

Preparation 5 | Vocabulary [I]

Choose the best word or phrase to replace the word in bold.

1 Even into the twentieth century, Cornish was being used by small numbers of people, albeit in a very **restricted** form. It is known that in the 1940s some Cornish fishermen were still using this language to count their catch.

- a limited
- b sufficient
- c advanced

2 Thanks to its artificial intelligence, it is able to closely **mimic** animal behaviour and can display a number of different moods. It is even capable of learning and responding to a newly-given name, and of developing its own character over time.

- a study
- b develop
- c imitate

3 Some would even **advocate** that schools penalise children for varying from what is called 'standard English'. Opposed to such views is the argument that linguistic variations in themselves can exert no influence on a child's ability to learn.

- a realise
- b support
- c deny

4 While we can only speculate as to when the disease first **appeared**, what we do know is that from Egypt it spread to India, and from India across to China, where it arrived some time during the first century AD.

- a emerged
- b progressed
- c affected

5 On average, smallpox can be said to have killed a third of all those it infected. But whenever it first arrived in a relatively isolated region such as sixteenth-century Mexico or nineteenth-century Australia, the **mortality** rate was much higher.

- a infection
- b death
- c survival

6 One criterion which is used to determine whether or not a wreck will be excavated is a change in its stability. This could be the result of some kind of **shift** in its environment caused either by natural changes or those brought about by humans.

- a change
- b growth
- c improvement

7 Other species of rattlesnake will exhibit more aggressive behaviour by elevating their rattle high in the air and making it vibrate. The rattle is actually **comprised** of segments that are loosely attached to each other; when the tail is vibrated these knock against each other and make the distinctive sound.

- a made out
- b put up
- c made up

8 We've made significant **inroads** as far as the provision of affordable housing is concerned, but people need to be prepared to help themselves and unless they take the first step by finding employment, how will they pay their mortgage each month?

- a information
- b progress
- c promises

9 Our **institution** was set up to provide teenagers of working parents who were both out at work with a place to go after school. At first, it attracted only small numbers, but gradually the scheme had more success.

- a organisation
- b residence
- c business

10 When the *Mary Rose* was **excavated** off the south coast of England, the recovered bodies showed that the sixteenth-century archers built up the strength in their arms, shoulders and backs by routinely practising with weights much heavier than anything used today.

- a buried
- b unearthed
- c displayed

11 There are many people today who are thinking about starting up a business of their own. Unfortunately, some of those who **endeavour** to do so will actually fail, even those prepared to work hard and make sacrifices to achieve their goal.

- a attempt
- b prepare
- c refuse

12 The black **bands** found on the majority of timber rattlesnakes are on the back of the snake, and occur down the entire length of it. The tail, however, is completely black apart from the rattle at the end, which is usually a light brown colour.

- a teeth
- b poison
- c stripes

13 Another mistake that the owners of new businesses often make is the failure to delegate. If you are confident that you have recruited the right staff, there is no reason at all why you shouldn't **delegate** responsibility to others.

- a assign
- b accept
- c order

14 The population of the city has tripled since 1980 because of people coming from rural areas in search of work. Of those arriving in the first ten years, 75% found employment and are now **integrated** members of society.

- a distinct
- b potential
- c assimilated

15 It involved not only mass vaccination, but also quarantine every time there was an **occurrence** in a part of the world where mass vaccination had yet to be carried out. Anyone who was suffering from the disease was isolated, as were all those who the victim had been in contact with.

- a outcry
- b outset
- c outbreak

16 What I loved most about this book is the way it shows her everyday life, and not the prizes and the **accolades** of her fellow professors or her remarkable achievements.

- a research
- b praise
- c criticism

17 Finds from a wreck can also shed light on the design and construction of the ship and how it was operated by the crew if **fragments** of rope, rigging and even sails have been preserved. In addition, finds may lead to a greater understanding of navigation techniques.

- a copies
- b evidence
- c pieces

18 While the potential of animal therapy has been **substantiated** through a variety of studies, the same cannot be said for *Paro* at this point in time. It goes without saying, of course, that its creators have carried out their own research and come up with promising results.

- a proven
- b debated
- c doubted

Preparation 5 | Vocabulary [III]

Choose the best word(s) to complete the sentence.

1 Such buildings began to be necessary with the explosion in city populations in the late 19th century. To illustrate the dramatic nature of this change, let us look at a couple of sets of statistics.

- a argued
- b valued
- c considered

2 But that kind of thing goes on in industry all over the world, regardless of whether it's nuclear energy that's being produced or some other

- a commodity
- b factory
- c result

3 Most people would expect sports to be at the top of the list, especially in light of the fact that the includes non-competitive activities such as walking and fishing.

- a style
- b grade
- c category

4 In the Chauvet Cave, there is an abundance of such designs – more than in other caves in the region, although less than those in caves in the Pyrenees or the Cantabrian region of Spain.

- a seem
- b appear
- c suggest

5 Marine archaeology, like all things, has become more sophisticated due to various technological advances. But it should by no means be considered a new of archaeology.

- a branch
- b qualification
- c requirement

6 As with most things in life, success cannot be guaranteed, but the of succeeding can be increased by taking the appropriate steps and following certain procedures.

- a evens
- b odds
- c bets

7 People tend to be over-optimistic when making forecasts about market share, but this can be with properly carried-out research.

- a hidden
- b avoided
- c dismissed

8 When the snake bites its, the venom causes damage to the cells surrounding the bite. This can cause very low blood pressure, and then shock.

- a prey
- b predator
- c fangs

9 You can make savings on your utility bills and benefit the environment. Over a twenty-year period, one solar water heater can prevent in excess of fifty tons of carbon dioxide

- a generators
- b emissions
- c radiation

10 For instance, do you your old college friend for poor timekeeping as you would any other employee, or choose to turn a blind eye because the very idea makes you uneasy?

- a congratulate
- b complain
- c reprimand

11 Dust devils can reach heights of eight kilometres as they whirl around the planet. Like tornadoes, they are by pockets of warm air rising up and rotating.

- a prevented
- b noticed
- c formed

12 It's the only state in the continental US to have coral reefs, but there is a substantial reef system in Hawaii. The reefs of Florida from the Lower Keys down to Palm Beach county.

- a extend
- b enlarge
- c envelop

13 When we talk about the need to protect coral reefs such as those off the Florida coast, we shouldn't the fact that the coral is important for its own sake.

- a overreach
- b overlook
- c overdo

14 New light has been on the development of this early civilisation by excavations at a number of archaeological sites throughout three small valleys north of Peru's capital city, Lima.

- a placed
- b flung
- c shed

15 Nothing resembling them had been seen anywhere in South America before, which means, of course, that these people had no for the pyramid design they used.

- a situation
- b precedent
- c requirement

16 They're to the problems which so many marine species seem to be facing today: pollution and global warming. Other contributory factors are overfishing and disease.

- a succumbing
- b attacking
- c adopting

17 A business plan should both profile the business idea and outline the kind of financial that will be required. It should also set out all your assets and liabilities.

- a difficulty
- b assistance
- c crisis

18 In many cases, the work of the marine archaeologist ends there; it is only in the minority of cases that actual excavation is out and the contents of the wreck salvaged.

- a carried
- b worked
- c put

Preparation 5 | Grammar

Read the text and find the grammatical error. Write the correction in the space provided.

1 The two factors that made the Galapagos Islands important for Darwin was their youth and isolation. This meant that many species that he discovered there were unique to the islands.

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2 It's no longer enough that you're children go to the best university. They should start by attending a top kindergarten.

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3 While this is a comparatively low figure, they are obviously extremely vulnerable – very much more so than any of the other groups, I would have to say.

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4 The mangrove are found on coastlines in the subtropical and tropical regions of Africa, Australia, Asia and North and South America.

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5 Medical tests, however, have conclusively proved that levels of stress among teenagers is at an all-time high, with depression and suicidal urges increasingly reported.

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6 I think it shows a certain prejudice as to how the poor will be react at a time like this – that without law and order they will become a mob, bent on destruction.

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7 One of the paradoxes of young people who describe themselves as non-conformists are the lengths to which they will go to fit into the group they are in.

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8 I've suffered from panic attacks since the age of 16. I have my first one when I was out with my friends – we were on a bus at the time.

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Preparation 5 | Spelling

Read the text and find the word that has been spelt incorrectly or spelt correctly but used incorrectly. Write the correctly spelt word in the space provided.

1 In fact, the most persuasive evidense comes in this form as the face-to-face encounters which are often reported, especially by locals, cannot be verified.

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2 We can assume this is linked to unaffordable housing as most studies carried out in the field site this as the primary cause of homelessness.

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3 We are all familiar with the role of colour in the animal kingdom; the tiger's black stripes help it melt into the shadowy jungle as it stalks its pray.

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4 A myriad of different services are currently available witch aim to offer some kind of assistance, but what we need is a comprehensive system.

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5 Ginger root helps digestion and circulation. It has also been shown to ease nausea and vomiting and may help prevent ulcers. It should be avoided if you allready have an ulcer.

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6 It seems that more and more adolescents are complaining of pain and numness in their fingers. Hours of mobile phone use is likely to blame.

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7 Property developers who bought whole apartment blocks for a song are doing them up and selling off the units as 'the ideal solution for the upwardly mobile couple'.

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8 Owing to the considerable sums that come due on the death of the polisyholder, life insurance claims are investigated thoroughly.

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Preparation 5 | Capitalisation

Which word should always be spelt with a capital letter? [See *Capitalisation Guide*, page 259.]

- 1 The period when Victoria was Queen of England is referred to as the Victorian Era.
 - a. Queen
 - b. Victorian
 - c. Era
- 2 The American War of Independence was a global war that began as a conflict between Great Britain and her Thirteen Colonies.
 - a. American
 - b. Great
 - c. Independence
- 3 City Road High School situated in Wood Green, a leafy suburb of London, is known for its high academic standards.
 - a. City
 - b. Green
 - c. London
- 4 The original Globe Theatre in London where Shakespeare's plays were performed burnt to the ground in 1613.
 - a. Globe
 - b. Theatre
 - c. Shakespeare
- 5 I have an appointment with my GP, Doctor Swift, at 5 o'clock.
 - a. GP
 - b. Doctor
 - c. Swift
- 6 The Ford Motor Company was founded in 1903 and is the second largest car manufacturer in the US after General Motors.
 - a. Ford
 - b. Company
 - c. Motor
- 7 William, who is often referred to as Will by his close friends, is the eldest son of Prince Charles and Princess Diana.,
 - a. Will
 - b. Princess
 - c. William
- 8 The research was carried out by the National Institute of Advanced Science in Japan.
 - a. National
 - b. Science
 - c. Japan
- 9 MSU is an abbreviation for Michigan State University.
 - a. University
 - b. State
 - c. Michigan
- 10 The *Mary Rose* was one of King Henry VIII's warships.
 - a. King
 - b. Mary
 - c. Rose



Preparation 5 | Punctuation

Read the text and find the punctuation error. Write the correct punctuation in the space provided.
[See *Punctuation Guide*, page 260.]

1 A field would have one crop one year, another the next year and the third year be uncultivated. The ancient Roman's would alternate crops yearly.

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2 The flag makes a statement about our identity. Id opt for the one that incorporates this. It doesn't have to be the dominant feature.

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3 If this is the case then global dimming may have been behind the terrible droughts that were experienced in sub-Saharan Africa in the 1970s and 1980s.

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4 You mean to say that of 123 million tons of fish taken from the worlds oceans annually, around 66 million are actually intended for human consumption?

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5 Iridology is the study of the iris to determine a persons state of health, and it has been well-known in oriental medicine for centuries.

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6 One aspect of genetic engineering that has recently been attracting a lot of attention is the possibility of creating so-called 'designer babies.

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7 If we compare the figures of playground violence from last year with the current ones we can see the number of reported incidents has tripled.

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8 Lets take a look at the housefly. In a month, a female housefly will lay approximately 2,387 eggs. Within fourteen days these will all be adults.

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Preparation 5 | Listening

EVERYDAY ENGLISH

Choose the best response to each question or statement.

- 1 Do your parents mind you playing the drums?
 - a. Yes, they have to be careful.
 - b. No. They enjoy it, actually.
 - c. No, they don't play the drums.
- 2 How's your brother?
 - a. Are you all right?
 - b. He's an accountant.
 - c. Quite well now, thanks.
- 3 I think I saw Robin in town earlier.
 - a. You must have. He's in France.
 - b. You can't see him. He's in France.
 - c. It can't have been him. He's in France.
- 4 Is your computer working properly?
 - a. Yes, it's running smoothly.
 - b. Yes, it's not functioning at all.
 - c. I can help you fix yours.
- 5 Did Tim phone while I was out?
 - a. He said he has trying to call you on your mobile.
 - b. He said he was tried to call you on your mobile.
 - c. He said he would try to call you on your mobile.
- 6 What are our chances of getting a medal?
 - a. Probably a gold.
 - b. Quite good I'd say.
 - c. The winners will all get medals.



ADJECTIVES

Match the words with their synonyms.

- 1 embarrassed
- 2 dependable
- 3 major
- 4 sophisticated
- 5 unchanging

- a. important
- b. stable
- c. self-conscious
- d. reliable
- e. advanced

PREPOSITIONS

Choose the correct preposition.

- 1 I was so happy when I was **accepted into** / **onto** Cambridge University.
- 2 Mum and Dad **insist in** / **on** our coming to the dinner party.
- 3 We **have no objection to** / **in** her staying here tonight.
- 4 She was a woman who was totally **devoted to** / **in** her four children.
- 5 I think you should **get on** / **in touch with** your cousin.
- 6 He lost his job and is now financially **dependent in** / **on** his parents.

NOUNS

Fill in the correct word to complete the sentence.

benefits ♦ fraction ♦ isolation ♦ peers ♦ trait

- 1 What do you think is his best character – his politeness or sense of humour?
- 3 Josh was not very interested in what his thought.
- 2 It is a concern that the young girl was brought up in
- 4 People who are unemployed rely on government
- 5 The new tax will cover only a of the cost.



IDIOMATIC ENGLISH

Match the idioms with their meanings.

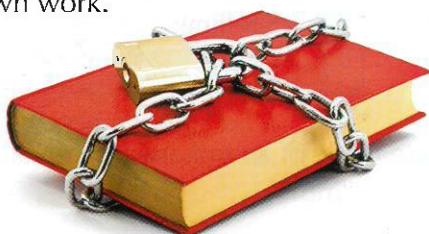
- 1 come down heavily on someone
- 2 blow something out of all proportion
- 3 reap the benefits of
- 4 make ends meet
- 5 make do

- a. make something seem much more serious or important than it is
- b. manage with the things that you have
- c. have only just enough money to buy the things you need
- d. get the rewards of
- e. punish someone or criticise them severely

PHRASAL VERBS

Choose the correct answer.

- 1 Would you care **for** / **with** another slice of cake?
- 2 How well do you get **in** / **on** with Kate?
- 3 I have just handed **in** / **out** my history essay.
- 4 My teacher would always tell me **on** / **off** for talking in class.
- 5 You should not try to pass this article **on** / **off** as your own work.



EXPRESSIONS

Fill in the correct verb to complete the sentence.

get ♦ pay ♦ put ♦ take ♦ waste

- 1 The students have in a lot of effort this year.
- 2 We should into account the fact that she was ill.
- 3 I don't want him to into the habit of going to bed late.
- 4 He says he is sorry and he did not mean to your time.
- 5 I believe that rich people should more taxes than poor people.

Preparation 5 | Reading

You are going to read some short extracts. Each extract contains a grammatical error, a punctuation mistake and a spelling mistake (the word will either be spelt incorrectly or spelt correctly but used incorrectly). Find the mistake and write the correction in the space provided. Then answer the question that follows the text by choosing the correct answer (a, b or c).

1 The first city with over a million inhabitants was Rome, back in the second century AD, but no other city reached this figure until Angkor, Cambodia in 900 AD and Hangzhou in China, in 1200? It was not until the early nineteenth century that a fourth city reached this figure – the city of London. Four cities by the early 1800s, yet today, just 200 years later, over 300 cities has a population exceeding one million. At the beginning of the twentieth century, London was still the biggest city.

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What point is the writer making?

- a. London is the largest city in the world. b. Large cities are no longer peaceful places. c. Urban populations have expanded rapidly.

2 A skyscraper is defined as a habitable structure that is at least 500 feet in height. Construction of such enormous structure's only became possible in 1856 with the invention of a process to mass-produce steel. Without steal, an enormous base of stone would be needed to support a structure of such height. Steel is extremely strong and can withstand great strain. Concrete reinforced with steel can provide a self-supporting skeleton for buildings of great height, which is quite light in weight.

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What was needed for large buildings before 1856?

- a. concrete b. a large base of stone c. concrete reinforced with steel

3 It was the Chicago School of Architecture that desined and constructed the first skyscrapers at the end of the nineteenth century, and it is in Chicago that one of Americas most impressive skyscrapers, the Willis Tower, stands today. The tower was the tallest building in the world between 1973 and 1998. It have 110 storeys, 104 lifts and over 16,000 windows and rises 1,454 feet into the air – that's 443 metres, over three times the height of the Great Pyramid of Cheops in Egypt.

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The Willis Tower

- a. was once the tallest skyscraper of all. b. is still the world's tallest building. c. was the first building to be higher than the Great Pyramid.

4 Easter Island is one of the remotest places on Earth, over 2,000 kilometres from the nearest landmass, in the middle of the South-East Pasific. What people visit for is, of course, the statues – enormous things, they are from three to ten metres high, and they stand on massive stone platforms built next to the sea. All are of humans, with the same characteristic nose and deep-set eyes; they stare out to sea and has done so for thousands of years. But what manner of people constructed them.

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The statues on Easter Island

- a. are as tall as a man. b. are found by the ocean. c. are made of an unknown material.

- 5 They were made by the Polynesians who arrived there in about 500 AD and flourished. However, Easter Islands isolation meant that although the population grew, there was nowhere for it to go. Gradually the forests were cut down and the soil washed away, leaving them with no wood to make boats to fish with. The civilisation collapsed into war. By the time the Europeans arrived, there was only a few thousand inhabitants left.

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What caused the decline of the inhabitants of the island?

- a. They were too few in number. b. They used up their natural resources. c. They easily went to war.
- 6 A swarm of locusts are one of the most awe-inspiring sights in nature, and one that strikes fear into the hearts of farmers everywhere. Generally, the locust is fairly solitary, but in times of excessive rain it's numbers can multiply at extraordinary rates. Then locusts form huge clouds and pass through countryside and farmland like a cyclone, destroying everything in their path. A locust swarm forms the largest concentration of insects on the planet and can cover thousands of square miles of sky or ground.

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What can cause large numbers of locusts to appear?

- a. heavy rain b. high temperatures c. plentiful farms
- 7 When they land, they must eat, and they strip fields, leaving them bare in their wake. It is impossible to do much to stop them; we're talking billions or even trillions of insects here. In their flight, they can block out the sun, bringing a strange cataclysmic light to the land; farmers can only watch anxiously and hope the cloud did not come their way. If it does, it spells ruin. In 1874, a swarm of desert locusts went through Nebraska, USA, destroying vegetation thousand's of miles across.

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A swarm of locusts

- a. can be prevented from entering farms. b. can obstruct the light of the sun. c. would destroy a large town.
- 8 Jazz have been called the first real American music, and while this is in many ways an exaggeration, it goes some way to show how well jazz expresses the American soul. In only a decade, it had spread from it's humble roots in the poor, black South to the rest of America and then the world, wellcomed by a post-war generation eager for change. Jazz is notoriously hard to define, and each time it gets defined it seems to mutate into a new form, as if to defy the critics.

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What is suggested about jazz?

- a. Its history is false. b. It regularly changes form. c. It is for poor Americans in the South.

9 With aspirin we finally had an effective painkiller for many types of pain which – unlike morphine, laudanum and the like – weren't addictive. It has also proved extremely effective in reducing inflammation, such as that associated with rheumatoid diseases. Lastly, it is an effective way of bringing a high fever under control. A simple drug that has saved a lot of suffering and not a few lives. Its chemical ingredient can be found in the bark of willow trees, among others.

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What point is the writer making about aspirin?

- a. It is not highly addictive.
- b. It does little to alleviate pain.
- c. Its chemical composition is still not known.

10 Its roots lie in the blues and the dance music of the southern states. In jazz, both the rhythm and the melodies are highly improvised; the same central harmonies and time are kept, while soloists take huge liberties in working around them. The lead instruments in jazz are often brass or wind; trumpets, saxophones, clarinets and trombones taking the place of the human voice in many bands. The influence of jazz has been tremendous, and a wide variety of musical forms has emerged from it.

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What is characteristic of jazz music?

- a. melodic singers
- b. two or three main instruments
- c. musicians improvise



Preparation 5 | Writing

ESSAY

One of the options in **Task 1** could be an argument (argumentative essay). In an argumentative essay, you state and support your opinion on a given topic.

1a Look at the following writing task and the **MODEL ANSWER** that follows:

Many teenagers play games at home or online with their friends. Many of these games contain a lot of violence. Some people think these games should be banned as they lead to children becoming violent themselves, whereas others feel it has no effect on them. What do you think?

- You could write about:
- teenagers know the difference between real life and fantasy
 - it's a good way of socialising with friends
 - teenagers who have aggressive tendencies may be affected by violent games

Nowadays, video games get a lot of bad press due to the violent content of many of them. This has led to calls for stricter controls and, in some cases, banning them altogether. Personally, I am of the opinion that most teenagers are able to play video games without suffering any harmful effects.

First of all, today's teenagers are fully aware of the difference between what is real and what is fantasy. After all, these children have grown up with technology; it has been a part of their lives since they were born. For this reason, it would be extremely unlikely for a teenager to play an online game in which their character steals a car and for them to then steal a car the next time they are out just because it was done in the game. In addition, many of the games involve shooting other people, but these teenagers do not go around shooting their friends after playing a game. In fact, they do not even discuss it because, of course, it is just a game.

Secondly, it has to be said that playing games online is a great way of socialising. Teenagers are able to interact with a number of different people, some of whom may live in another country. This all has the additional benefit of introducing the teenager to a different culture. Surely it is better for a teenager to be actively engaged in conversation with others rather than sat in front of a TV with no one to interact with.

All in all, video games are just games to most teenagers, something that they and their friends can play together and have an extremely good time. Personally, I believe that the people who say these games are dangerous are the ones who have never played them.

MODEL ANSWER

b Tick (✓) the things the writer of this composition has done.

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| 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Discussed only the side of the argument relevant to his own opinion. | 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Restated his opinion in the conclusion. |
| 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Used linking words and phrases to connect his ideas. | 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Given explanations for his opinion. |
| 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Given an opinion in the introduction. | 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Introduced a new idea in the conclusion. |
| 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Used the same words from the task in the introduction. | 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Restated the topic in his own words. |
| 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Given an example. | 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Summarised the main points of his argument in the conclusion. |

The final sentence of your introduction should state your opinion on the issue. This is what you will write about in the main body of your composition. It will also help the reader know what to expect from your composition.

2a Giving an Opinion

Look at the words / phrases and tick (✓) the ones that mean the same as in my opinion.

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| 1 Personally, I believe ... <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 As I see it, ... <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 What is more, ... <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Furthermore, ... <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 To my mind, ... <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 As far as I am concerned, ... <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Apart from this, ... <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 In addition, ... <input type="checkbox"/> | |

b What would you use the other words / phrases for?

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Linking Words & Phrases

You should use linking words and phrases in your composition to connect your ideas.

3a Put the following words / phrases in the correct column in the table.

Finally ♦ The reason for ♦ Besides that ♦ However ♦ Therefore ♦ First of all ♦ Furthermore
 In contrast ♦ For example ♦ such as ♦ What is more ♦ This is because ♦ Nevertheless ♦ Last of all

Sequencing	Adding Information	Giving an Example	Giving Reasons	Introducing the Counterargument
<i>To begin with,</i>	<i>In addition,</i>	<i>For instance</i>	<i>Due to (the fact that)</i>	<i>On the other hand</i>

b Fill in the correct word each time to complete the sentence.

1 Finally / Last

..... of all, most teenagers are quite sensible and would avoid anything that looked suspicious.

2 However / In addition

This means they are constantly socialising, which is better than sitting in front of the TV alone. , they should be sensible about it and not stay up late at night.

3 For example / In contrast

Using a computer has many advantages. , you can find a wealth of information on any subject.

4 Nevertheless / Moreover

Some students are extremely shy. , they do not interact well with others face-to-face and they find that social media is a good way to overcome this.

4 Fill in up, in, into, on or to.

1 the whole, it seems that ...

2 Taking everything consideration, there is no doubt that ...

3 conclusion, there is little doubt that ...

4 To sum , it is obvious that ...

5 All all, it is clear that ...

6 conclude, it appears that ...

PART 1

1 Choose the best response.

1 Do you think social media is a good thing?

- A Yes. I spend hours on it every day.
- B I think social media can be very positive, if we use it in the right way. Like anything else, if we are careful and focus on communicating with the people we know, then it can bring us closer together.

2 Which one of your possessions means the most to you?

- A It has to be my iPhone. I've only had it for a few months but I still find it amazing. I use it to communicate and surf the Net and I think I rely on it now for a lot of things.
- B After careful consideration, I am of the opinion that my electric scooter is the most useful possession I own due to the fact that it allows me to travel around my local town conveniently.

3 If you could fly to anywhere in the world, where would you go?

- A It would probably be America so that I could visit the sights in New York and Los Angeles and see what the country is really like.
- B To my grandparents' village. My family and I go there every summer and have a great time. It's my favourite place to go on holiday.



2 Choose the correct word to complete the response.

1 What three things could people do to ensure they eat more healthily?

(1) **At first / Firstly**, I believe that we ought to have a good breakfast in the morning. Secondly, we should eat fruit instead (2) **of / than** snacks during the day. (3) **Last / Finally** of all, we should always have salad or vegetables with our meals.



3 Which three things would your perfect job include?

I would love to be a famous actor, so first of all it would mean working with the biggest stars (1) **in / of** the business, travelling to many different (2) **situations / locations** to make films and, of course, (3) **making / taking** a lot of money!

2 Tell me three things people can do to help the environment.

For a start, everyone must recycle rubbish (1) **like / as** paper, aluminium and glass. It is also important that we avoid (2) **to use / using** cars all the time when we can walk or take public transport. And finally, we could volunteer to take (3) **part / place** in activities with local environmental groups, such as tree planting or cleaning up beaches.



PART 2

1 Read the sentences below and write A for Agreeing or D for Disagreeing.

- 1 I don't really think so.
- 2 That makes a lot of sense.
- 3 That's where you're mistaken.
- 4 That's all well and good, but
- 5 Up to a point, you're right.
- 6 You couldn't be more wrong.

2 Read the sentences below and write A (for Adding a point), E (for Expressing cause) or C (for Concluding).

- 1 All in all,
- 2 Owing to this,
- 3 In view of that,
- 4 Besides this,
- 5 In addition,
- 6 On the whole,
- 7 What's more, ...'
- 8 Because of that,

PART 3

1 Responding to interruptions:

a Match the sentence halves.

- 1 Continuing where I left off,
- 2 Could I just finish what I was saying?
- 3 As I was just explaining

- a to you, local produce is more likely to be fresh.
- b there are a lot of people who want to buy fresh fruit and vegetables.
- c The produce will come from local farms only.

b Now replace the phrases in 'a' with an option below.

- 1 As I was just saying
- 2 Getting back to what I was saying,
- 3 Would you mind if I finish what I was saying?

2a Tick (✓) the phrases that can be used to refer back to an earlier point you made.

- 1 As I said at the start,
- 2 To put it simply,
- 3 In other words,
- 4 Further to what I was saying,
- 5 As I mentioned earlier,
- 6 In brief,

b What is the function of the other phrases?

- a to give examples
- b to rephrase
- c to introduce a new point

