

Task 1. Choose the correct answer. (10 points)

- 1) Ben cooks ... pasta twice a week.
a.— b. a c. the
- 2) Where is ... post-office, please?
a. the nearest b. the next c. nearer
- 3) Mr. Potts likes to live in the country, ...?
a. don't he? b. isn't he? c. doesn't he?
- 4) I know him very well. He is my ... friend.
a. best b. good; c. better
- 5) I don't understand what he ... about.
a. is talking b. talks c. talk
- 6) The match finishes at half past nine, so I ... at home by 10 o'clock.
a. will be b. am c. was
- 7) For desert he always has ... biscuits and ... fruit.
a. a few, many b. much, much c. a few, much
- 8) We ... Peter this week yet, but we ... him a couple of weeks ago.
a. didn't see, saw b. haven't saw, have saw c. haven't seen, saw
- 9) We just ... about him when he suddenly ... in.
a. talked, came b. were talking, was coming c. were talking, came
- 10) ... your mum ride a bicycle?
a. must b. can c. do

Task 2. Choose the correct word or phrase to fill each space in this passage. (16 points)

Last week I made the mistake of revisiting the village where I grew up. It was a small, friendly community with two farms and a number of old cottages round the village green. I realized very quickly that although in (1) many / few ways it appears unchanged, in reality hardly (2) nothing / anything is the same. (3) All / Every the pretty cottages are there, of course, and (4) both / most the picturesque farmhouses. But (5) none of the / none of inhabitants are country people. All of (6) they / them are commuters, who leave early (7) every morning / all the mornings for the nearby town. (8) Neither of / Neither the farmhouses is attached to a farm these days; the land has been sold and is managed by (9) somebody / anyone in an office (10) anywhere /

somewhere who has (11) little / a little interest in the village itself. There are (12) few / a few new houses, but they have (13) no / none of local character; you can see the same style (14) anywhere / somewhere in the country. (15) The whole / Whole of the village, in fact, has been tidied up so much that it has become (16) anything / nothing more than just another suburb.

Task 3. Cross the odd word out. (10 points)

- 1) What do you do in on Sunday afternoons?
- 2) Today it is as more cold as yesterday.
- 3) He is being travelling to Manchester by train now.
- 4) Can I have a some ticket for the car park, please?
- 5) I must to feed the dog now, it is hungry.
- 6) Where did Sally go on at Friday night?
- 7) My sister Kate is as older than her friend Maria.
- 8) You mustn't to make that silly mistake again!
- 9) There aren't the any lemons, but there is some ice cream.
- 10) I've got the a new mobile phone.

Task 4. Make nouns from the verbs (only one suffix is used) and complete the sentences. (7 points)

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- 1) 'Hello' and 'Good morning' are
- 2) Houses, schools, churches and shops are all ...
- 3) ... in the fog can be dangerous.
- 4) Do you remember your first ... with your husband?
- 5) Will there be ... at the party?
- 6) Who does the ... in your family?
- 7) I didn't see the ... of the play.

Task 5*. Fill in the gaps with the correct article where necessary.
(13 points) (First learn the information "АРТИКЛЬ В УСТОЙЧИВЫХ СЛОВСОЧЕТАНИЯХ" (attached file)

- I was 1) at ____ **complete loss** as to how to find the money 2) in ____ **time**
- Let's go out to a restaurant 3) for ____ **change**.
- 4) On ____ **whole**, life was much quieter after John left.
- Keep your feet dry so you don't 5) catch ____ **cold**.
- Kathy's wedding shower 6) was ____ **great success**.
- Stephen King's new novel will go 7) on ____ **sale** next week.
- Nurses do all they can to make patients feel 8) at ____ **ease**.
- Look! The house is 9) on ____ **fire**!
- He'll be able to tell if the diamonds are genuine 10) at ____ **glance**.
- "They're coming," he said 11) in ____ **whisper**.
- 12) In ____ **end**, I decided that I wouldn't go after all.
- I should be back by 11 o'clock 13) at ____ **latest**.

Task 6. Correct the grammar mistakes in these sentences.

Write the whole sentence (or the extract) correctly. (8 points)

- 1) It's a beautiful day. Let's have the lunch in the garden.
- 2) He's captain in the army.
- 3) He has written two books but neither books have been published yet.
- 4) Have you got the time for a drink?
- 5) We got on very well with one other on holiday.
- 6) I went to Portugal a month before last.
- 7) I hardly have any free time so I have a few hobbies.
- 8) I've got two sons but none of them looks like me.

Task 7. Match the idioms with their definitions. (6 points)

1) be on good terms (with sb)	a) try as hard as possible
2) be in a good mood	b) feel happy
3) be broke	c) have a job and earn money
4) do one's best	d) do sth to help sb
5) do sb a favour	e) have no money at all
6) do (sth) for a living	f) be friendly (with sb)

Task 8. Fill in the correct idiom from ex.7 (don't forget to use the verbs and the nouns in the correct form and to change some pronouns if necessary).
(6 points)

- 1) "What do you ...?" "I work as a nurse."
- 2) After the divorce, they didn't talk for months but now they ... with each other.
- 3) I'm going to the bank to ask for a loan because I ...
- 4) Although he ... he didn't win the race.
- 5) Could you ...? If you're going out, could you buy some milk?
- 6) Now's a good time to ask for a pay rise because the boss ...

Task 9. Put What ... / What a ... or How... to complete the exclamations. Which are positive reactions (put P)? Which are negative (put N)? (24 points)

1) silly mistake!		2) brilliant idea!	
3) ghastly weather!		4) utterly ridiculous!	
5) terrific!		6) rubbish!	
7) mess!		8) dreadful!	
9) absolutely fabulous!		10) appalling behaviour!	
11) hell of a journey!		12) terrible thing to happen!	

TOTAL: 100 points