

GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY**Task 1**

Read the text and circle which answer (A, B or C) best fits each gap.

From risk assessment to risk taker

Are you ⁰ ____ to taking the cautious route? I spent 15 years as a risk assessor who ironically never took risks. I was always ¹ ____ about straying outside of my comfort zone and only when I was made redundant, did I discover a whole new side of me. I realised I'd never really 'lived', so I took myself off around the world. I ² ____ myself into anything that seemed new and adventurous. In Thailand I did my first bungee jump and that led to white water rafting, parachute jumping, all sorts. I never thought I'd have the ³ ____ to try these kinds of extreme sports, but they've made me more confident and boosted my energy. So, my advice for anyone wanting a change is to simply go for it! ⁴ ____ what you find normal and ask yourself what you might love. I ⁵ ____ you won't regret trying something new once in a while.

0	A likely	B prone	C vulnerable
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1	A irrational	B relentless	C apprehensive
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2	A threw	B sprung	C devoted
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3	A mind	B guts	C cheek
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4	A Disbelieve	B Devalue	C Reconsider
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5	A recommend	B doubt	C promise
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Task 2

Read the text and complete the gaps with **ONE** word only.

Climate change and Mount Kilimanjaro

Climate change is a worry for many people, especially when it comes to thinking about the future of the planet. But climate change ⁰ _____ **has** _____ already altered our planet dramatically. This ¹ _____ clearly be seen in the melting of the glaciers on Mount Kilimanjaro. It's hard to believe that we might be the last to witness these mountains as the snow-capped wonders they are now, but experts predict that the snow will have all but disappeared by 2033. ² _____ this aesthetic loss, it will also have a devastating effect on life both on and below the mountains. These glaciers provide much-needed water to the rivers below, and without them these rivers are in danger of drying up. This, in turn, will have a dramatic impact on local populations. One researcher, Ken Fuller, has also ³ _____ exception to some of the tourism in the area. He accuses some tourists of irresponsible behaviour, insisting on coming to view this great wonder **regardless** ⁴ _____ the negative effects of their travel. As more people trek to see these glaciers before they totally disappear, we must try to encourage sustainable tourism to protect the natural surroundings as much as possible, ⁵ _____ if we can't turn back the tide of climate change for the area.

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Task 3

Use the word given in bold at the end of some lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

New streetcar on the block

In what was ⁰ undoubtedly the most eagerly awaited **doubt**
 theatre event of the year, the new stage production of
 'A streetcar named Desire', yesterday came to the
 National Theatre. Hannah Preston gives us one of the
 most ¹ _____ performances of her career as **compel**
 the lead, Blanche Dubois. The story focuses on Blanche's
 descent into insanity which is rapidly hastened by the cold,
 at times ² _____, behaviour of those around her. **reason**
 This version of the classic play shifts the focus and puts
 the ³ _____ between four of the main characters, **act**
 Stanley, Blanche, Stella and Mitch in the spotlight. This was
 a refreshing take compared to many versions which see
 other characters ⁴ _____ in favour of far greater **look**
 focus on Blanche.
 This play exceeded my expectations and has all the
 ingredients to be an ⁵ _____ success. It's **deny**
 deserving of being the hottest ticket in town, so get
 one, if you can!

Task 4

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word given in bold. Use between three and six words.

0 I'd love to sing professionally, but I've got no vocal ability whatsoever!

only

_____ **If only I had** _____ some singing talent, I'd do it professionally.

1 They worked all night to prepare the hall for the wedding, but it still wasn't ready.

been

They _____ on preparations all through the night, but the hall still wasn't ready.

2 Look! The front door is open! One of us obviously forgot to close it before we went to bed last night.

must

Look! The front door _____ open all night!

3 If he doesn't complete his homework, he can't come to the park with us.

that

He can come to the park with us _____ completes his homework first.

4 I didn't know they spoke Portuguese in Brazil before I visited the country.

it

_____ visited Brazil that I realised they spoke Portuguese.

5 'Hmm, I don't think you should buy that car,' he said.

discouraged

He _____ the car.

Task 5

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A beginner's guide to interior design

It is tempting to think that interior design has become ⁰ ____ to everyone due to the production of inexpensive furniture, decorating stores and photographic printing services. It is ¹ ____ believed that absolutely anyone can create their very own dream home. This is true ² ____ you're willing to put in considerable time and effort. Like many jobs in the creative industries, interior design is a professional field.

There are a set of established rules or ³ ____ that all professional interior designers apply to their work. If you don't adhere to them, you ⁴ ____ not have much success in creating the look you're aiming for. Therefore, if you are unsure of your ⁵ ____, it would probably be worth consulting a professional.

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A conventional

B accessible

C applicable

1

A widely

B instantly

C fully

2

A in case

B in order

C provided that

3

A initiatives

B principles

C principals

4

A could

B might

C should

5

A inclination

B sophistication

C competence

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Task 6

Read the text and complete the gaps with **ONE** word only.

A life changing moment

A few years ago, if you ⁰ _____ **had** _____ told me I'd be fixing cables for a living, I wouldn't have believed you. At that time, I was happily employed at a large accountancy company. However, little did I know that the company wasn't performing well, and that I ¹ _____ be made redundant two months later. It was at that point that I decided to become an electrician. No sooner ² _____ I enrolled on the course, than I knew I'd made the right decision. I'm delighted to say that in a few months I ³ _____ have completed the basic training. Once I ⁴ _____ received my certificate, I'll begin job hunting. People have said to me that it seemed like a radical career move, but I didn't rush ⁵ _____ it. I'm confident that I won't ⁶ _____ it.

Task 7

Use the word given in bold at the end of some lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

Nature reserves

The first modern nature reserves were created during the 18th and 19th centuries. These spaces were primarily set aside for the ⁰ preservation of plant and animal life, somewhere scientists can ¹ _____ monitor and assess the state of the natural world. These days, with the dramatic decline of forests and other habitats around the world, nature reserves are becoming ² _____ important. In recent times, nature reserves have had many ³ _____ effects on the populations of a range of species, especially those on the brink of extinction. However, they also serve as an educational resource, too. We tend to ⁴ _____ just how much visitors can learn from an outing to a nature reserve. As such, these places are ⁵ _____ for developing society's understanding of how to preserve and protect nature.

preserve

continue

increase

benefit

estimate

value

Task 8

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word given in bold. Use between three and six words.

0 I think the best way to lose weight quickly is to track your food consumption on an app.

would

If I _____ **were you I would** _____ use a food consumption and tracking app to lose weight quickly.

1 I asked for a discount on the meal because of the terrible service.

so

_____ I asked for a discount on the meal.

2 Young people are career-focused at an early age these days, which I find surprising.

me

_____ young people are career-focused at such an early age these days.

3 It's too late to call Elisa because she goes to bed at 10:00 pm.

have

Don't call Elisa because _____ by now.

4 We arrived home and almost immediately a thunderstorm started.

hardly

_____ a thunderstorm started.

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TOTAL: ___ / 60

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