



### A. GRAMMAR SECTION

1. Don't turn the light off, I \_\_\_\_\_ my exams for tomorrow.

a) will study	c) studied
b) am studying	d) was studying
  
2. When the war \_\_\_\_\_, Jack \_\_\_\_\_ to escape from Germany.

a) starts / is trying	c) had started / tried
b) starts / will try	d) started / was trying
  
3. A: As a travel writer, you \_\_\_\_\_ many places. Any favorites?  
B: Norway. It's a beautiful, amazing country, I \_\_\_\_\_ there four times.

a) visited / was	c) have visited / was
b) have visited / have been	d) visited / have been
  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ notice says that \_\_\_\_\_ children under 16 can't watch the movie.

a) The / the	c) - / the
b) A / the	d) The / -
  
5. Excuse me, sir? I'm lost. \_\_\_\_\_ you help me?

a) Would	c) Must
b) Should	d) Shall
  
6. A: We don't have any milk left.  
B: Really? I \_\_\_\_\_ some on my way home then.

a) am going to get	c) will to get
b) am going get	d) will get
  
7. The boy \_\_\_\_\_ down while he \_\_\_\_\_ a tree in the garden and hurt his leg.

a) was falling / was climbing	c) fell / climbed
b) fell / was climbing	d) was falling / climbed



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| a) must  | c) may  |
| b) could | d) will |

16. The royal wedding \_\_\_\_\_ by millions of people in 2011.

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| a) is watched | c) were watched |
| b) watched    | d) was watched  |

17. Dave is upset about \_\_\_\_\_ the dance course, but I believe he will start again very soon.

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| a) give up it | c) give it up |
| b) giving up  | d) give up    |

18. The game is very popular nowadays, so it \_\_\_\_\_ by millions of young people.

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| a) is played  | c) played |
| b) was played | d) play   |

19. A: Why are the students bored?

B: Because the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ for hours.

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| a) have talked | c) has been talking |
| b) will talk   | d) talk             |

20. If my sister \_\_\_\_\_ sick, I \_\_\_\_\_ shopping later today, but I need to stay home and take care of her.

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| a) wasn't / will go   | c) isn't / will go  |
| b) weren't / would go | d) isn't / would go |



**Choose the correct answer to complete the sentences.**

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8. Boss: There are a few things I need to discuss with everyone in the office before my vacation.

Manager: Sure. I'll look at our calendars and \_\_\_\_\_ a time when we can all meet tomorrow.

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| a) deal    | c) check  |
| b) arrange | d) remind |

9. I'm really upset. I \_\_\_\_\_ my favorite coffee cup on the kitchen floor and it broke into pieces.

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| a) fell off    | c) located |
| b) disappeared | d) dropped |

10. When my neighbor came to my house yelling, I couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ what to do and call the police.

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| a) figure out | c) get lost       |
| b) break down | d) feel sorry for |

11. Historically, British army \_\_\_\_\_ India in 1600s, but their rule did not begin until 1858.

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| a) invaded | c) announced |
| b) avoided | d) built     |

12. It's hard to understand Jeff when he talks about computers. He gets very excited and speaks fast and not very \_\_\_\_\_.

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| a) completely | c) clearly |
| b) correctly  | d) safely  |

13. She is really \_\_\_\_\_ engineer! She is the best person for this position.

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| a) qualified | c) unreliable |
| b) rude      | d) frightened |

14. As a student, I have to deal with \_\_\_\_\_ every day. I have to cook, do the \_\_\_\_\_ and find time to study after I get home from my part time job.

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| a) jobs / projects     | c) opportunities / processes |
| b) challenges / chores | d) achievements / changes    |



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## B. READING SECTION

### TEXT 1

#### AGATHA CHRISTIE

- Agatha Christie was born on 15th September 1890. She didn't go to school because her mother wanted to teach her at home. She studied the piano and singing in Paris.
- She got married in 1914 to a pilot and they had one daughter. During the First World War, when she was working as a nurse, she began to write detective stories. In the
- 5 hospital, she learned a lot about drugs and poisons, and she used this information in her novels.
- She published her first novel in 1920. The main character was a Belgian detective, Hercules Poirot. The book soon became a best-seller and made her famous.
- In 1928, Agatha Christie **mysteriously** disappeared. The police found her two weeks
- 10 later suffering from **amnesia**. She couldn't remember anything. This was front-page news in all the newspapers in Britain, and even today nobody knows exactly what happened to her during those two weeks. Soon after that, she got divorced.
- In 1929, Agatha Christie went on holiday to Baghdad in Iraq. There she met and fell in love with her second husband, who was a famous archaeologist. They went home to
- 15 England on the Orient Express and got married in 1930.
- She traveled with her husband to the Middle East many times, and a lot of her later stories take place there, for example, *Murder on the Nile*. She also created the detective Miss Marple and began to write plays. One of them, *The Mousetrap*, opened at a theatre in the West End of London in 1952 and is still on today – a world record.
- 20 During her life, she wrote nearly eighty detective stories, and she also wrote some romantic novels under the pen name of Mary Westmacott. She died in January 1976, when she was eighty-six years old.
- Agatha Christie's **thrillers** are famous for their surprise endings. You sometimes don't know who the murderer is until the last page.

#### A. Scan the text and complete the chart below about Agatha Christie.

	DATE	EVENT
1.	.....	was born
2.	1914	.....
3.	.....	published her first novel
4.	1928	.....
5.	1930	.....
6.	.....	died

**B. Complete the following sentences according to the text.**

1. Agatha didn't go to school because she \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Her knowledge as a nurse was useful in \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Hercules Poirot \_\_\_\_\_ in the book.
4. Agatha became famous because \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Agatha disappeared for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is still a mystery.
6. A lot of her later stories happen in \_\_\_\_\_.
7. It is a world record that "The Mousetrap" \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Sometimes you can't guess who the murderer is in \_\_\_\_\_.

**C. Match the following words with their definitions. (One definition is extra.)**

**Words**

1. mysteriously (line 9)
2. amnesia (line 10)
3. thriller (line 23)

**Definitions**

- a. loss of memory, forgetfulness
- b. a book/play/film with an exciting story
- c. not as good, successful, etc. as you had hoped
- d. in a secret way

**D. What do the following words refer to in the text?**

1. 'they' (line 3) refers to \_\_\_\_\_
2. 'her' (line 5) refers to \_\_\_\_\_
3. 'there' (line 17) refers to \_\_\_\_\_
4. 'their' (line 23) refers to \_\_\_\_\_



## TEXT 2

### A TRAVEL GUIDE

Whether you're travelling to the islands or the mountains of Thailand, you're likely to spend at least one night in its capital city on the way. Bangkok might be noisy and polluted but it's also an exciting city with plenty of things to see and do. Why not make it a longer stay?

#### Where to stay

- 5 The Khao San Road was a famous traveling spot even before Leonardo di Caprio's character in the film *The Beach* stayed there. But it's noisy, not very pretty, and not very Thai. For something more authentic, Phra Kanong offers an alternative place to stay, with its fantastic street markets where everyday Bangkok people eat, work, and live. It's not as convenient for the main tourist sites, but it has a Skytrain station so you can be at the Grand Palace in 20
- 10 minutes.

#### How to get around

- Bangkok's traffic can be a nightmare. Sure, you can easily take a taxi – if you want to spend hours stuck in traffic jams – but there are two much better ways to get around the city. To explore the temples and historical sites, catch an express boat river taxi or a longtail boat along
- 15 the Chao Phraya River and the canals. For the modern part of the city, the Skytrain is a fast, cheap way to travel from the river to the shopping malls and nightlife of Sukhumvit, and the famous Chatuchak Street market.

#### Where to eat

- The simple answer is everywhere! Thai street food is among the best in the world, and for
- 20 around \$5 you can eat a filling and delicious meal. Some food stands have little plastic seats where you can sit and eat and they cook the same dish over and over, like fried chicken on rice or Pad Thai noodles. Head for Chinatown – Yaowarat Street – and choose whatever looks most interesting from the many excellent Chinese and Thai restaurants and food stands.

#### What to do

- 25 After you've seen the main sites like the Giant Buddha at the temple of Wat Pho and the spectacular Grand Palace, and shopped at Chatuchak market, check out the snake farm and watch the live snake show. You can even touch a snake yourself if you want to!

#### A. Read the text and mark the following statements as True (T) or False (F).

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. One night is enough time to see Bangkok.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Khao San Road is an authentic Thai area of the city.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Phra Kanong is further away from the main tourist sites than Khao San Road is.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The river boat taxis often get stuck in traffic too.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Taking the Skytrain is a faster way to see the city than going by taxi.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. You need to choose where to eat carefully, as not everywhere is good.



### TEXT 3

#### THE MAN WITH THE MOST WORLD RECORDS

Ashrita Furman is a record-breaking record-breaker. He has set more records than anyone else in the world! In the last 40 years, he has established more than 600 records!

As a child, Ashrita loved reading the Guinness Book of World Records. He wanted to be in it too. But he thought people had to be good at sports to be in the book. He wasn't a  
5 good athlete. He felt his dream would never come true.

But later in life, Ashrita learned meditation, and with this, he learned that nothing is impossible. He tested this idea in 1978 by entering a 24-hour bike race in New York. Without any training, Ashrita came third! After that, he started thinking about breaking records again.

10 First, he tried to break the record for the most jumping jacks. He failed at first, but, remembering that 'anything is possible', he trained, meditated, and tried again. This time, he did 27,000 jumping jacks in 6 hours 45 minutes and became the new record holder. His achievement appeared in the 1980 Guinness Book of Records.

Today, Ashrita has a long list of records, including: walking the furthest distance with a  
15 bike on his chin, cycling the longest distance with a bottle on his head and lighting the most candles on a birthday cake. He says: "I choose ideas which are challenging, fun and childish! I enjoy practicing and seeing my progress."

He says his favourite record was "the longest distance on a pogo stick". While he was on holiday in Japan, he saw Mount Fuji and thought it was beautiful, so he decided to try to  
20 break a record there. He did 11.5 miles. The most difficult record was "the most forward rolls". In 10 hours and 30 minutes, he did 8,341 of them, traveling 12 miles!

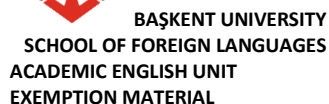
If you want to break a world record too, Ashrita gives this advice. "Choose something you enjoy because you will need to practice. And don't give up. Your mind will tell you that something is impossible, but it isn't. If someone else has done something, and you  
25 work hard, you can do it too!

#### A. Choose the correct answer according to the text.

1. When Ashrita was a child, he ...
  - a) achieved his first world record.
  - b) was good at sports.
  - c) dreamed of being in the Guinness Book of Records.
  - d) met a record-breaking athlete.



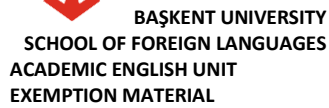
2. When he was a child, he thought that...
  - a) everything is possible.
  - b) only good athletes could break records.
  - c) he would become a good athlete one day.
  - d) one day he would achieve his dream.
  
3. When Ashrita did the 24-hour bike race, he learned that...
  - a) breaking records is easy.
  - b) meditation is unnecessary.
  - c) training is important.
  - d) anything is possible.
  
4. Which activity did Ashrita do for his first world record?
  - a) jumping jacks
  - b) using a pogo stick
  - c) meditating
  - d) cycling
  
5. Which of these sentences is NOT true about Ashrita?
  - a) His record-breaking activities are childish.
  - b) He doesn't enjoy training for records.
  - c) In one record, he carried a bottle on his head while cycling.
  - d) He failed his first record-breaking attempt.
  
6. Which sentence might Ashrita say?
  - a) "You don't have to practice much to break records."
  - b) "Do what your mind tells you to do."
  - c) "Anyone can break records."
  - d) "Doing the most forward rolls was easy!"



## TASK 1

- Give information about the period, characters and the plot.
- Use, *and*, *also*, *in addition etc...* to link your ideas. You can also use *however*, *although*, *despite etc...* to contrast your ideas. (Use at least two of the phrases mentioned.)

[illegible]



**Write a review for a movie, documentary or reality show that you like in 90-110 words.**

- [illegible]



## **ANSWER KEY**

### **GRAMMAR SECTION**

<b>1. b</b>	<b>2. d</b>	<b>3. b</b>	<b>4. d</b>	<b>5. a</b>	<b>6. d</b>	<b>7. b</b>	<b>8. c</b>	<b>9. d</b>	<b>10. a</b>
<b>11. a</b>	<b>12. a</b>	<b>13. d</b>	<b>14. b</b>	<b>15. c</b>	<b>16. d</b>	<b>17. b</b>	<b>18. a</b>	<b>19. c</b>	<b>20. b</b>

### **VOCABULARY SECTION**

<b>1. b</b>	<b>2. b</b>	<b>3. a</b>	<b>4. a</b>	<b>5. c</b>	<b>6. a</b>	<b>7. a</b>	<b>8. b</b>	<b>9. d</b>	<b>10. a</b>
<b>11. a</b>	<b>12. c</b>	<b>13. a</b>	<b>14. b</b>	<b>15. d</b>	<b>16. a</b>	<b>17. a</b>	<b>18. b</b>	<b>19. a</b>	<b>20. d</b>

### **READING SECTION**

#### **TEXT I (Agatha Christie)**

**A.**

<b>1.</b>	<b>15 September 1890</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>got married</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>1920</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>(mysteriously) disappeared</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>got married (for the second time)</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>January 1976</b>



**B.**

<b>1.</b>	<b>was taught by her mother at home</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>(writing) her novels</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>was the main character / was a Belgian detective</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>her book soon became a best seller</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>2 weeks.....what happened to her (during this time)</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>the Middle East</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>is still on today</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>her thrillers</b>

**C.**

<b>1.</b>	<b>d</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>a</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>b</b>

**D.**

<b>1. Agatha Christie and her husband</b>
<b>2. Agatha Christie's</b>
<b>3. in the Middle East</b>
<b>4. Agatha Christie's thrillers'</b>



## TEXT II (A Travel Guide)

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1. F	2. F	3. T	4. F	5. T	6. F
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## TEXT III (The Man With The Most World Records)

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1. c	2. b	3. d	4. a	5. b	6. c
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