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G R A M M A R

Read the article and decide which ONE word which best fits each gap (1-8). Write your answers in the space provided below the passage. Spelling counts!

A child prodigy of four is studying at university because he is **1** ... clever for school. Nicholas MacMahon is receiving computer lessons at Brunel University in London. A senior lecturer at the university, Valso Koshy, said the boy was **2** ... intelligent.

Nicholas spoke fluently before he was one. At 18 months, he was taking telephone messages. Conversational French followed. **3**... are trademarks of a highly-gifted child, unusual but not unique. The strange thing about Nicholas is his reading – he taught **4** ... to read before he could speak.

Ms Koshy, an expert on gifted children, says Nicholas is quite 'exceptional.' Yet 'exceptional' understates his bizarre ability to read **5**... from birth. "He was talking when he was one and we realized from the start he could already read," his father said. "Soon after he was correcting my spelling for words like *caterpillar*. Now he identifies insects **6** ... their Latin names."

The list of achievements is impressive, but frightening. A four-year-old who can **7**... a Boing747 from a DC10, devours encyclopaedias, reads the Daily Telegraph and is well on the **8** ... to becoming a violin virtuoso is not normal.

1..... 2 3.....
4..... 5..... 6.....
7..... 8.....

For questions 9 to 15, write a new sentence that means the same thing as the original sentence. You must use the WORD at the end of the original sentence in your new sentence. Do not change that word at all. Spelling counts!

9. Never forget that the customer is always right. **BORNE**
..... that the customer is always right.

10. It was wrong of you to take what he said for granted. **SHOULDN'T**
..... what he said for granted.

11. The current national team is nowhere near as good as the one five years ago. **MEANS**
..... as good as the one five years ago.

12. Only the fact that he was so determined enabled him to finish the race. **SHEER**
..... to finish the race.

13. We simply weren't prepared for their announcement. **CAUGHT**
.....

14. It is difficult to imagine her performance being improved on by anyone. **BETTERING**
.....

15. I love Sting's music, but I still thought his latest CD was disappointing. **MUCH**
..... CD was disappointing.

Total Points: /15 pts

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V O C A B U L A R Y

Complete each sentence (1-10) with the best answer (A- D). Circle your answers.

- 1 My friend is a keen amateur
A natural historian B naturalist C naturist D nature-lover
- 2 As the result of the police on the disco, ten people were arrested.
A entry B invasion C raid D storm
- 3 He up the sheet of paper and dropped it into the wastepaper basket.
A bent B broke C crumpled D curled
- 4 I've got such a headache that I can't concentrate on the lecture.
A beating B hammering C drumming D throbbing
- 5 The temple was furnished with golden statues.
A decorously B economically C lavishly D wealthily
- 6 Sport is a good for aggression.
A let off B outlet C offshoot D way out
- 7 The goods they have on offer today are certainly
A a good value B an invaluable buy C a priceless buy D a worthy value
- 8 Some LPs (albums) have very imaginative designs on their
A pockets B coats C envelopes D sleeves
- 9 Can you Prof. Brown's telephone number?
A call to mind B recall C reminisce D remind
- 10 There is no danger in using this machinery as long as you to the safety instructions.
A abide B adhere C comply D observe

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V O C A B U L A R Y – P r o g r e s s i v e T e s t

Make a list of different kinds of materials (cloth) used to make clothes and give two examples of clothes made from each. You will score 1 point for every 3 correctly spelled words.

Time limit: 3 minutes.

Example: *linen – shirts, bed-sheets*

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R E A D I N G C O M P R E H E N S I O N

Read the article about space flight. There are two tasks to do on the next page.

A

On 4 October 1957, the USSR launched into orbit the world's first satellite, Sputnik1. It was a tremendous success. The Earth had a new moon and it bore the letters CCCP. Then the USA launched its first satellite, Explorer 1, on 31 January 1958. Six months later, President Eisenhower created NASA, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, which immediately began the Mercury programme to launch a manned space vehicle. Then, on 12 April 1961, the Soviets stole another first from the Americans when Vostok 1 took Yuri Gagarin for a single orbit around the Earth, becoming the first man in space.

B

On 25 May 1961, President John F Kennedy told the US Congress, "This nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before the decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the earth." The Apollo project was born. But the Americans had still not managed to get a man into orbit. That came when an Atlas rocket sent John Glenn into space for five hours on 20 February 1962.

C

Behind the scenes, however, NASA was very uncertain about exactly how to get a man on the Moon. Von Braun favoured sending two rockets into orbit round the Earth, one to refuel the other, which would then travel to the Moon. But other scientists at NASA preferred to fire a two-part spacecraft direct to the Moon, where it would separate, with two crew members descending to the surface while the third circled the Moon in the other part. When the lunar landing was over, the spacemen on the Moon would rejoin their companions, leaving their vehicle behind. The plan was riskier than Von Braun's but it was the one that was eventually adapted.

D

Finally, on 16 July 1969, Apollo 11 set off for the Moon. The names of the astronauts on that trip would go down in history: Neil Armstrong, Edwin Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins. Neil Armstrong, after four days in space, climbed down the ladder of the lunar module Eagle, which had landed on the Moon's Sea of Tranquillity. He stepped off on to the surface of the Moon. Millions watched on TV screens all over the world as Armstrong "took one small step for man but one giant leap for mankind."

E

Other visits to the Moon followed. The last time was on 15 December 1972 and it was, as President Nixon had predicted, to be 'the last time in this century that men will walk on the Moon'. On the twentieth anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission, President Bush, imitating Kennedy, announced grandly that the USA should aim to send a man to Mars before the year 2029. Experts, however, brought him down to earth saying the President had 'good intentions but they are unrealistic'.

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Although NASA has decided to leave the Moon in peace, the same cannot be said of the private sector. Private space companies such as International Space Enterprises and General Dynamics, both based in California, will be launching their first manned space flights to the Moon in the near future. In the long term, they aim to found the first colonies on the Moon. Many scientists claim that if human beings are ever forced in the future to emigrate to other planet, the Moon would be the first choice.

G

The plan looks a bit like this: the first stage will be sending robot explorers to the Moon to gather information concerning the suitability of the soil. After the ideal area is found, astronauts will arrive to carry out experiments on the spot and they will start building the first station. By then, scientists hope they will have identified suitable rocks and other minerals for the construction of the Moon station.

H

If all goes well, by 2060 the first colony on the Moon will be ready: a huge space station shaped like an igloo, which will have been equipped with all the latest technological gadgets. It will also have been furnished to receive its first guests: several hundred scientists for whom it will be the first home in space. It is not unlikely that after several decades, or perhaps a century later, these igloos will have increased in number. Is this vision any crazier than the idea, say 50 or 100 years ago, that a man would walk on the Moon?

For questions 1 to 7, decide whether the statements are true (T), false (F) or not stated (NS). For each statement also write the letter (A-H) in which you found the evidence for your answer. Write your answers in the space provided.

- 1 NASA was founded on 31 January 1958.
- 2 The Apollo space programme's goal was to launch a manned space vehicle.
- 3 The USSR succeeded in the field of propaganda.
- 4 NASA experts considered two different ways of landing on the Moon.
- 5 Apollo 11 included three astronauts and one rocket.
- 6 President Bush launched the programme of landing on Mars.
- 7 The aim of private space companies is to found colonies on the Moon.

For questions 8 to 10, find words in the text that are defined below.

- 8 the curved path of something moving round something else
- 9 a duty or purpose for which people are sent somewhere
- 10 small machines or useful devices

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L I S T E N I N G C O M P R E H E N S I O N

You will hear someone talking about the history of pizza. For questions 1 to 5, fill in the gaps with the information you hear. Write your answers in the space provided. You will hear the recording once only.

1. The first pizzas were round with a crust used as a/an
2. Pizza Margherita's special seasonings are
3. The first pizzeria in the USA was opened in
4. A favourite pizza topping in Japan is
5. A plain cheese pizza contains three major

Total points..... /5pts

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