

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with the correct comparative or superlative form of the words in brackets.

- 1 This is the _____ (interesting) programme I've ever seen! Switch it off!
- 2 Hamilton is the _____ (fast) driver in the world today.
- 3 Can you speak _____ (slowly), please? I can't follow you.
- 4 I work _____ (hard) now than I used to.
- 5 Miss Barber is the _____ (good) teacher in the school.
- 6 This exercise is _____ (difficult) than I thought it would be. I can do it!
- 7 I gave him the sweets because he asked the _____ (politely) of all the children.
- 8 She's _____ (happy) doing this job than she was before. Now she's always smiling.
- 9 They have the _____ (pretty) garden in the neighbourhood. It won a prize last year.
- 10 Penny was the _____ (successful) of all the students in that class. She didn't work very hard at all.

Mark /10

2 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 I wish I **would** / **could** go to the concert with you but I'm really busy.
- 2 Would you rather we **didn't** / **don't** go away for the weekend?
- 3 I wish he **wouldn't** / **didn't** like jazz so much. I can't stand it.
- 4 If only the shop **opened** / **would open** earlier, they would get more customers.
- 5 I wish they **would sell** / **sold** that car. It's always breaking down.

Mark /5

3 Add question tags to the statements.

- 1 You didn't like the concert, _____?
- 2 He's working late tonight, _____?
- 3 They don't have a dog, _____?
- 4 She goes training everyday, _____?
- 5 There isn't any cake left, _____?

Mark /5

Vocabulary

4 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

divorced fancied split married engaged

- 1 It was a surprise when we got _____. We were in a restaurant and Jon gave me a beautiful ring.
- 2 My grandparents were _____ for 60 years.
- 3 Ben and Sue _____ up in January.
- 4 Getting _____ can be very hard on the children.
- 5 Polly has _____ Mark since they first met!

Mark /5

5 Complete the sentences with the correct answers.

- 1 Harry got _____ with not doing his French homework.
A off B away C on
- 2 I fell _____ with my best friend last month.
A off B over C out
- 3 I hate people who look _____ on other people.
A down B out C away
- 4 My cousin is very successful and I look _____ to her.
A over B up C out
- 5 It's important to get _____ with your colleagues at work.
A on B out C in

Mark /5

Listening

6 3.07 Listen to the radio phone-in. Choose the best answers.

- Bridget's first meeting with her boyfriend was
 - very romantic.
 - quite romantic.
 - unromantic.
- That night Bridget should have
 - eaten chicken.
 - cooked the dinner.
 - eaten fish and chips.
- Bridget had to
 - wait for a long time at the shop.
 - walk a long way.
 - talk to lots of people.
- Bridget went out with
 - a guy who worked in the fish and chip shop.
 - a guy who bought her fish and chips.
 - a guy she met while she was waiting in the shop.
- Today Bridget
 - is a good cook.
 - doesn't like fish and chips.
 - gets her husband to buy the fish and chips.

Mark /10

Reading

7 Read the text.

A good job

In the past when married couples had problems they usually split up or continued to live together in an unhappy relationship. These days couples, married or not, can get advice on their problems from many sources. A lot of them come to me.

I'm a counsellor and I'm trained to listen to couples with problems. Then I try to advise them on the best way forward. One of my main tasks is to get people to

talk – to each other and to me. Often a relationship has problems because people keep all their feelings inside. If we talk about things, we can often find an answer.

It's also important to realise that we're not all perfect. We all make mistakes. But we need to say sorry and talk about how we can prevent these mistakes from happening again. This can make a relationship stronger.

I don't always succeed in helping people to stay together. Sometimes it's better for the couple to split up and start new lives apart. But it helps everyone if the break-up can be friendly, especially for any children involved.

I love my job. I meet all sorts of people and it's generally very rewarding.

8 Are the sentences true or false?

- The writer advises single people as well as couples. _____
- To become a counsellor you don't need any training. _____
- A counsellor needs to be a good listener. _____
- Problems usually destroy a marriage. _____
- Parents who split up should stay friends for their children. _____

Mark /10

Writing

9 Write an informal letter to a penfriend in England. Include the following information:

- an appropriate greeting
- an apology for not writing sooner
- news about yourself
- news about friends and/or family
- ask questions about your friend
- an appropriate closing

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Total /60