, to prepare for lunch. They work all afternoon dealing with the business side of their establishment and developing new recipes. Then, they must prepare for evening service probably crawling into bed in the small hours of the next morning feeling absolutely shattered! **2**

Paragraph 3

Sharing my love of fine food and wines with good friends in the relaxed atmosphere of my home has more than compensated for not owning a restaurant. **3** Being a professional chef probably would have meant that, by now, I would be sick of the sight of food, much as I am completely turned off by the merest mention of anything to do with the law - I hate it!

Paragraph 4

Planning a meal for people I love is a great pleasure. I have a vast collection of cookery books and I am an avid fan of many a TV chef. The problem I have, therefore, is choosing what to cook from so many different possibilities. How do I choose? Well, that depends very much on the friends. A starting point has to be catering for their own likes and dislikes and trying to avoid serving them the same dishes as last time they visited. **4** I don't claim to be anything other than an enthusiastic amateur but quite a few friends appear to be daunted by the prospect of cooking for me. They seem to think that some of the food I produce is better than they can do and, not wanting to appear to be a show-off or to overwhelm them, I sometimes hold back and cook something simpler than the more adventurous fare I might really have wanted to try.

Paragraph 5

The friends I like cooking for most of all are those who share the love of food and wine as much as I do and who are quite happy to reciprocate, in grand style, when I pay them a return visit. **5**

Paragraph 6

Generally, my cooking has become less complex and pretentious over the years and, although I use recipe books and TV chefs as inspiration, I tend to find that the best way of deciding what to cook is to see what is available when I do the shopping. Years ago, I would have retired early to bed with a great heap of books around me, ploughing through them trying to find recipes that would be seasonal, suitable and impressive only to find that, when I visited the shops, many of the ingredients I needed were either unavailable or not very good.

Paragraph 7

Nowadays, I tend to do the reverse: what I cook is controlled by what I have been able to buy. **6** I might have had one or two vague ideas, which could be more general, but more often than not, I am scrabbling through pages of recipes trying to find something new to do with some scallops, a leg of lamb and a punnet of raspberries. I nearly always buy some crème fraiche, a bunch of coriander and some seasonal vegetables. My store cupboard is pretty good and I can usually find all the spices I need, together with onions, garlic, chillies and boring stuff like flour, butter and so on.

I strongly believe that if you have good ingredients you will be able to turn out something worth eating. **7**

At the end of a meal there is nothing better than settling down with a strong espresso and a dish of the very best chocolates. The very best of friends can normally provide entertaining conversation but, to me, the finest compliment I can be paid is that they aren't afraid of gently nodding off. It shows that they feel satisfied, relaxed and happy as a result of my efforts!