

I. A) Read the text and fill in the gaps.

Four thousand years ago, an Egyptian sculptor carved a picture on a wall of two women hitting a ball back and forth from hand (1) ___ hand. Is this the ancestor of tennis?

Tennis was (2) ___ to Norway from Greece in 500 A.D. It became so popular between the twelfth and fourteenth century that every town in France had own (3) __ . But this was a very difficult game from the one we see at Wimbledon today. At first the game was played bare-handed with a leather ball filled with dog's hair. (4) ___ rougher materials like sand and chalk were used but these caused injuries to the players' hands. This led to the use of protective gloves (5) ___ got bigger and bigger as time went on until it was necessary to cut out the centres and replace them with tight ropes. Gradually these gloves evolved into rackets.

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| 1. A) in | b) under | c) out | d) to |
| 2. A) sent | b) caught | c) known | d) brought |
| 3. A) centre | b) hall | c) courtroom | d) court |
| 4. A) later | b) late | c) lately | d) latter |
| 5. A) it | b) which | c) this | d) what |

B) Choose the best answer to each question.**6. Which of the following is not true?**

- The picture of two women on the wall could show the game from which tennis originated.
- As far back as four thousand years ago Egyptian sculptors could make carvings on walls.
- Sculptors of two Egyptian women could be the prototype of modern tennis.
- Tennis was one of the popular forms of entertainment in France between the twelfth and fourteenth century.

7. When did tennis become known in Europe?

- 500 years ago
- 1,500 years ago
- 4,000 years ago
- Between the 12th and 14th century.

8. To what country do tennis players of Northern Europe owe the game?

- Egypt
- Greece
- France
- Europe

9. Why did tennis players have to wear gloves?

- To make hands bigger and bigger.
- To cut out centres.
- To replace gloves with ropes.
- To protect hands from injuries.

10. The word *injury* means:

- an accident
- a place in the body that is hurt or wounded.
- warriors
- support

II. Read the texts below. Use the words in the box to form one word that fits in the text.

Library, Suspect, Warn, Use

I joined the public library when I was ten and the local (1) ... used to ask me about the contents of the books I had read. My classmates were (2) ... about my passion for books. "Your brain will burst", was a common (3) But it was all (4) ... I went to the library again and borrowed another pile of books.

Holland, Reason, Frequency, Care, Solve, Beautiful

I have a (5) ... friend who speaks English (6) He says that if you want to speak English fluently with a (7) ... accent, you should listen to tapes as (8) ... as possible. You should also study the rules of English (9) He also feels that there are no magic (10) ... but that you simply have to work hard at the new language.

III. Choose the correct option.

I (1) ... to London three weeks ago to take up a new post at my company's London office. Since then I (2) ... if I made the right decision. I have seen a lot of negative things about living in the capital, and I can't say London (3) ... a very favourable impression on me. I (4) ... up in a fairly small town called Devizes and I spent all my life there. I (5) ... to live in a big city and so when I (6) ... a job in London, I (7) ... at the chance.

I think I'm not alone in my aversion to the big city. More and more people have stopped working in London recently, and more and more companies (8) ... to move away from the centre. Oh well, it's too late to change my mind now, because my house in Devizes (9)... . But I must admit, over the past few days, I (10) that the company will relocate me back to my old town.

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| 1. A) had moved | B) was moving | C) moved | D) was moved |
| 2. A) have been wondering | B) was wondered | C) wonder | D) had wondered |
| 3. A) has made | B) is made | C) had been made | D) has been made |
| 4. A) grew | B) had been grown | C) was being grown | D) had been growing |
| 5. A) was always wanted | B) have always wanted | C) was wanting always | D) always want |
| 6. A) offered | B) have offered | C) was offered | D) had been offered |
| 7. A) jump | B) had jumped | C) was jumping | D) jumped |
| 8. A) are choosing | B) had been chosen | C) were chosen | D) are chose |
| 9. A) already sold | B) has already been sold | C) was already selling | D) had already sold |
| 10. A) was secretly hoped | B) am secretly hoped | | |
| C) secretly hope | D) have secretly been hoping | | |

IV. Choose the right order to make up a story.

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| 1. 1. She said she was sorry to be late for class. | A) 4,2,3,1,5 |
| 2. The teacher said Alice should try not to be late any more. | B) 2,5,1,3,4 |
| 3. She asked the teacher if she might come in. | C) 3,1,5,4,2 |
| 4. Alice was late for class. | D) 4,3,1,5,2 |
| 5. She said she had to take her sister to the nursery school. | E) 5,1,2,3,4 |
| 2. 1. It is a fine old city. | A) 1,3,2,4,6,5 |
| 2. From the station they can see the splendid view of Princess Street. | B) 4,3,2,1,5,6 |
| 3. The capital of Scotland is Edinburgh. | C) 3,1,4,5,6,2 |
| 4. The train bringing visitors to Edinburgh runs right into the heart of the city. | D) 3,1,2,4,5,6 |
| 5. Half way along Princess Street is a tall monument to Sir Walter Scott, a well-known Scottish writer. | |
| 6. Then a little farther on is the Floral Clock, which is made of growing flowers. | E) 3,1,4,2,5,6 |
| 3. 1. The lesson was over before the due time. | A) 1,3,5,2,4 |
| 2. Suddenly a bird flew in through the open window. | B) 5,1,3,4,2 |
| 3. It was a math lesson. | C) 4,2,5,1,3 |
| 4. The pupils jumped up on their feet and started to catch the bird. | D) 3,4,2,5,1 |
| 5. All the class was doing sums. | E) 3,5,2,4,1 |
| 4. 1. Much of them are exported. | |
| 2. In the Middle West very much grain is grown. | |
| 3. American agriculture produces more food products than any other capitalist country. | |
| 4. Poultry - farming and vegetable - growing are concentrated in the country-side near all the big cities. | |
| 5. Fresh fruit and vegetables come all the year round from the southern regions, especially Florida, from California and south-western States. | |
| 6. The highlands in the west of the country are famous for their cattle-farming. | |

A) 1,3,2,4,6,5

B) 6,5,4,1,2,3

C) 3,1,2,5,4,6

D) 1,2,6,5,4,3

E) 4,6,5,2,1,3

5. 1. Attempts are made to reform the system. A) 1,5,3,4,2
 2. But the system remains to this day. B) 3,4,5,1,2
 3. Modern English spelling is archaic in many cases. C) 3,1,5,2,4
 4. It's a source of difficulty to everybody. D) 3,4,2,1,5
 5. Some of them are successful and quite scientific. E) 2,4,5,1,3

V. a) Find the synonym of the following words written in capitals.

1. I want you to accept the invitation of your English **DOCTOR** friend.
 A) boy B) physician C) physicist D) doctrine
2. You've made 2 **BAD MISTAKES** in your test.
 A) wrong things B) blunders C) an error D) misprints
3. It's high time for the child **TO GO TO BYE-BYES**.
 A) to say good bye B) to play with toys C) to go to sleep D) to part with his parents
4. The company asked for **ADDITIONAL** information.
 A) emphatic B) careful C) certain D) further
5. -Who's that man you spoke to just now?
 -I don't know, he is completely **UNFAMILIAR** to me.
 A) foreign B) strange C) unknown D) new

b) Find the antonym of the following words written in capitals:

1. They **ACCEPTED** the invitation.
 A) accused B) admitted C) refused D) invited E) consented
2. I heard him speaking but was too tired to listen to him and **CONCENTRATE**.
 A) solve B) relax C) release D) rebuild E) resign
3. Mr. Mott **LANDED** at Harwich an hour ahead of the expedition ship in the ship's helicopter.
 A) grounded B) took off C) put down D) speeded E) lacked
4. John Bull was described as a man of the gentleman farmer type, good natured, but easily **OFFENDED**.
 A) hurt B) insulted C) sick D) understood E) pleased
5. The milk is delivered about 6 A.M so we have **FRESH** milk for breakfast.
 A) old B) sound C) specific D) dirty E) sour

VI. Complete the logic list of words.

1. **Shark, carp, catfish, trout** _____.
 A) salamander B) toad C) frog D) herring E) turtle
2. **Sea, ocean, river, lake,** _____.
 A) seaman B) riverside C) beach D) pond E) shelf
3. **Arm-chair, coffee-table, settee, scatter-cushion,** _____.
 A) wall-unit B) walking stick C) hall-mirror D) coat hanger E) umbrella stand
4. **Tree, trunk, root, leaf,** _____.
 A) paper B) branch C) fruit D) roof E) mushroom
5. **Speak, talk, tell, say,** _____.
 A) run B) swim C) utter D) laugh E) go
6. **Wood, metal, brick, glass,** _____.
 A) ink B) clay C) sugar D) pepper E) fruit
7. **Tree, plant, flower, bush,** _____.
 A) field B) bird C) animal D) grass E) insect
8. **Farm, village, town, city,** _____.
 A) park B) harbor C) garden D) corner E) settlement

VII. Decide which answer best fits each space.

A hectic time

Dear Trevor,

I know it's been ages since I wrote to you but I've been very busy __ (1) __ we decided to move into the country. The house in the village is not quite ready __ (2) __ but as you can imagine __ (3) __ the last few weeks we've had to chase up builders and plumbers and we've __ (4) __ got a long way to go. It's been such a long time since we __ (5) __ to work on it. I've almost forgotten how long it's been exactly. We must have started it about seven years __ (6) __ and we've __ (7) __ spent a small fortune on it. We are __ (8) __ living in our rather cramped flat where you __ (9) __ us a few years ago but it __ (10) __ to get unbearable and we __ (11) __ to moving out. We are still __ (12) __ around from morning __ (13) __ night and it's been particularly hectic __ (14) __ the last week. Anyway, __ (15) __ all this was going on Karen fell and sprained her ankle which was the last thing we needed!

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| 1. A) every time | B) ever since | C) while | D) before |
| 2. A) still | B) already | C) yet | D) soon |
| 3. A) for | B) as | C) while | D) since |
| 4. A) yet | B) already | C) nearly | D) still |
| 5. A) have started | B) start | C) did start | D) started |
| 6. A) before | B) ago | C) previous | D) since |
| 7. A) still | B) not | C) already | D) yet |
| 8. A) already | B) still | C) yet | D) longer |
| 9. A) were visiting | B) have visited | C) had been visited | D) visited |
| 10. A) begun | B) is beginning | C) begins | D) begin |
| 11. A) have looked | B) looked forward | C) will look forward | D) are looking forward |
| 12. A) rush | B) rushed | C) rushing | D) be rushed |
| 13. A) and | B) into | C) till | D) through |
| 14. A) during | B) from | C) in | D) while |
| 15. A) in | B) during | C) while | D) for |

VIII. Complete the proverbs and idioms.

- An Englishman's home is his _____.**
A) church B) house C) outdoors D) castle E) bank
- "False friends are _____."**
A) as clear as day B) out of mind C) better than riches
D) worse than open enemies E) good to be true
- "While there is _____ there is hope."**
A) will B) wish C) love D) life E) water
- Well begun is half _____.**
A) gone B) done C) undone D) a way E) come
- An hour in the morning _____.**
A) as near as today and tomorrow B) is better than richness
C) has wings D) is worth two in the evening E) as clear as day
- Promise little _____.**
A) who laughs last B) but do much
C) that ends well D) while the sun shines E) never found again
- To "bear in mind" means _____.**
A) to forget something B) to be crazy C) to remember something
- To "cheer up" means _____.**
A) to become happy B) to become sad C) to become lost
- To "eat out" means _____.**
A) to rot away B) to eat in a restaurant C) to eat everything
- If you "keep an eye out" it means _____.**
A) watch carefully B) you are in charge C) you don't pay attention
- "To go like clockwork" means to _____.**
A) run smoothly B) go crazy C) cost a lot of money
- "In less than no time" means _____.**
A) in a few days B) much later C) very soon