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Likes/Loves:	going to the (4)
Now writing:	(5) the _____ Harry Potter book

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- 11 You have to tell me \_\_\_\_\_ flour to buy for the cake.  
 A how much                      B how                              C how many
- 12 The oranges you bought last week were not as juicy \_\_\_\_\_ these ones.  
 A as                                  B than                              C to
- 13 I'm sure she's telling the truth. She \_\_\_\_\_ be lying!  
 A could                              B can't                              C mustn't
- 14 Little Jim was \_\_\_\_\_ when he saw the puppy.  
 A exciting                          B excited                          C excite
- 15 There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ yoghurt in the fridge.  
 A many                              B some                              C any
- 16 "It's so hot!"            "Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ the window."  
 A will open                          B am going to open              C am opening
- 17 If you \_\_\_\_\_ a good night's sleep, you'll feel tired in the morning.  
 A aren't getting                  B don't get                          C won't get
- 18 I won't leave unless you \_\_\_\_\_ me everything. I have to know!  
 A don't tell                          B won't tell                          C tell
- 19 I think it \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow. We shouldn't go on a picnic.  
 A will rain                          B rains                              C is raining
- 20 Dad told me \_\_\_\_\_ Mum with the shopping.  
 A helping                          B to help                          C help

**ANSWER YOUR QUESTION I HERE**

1	A	B	C	11	A	B	C
2	A	B	C	12	A	B	C
3	A	B	C	13	A	B	C
4	A	B	C	14	A	B	C
5	A	B	C	15	A	B	C
6	A	B	C	16	A	B	C
7	A	B	C	17	A	B	C
8	A	B	C	18	A	B	C
9	A	B	C	19	A	B	C
10	A	B	C	20	A	B	C

**QUESTION 2:** Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each gap. The first letter of each word is given as an example. (1.5pts)

I have a very good job at Computer Electronics. I like (0) what I'm doing there and I (1) e \_\_\_\_\_ about \$4,000 a month. My (2) s \_\_\_\_\_ is much higher than my husband's. But the problem is that I'm not very (3) c \_\_\_\_\_ with money. I usually go to an antique shop at the beginning of the month and (4) s \_\_\_\_\_ most of my money on an old table or some other piece of furniture. Many of these things are very (5) e \_\_\_\_\_; a small chair may cost up to \$2,000. Of course I try to (6) b \_\_\_\_\_ for a lower price but I'm not very good at it. My husband doesn't buy many things but he is a very generous man and he tries to (7) g \_\_\_\_\_ some money to the poor every week. The result is that at the end of the month we can't pay the bills or buy food. So I usually

ask my friends to (8) l \_\_\_\_\_ us some money. I never (9) b \_\_\_\_\_ more than \$300 from one person and try to give the money back as soon as possible. My husband says we should open a bank account and (10) s \_\_\_\_\_ some money every month. I guess he is right.

**QUESTION II: Underline the mistake in each line and write the correct words. (1pt)**

e.g. I love watching TV late in night. My parents \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
 1 usually don't let me staying up so late during \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 the week, but I can do it in Friday or Saturday. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 My father, which is a great sports fan, always \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 want to watch football matches. Fortunately \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 he usually falls asleep in the first half of each \_\_\_\_\_  
 6 match, and I can choose programs whose \_\_\_\_\_  
 7 are interesting for me. Next week I watch a \_\_\_\_\_  
 8 documentary about life in Krakow along \_\_\_\_\_  
 9 1939 and 1945. Krakow is a place that my \_\_\_\_\_  
 10 grandparents lived across the war. \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTION IV: Fill in the gaps with the correct word derived from the words in bold (1.5pts).**

e.g. It was a **sunny** day so we decided to go to the beach **SUN**  
 1 Tim was very \_\_\_\_\_ when Lisa said she wouldn't **DISAPPOINT**  
 come to the party.  
 2 Can you tell me the \_\_\_\_\_ of this word, please? **MEAN**  
 3 The journalist interviewed the \_\_\_\_\_ writer. **FAME**  
 4 Don't be afraid. The dog is \_\_\_\_\_; it won't bite you. **HARM**  
 5 There's a nice new café \_\_\_\_\_. Let's go there! **NEAR**  
 6 Many people say that children have too much \_\_\_\_\_ **FREE**  
 these day.  
 7 Be careful! There are a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ snakes in this **POISON**  
 forest.  
 8 I didn't like classes in the morning but I loved evening **ACTIVE**  
 \_\_\_\_\_.  
 9 My grandmother died many years ago but my grandfather is still **LIVE**  
 \_\_\_\_\_.  
 10 John's first marriage was \_\_\_\_\_ so he got divorced **SUCCESS**  
 and married again.

**QUESTION V: Read the text and put the verbs in brackets in the active or passive voice in the correct tense. Your answer must be written in ANSWER Section below (1.5pts)**

The Eaton Hotel (0) is situated (**situate**) in the very center of London, near Victoria Station. It (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (**build**) in 1980, just before I (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (**visit**) England for the second time. At first, the hotel (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (**have**) only five single rooms but later, in 1983, it (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (**change**) by its owners into a bigger bed and breakfast place. It is now a very modern and comfortable hotel. Breakfast (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (**serve**) between 7 and 9 o'clock and the food is always very tasty.

The rooms (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (**clean**) every day and the chambermaids who work there (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (**change**) the towels every time you ask them. Apart from the excellent food and comfortable rooms the hotel (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (**offer**) some other services now. Very early in the morning or late at night visitors (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (**meet**) at the airport by one of the hotel staff and then they (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (**take**) directly to the hotel. I think all this is very convenient and I can recommend the Eaton Hotel to everybody coming to London for a short stay.

**ANSWER YOUR QUESTION V HERE**

1		6	
2		7	
3		8	
4		9	
5		10	

**QUESTION VI: Use a correct preposition to complete each blank (0.5pt).**

My sister Stephanie is very different (1) \_\_\_\_\_ me. She is interested (2) \_\_\_\_\_ zoology and enjoys working with animals. I must say she is very good (3) \_\_\_\_\_ it. I hate animals and I am afraid (4) \_\_\_\_\_ big dogs and all insects. Biology is much more interesting for me. But Stephanie is bored (5) \_\_\_\_\_ learning about trees and flowers.

**PART THREE: READING**

**QUESTION I: (2pts)**

**The Great Wall of China**

*I-Read the text about the Great Wall of China carefully. Then read the sentences below and decide if they are true (T), false (F), or (NI) if there is no information. Circle the correct letter.*

- 1 The Great Wall of China was designed to look like a snake. T / F / NI
- 2 The Great Wall of China was built of one type of material. T / F / NI
- 3 The Wall's towers were built to provide room for soldiers. T / F / NI
- 4 Only five horses ran along the Great Wall near Peking. T / F / NI
- 5 Among people who built the Wall there were many women. T / F / NI

The Great Wall of China is the only man-made construction that can be seen from space. It is 6,000 kilometers long. It runs along China's northern border and has an unusual shape. It looks as if its architects did not have any specific plans. It looks like a snake or a long road. Nobody knows why its shape is like this but legend states that it was built to imitate the movements of a dragon – a popular religious symbol in China.

The section of the Wall visited by most tourists is at Badaling Pass near Peking. Here, the building material is grey granite blocks, six meters high. On both sides of its roof, there are low walls which protect you from falling off the Wall. In the middle, there is a

**II- Read the text again and write the answers to the questions in the space provided.**

1 What is the length of the Great Wall of China?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2 When was the Great Wall of China built?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3 How far are the Wall's towers from each other?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4 Who lived in the work camps?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5 Why is the Great Wall of China called the "world's longest cemetery"?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

road which is wide enough for five horses running side by side. Other sections of the Great Wall are built of various materials, often of poor quality, for example, wood or sand, depending on whether the wall crossed deserts, plains or the country.

The people who built the Great Wall were often those who could not pay their taxes, prisoners of war and criminals. There were about one million slaves working on the Wall. They lived in poor conditions, in places called work camps. They worked without clothes during the summer and they wore only animal skins in the winter. They often died of disease and hunger. Those who died were often buried in its foundation, making the Wall the "world's longest cemetery".

There are still many of the original 25,000 towers left. They are about twelve meters high and the distance between two neighboring towers is over 200 meters. The army usually lived in these towers. In the period of the Wall's glory almost one million men stayed there.

Today the Great Wall is one of China's most popular tourist attractions. Where else in the world can you see something built by man over twenty-two centuries ago?

**QUESTION II- Read the article and answer the questions below by circling the correct answer. (2pts)**

Are you an exercise fanatic or do you prefer to lie in front of the TV? There's good news and there's bad news whoever you are.

We all have some idea how fit we are- for example, someone even a little fitter than me doesn't have to stop for breath at the top of a hill! The question is how do you get fit? Exercise, of course! But (and this is the good news for people like me!) *not all the time*.

Too much training is actually bad for your body. Of course, this doesn't mean that we shouldn't take exercise, but rest is also important. Muscles are damaged during physical exercise. After a really





10 *The writer*

- A. is very keen on exercise.
- B. likes doing exercise, but not too often.
- C. does not like exercise at all.

**QUESTION III:** Read the following extracts, then mark the sentences T (true) or F (false) (1pt).

<b>A</b>	Ralph Thompson looked up from the book he was reading on the hot, sandy beach. He felt warm and relaxed, as he watched the children playing in the cool sea. It was very peaceful. Suddenly, a loud scream broke the silence. "Help! Shark!" someone screamed, and everyone rushed out of the water.
<b>B</b>	Ruth and Rebecca were sitting at the kitchen table, watching the rain pouring down outside. It was late afternoon and the girls were drinking hot coffee. The smell of it filled the air. Just then, the phone rang. Ruth jumped up to answer it, but Rebecca stopped her. "No, pretend we aren't at home," she said quietly.
<b>C</b>	"Oh no, we're out of control!" Peter shouted. He turned the steering wheel in despair, as the car slid across the icy road. It was snowing heavily and the wind was howling. It was very dark. There were no lights on the country road. Jessica turned to Peter and said, "We're going to crash!" You could see the horror in their eyes.

- 1 In extract A the main character had just finished reading his book when the shark appeared. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 In extract A the weather was cool. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 In extract B the main characters could smell the rain in the air. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 One of the people involved in extract B didn't want anyone to know where they were. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 In extract C the people involved were terrified. \_\_\_\_\_

**PART FOUR: WRITING (4pts)**

**QUESTION I:** Complete each sentence with two to five words, including the word in bold. There is an example (1pt)

- e.g. The new Italian restaurant is more expensive than the old one.  
**as** The old Italian restaurant **is not as expensive as** the new one.
- 1 The problem was too difficult for me to solve.  
**enough** The problem \_\_\_\_\_ for me to solve.
  - 2 I wish I had more friends. Then I wouldn't feel so lonely.  
**had** If I \_\_\_\_\_ not feel lonely.
  - 3 It's forbidden to eat in this room.  
**must** You \_\_\_\_\_ in this room.
  - 4 They have rescued all the people in the building.  
**been** All the people \_\_\_\_\_ rescued.
  - 5 Natasha is not as good as Jill at Math.  
**than** Jill \_\_\_\_\_ at Math.

**QUESTION II:** Using the information below, write a letter of complaint to the manager of "Eli's" restaurant. The beginning and ending have been written for you. Write about 100-150 words. (students **MUSTN'T** write or sign their real name under the letter) (3pts)

- service was slow
  - food was too expensive
  - staff were not helpful
- had to wait for half an hour before we ordered
  - paid £30 each for green salad and beef curry
  - had to call the waiters three times when we needed something

Dear Sir/Madam,  
I am writing to complain about your restaurant, "Eli's", which I visited on August 5<sup>th</sup>

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Firstly, \_\_\_\_\_

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Furthermore, \_\_\_\_\_

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To make matters worse, \_\_\_\_\_

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I trust that you will give this matter serious consideration and that this will not be repeated.

Yours faithfully,

**THE END**