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 Grammar Quiz

Task I. Choose the right variant to fill in the gaps.

1) Technology has led to robots replacing factory workers on car…. lines

 A .building; B. assembly; C. making; D. compilation

2) …. powered vehicles are quieter, cleaner and more economical to run than those powered by fossil fuels.

 A. Sun; B. Sunlight; C. Solar; D. Sunray.

3) The development of …. technology has revolutionized industry.

 A. informational; B. information; C. informative; D. inform.

4) Keep everything on disc. That way if the computer … you won’t lose all your work.

 A. sticks; B. crashes; C. smashes; D. stumps.

5) Increased traffic … has led some local councils to start charging drivers to enter city centres.

 A. congestion; B. blockage; C. stoppage; D. obstruction.

6) Many parts of the world are experiencing …. weather conditions as a result of global warming.

 A. acute; B. excessive; C. disproportionate; D. extreme.

7) The area is well served by a wide range of fast food … ranging from burger bars to Indian takeaway.

 A. openings; B. outlets; C. means; D. channels.

8) Read through the contact, and if you wish to …. any changes, let me know.

 A. make; B. have; C. hold; D. do.

9) My sister lives so far away we only see each other once in a….

 A. long time; B. dark night; C. red planet; D. blue moon.

10) It’s sad to say, but very few relations nowadays stand the … of time.

 A. trial; B. judgement; C. test; D. check.

11) I know it’s hard to stop smoking, but you’ll feel better in the long….

 A. time; B. turn; C. go; D. run.

12) The country has been ravaged by a …. war.

 A. friendly; B. national; C. civil; D. local.

13.) If you don’t agree to refund my deposit, I will be forced to take …. action.

 A. law; B. legal; C. court; D. penal.

14) Newcastle United won a … victory over league rivals Arsenal to win the premiership title.

 A. decisive; B. influential; C. strong-minded; D. determined.

15) I find the idea of experimenting on animals ….

 A. disagreeing; B. distasteful; C. objectionable; D. objective.

 *(Marks 2x15=30)*

Task II. Underline the correct word.

1. The guide book conjured/ called/ evoked /brought up images of deserted beaches and blue lagoons.
2. They have extended the end date/ closure/deadline/finish for applications until the end of May.
3. The locals are locked in a bitter feud/warfare/battle/fight with the government over the ownership of the land.
4. The Labour Party is divided into two broad barracks/camps/teams/regiments on the issue of the euro: those who want to enter the monetary union and those who do not.
5. The landscape was evocative/reminiscent/remembered/provocative of the French Riviera.
6. I’m afraid we can’t process your order at the moment as there’s been a technical spill/catch/drop/ hitch.
7. The locks to the doors of the building are controlled mainly/ centrally/ solidly/completely.
8. Their efforts to save the company from liquidation were convicted/ judged/ sentenced/doomed to failure.
9. The management warned the workforce that job cuts were imminent/ immediate/ instant/ instantaneous.
10. Sorry we’re late, we got held up by streetwork/roadworks/ street jobs/ road business on the M6.

*(Marks 2x10=20)*

Task III. Fill in the gaps with ONE word

1. …. my better judgement, I agreed to lend him my car.
2. Unemployed people tend to feel cut … from the rest of society.
3. Roy was passed …… from promotion in favour of a young colleague.
4. When my parents passed …. they left me the house and a sizeable amount of money.
5. George decided to take the law…. his own hands and find the culprint.
6. The doctor advised Liz to cut …. on fatty and salty foods.
7. If you break … of prison, they will add another year to your sentence.
8. It was a race …. the clock to get everything ready in time for the conference.
9. Overexercising can lead …. muscle strain and a weakened immune system*.*
10. Very few scientists are willing to go …. the establishment for fear of losing credibility.

*(Marks 2x10=20)*

Task IV. Read an article about a new invention carefully and decide which of sentences 1-6 are true (T), which are false (F) according to the text.

 Pedal Power TV (to uproot couch potato)

A television set that will only work if children pedal an exercise bicycle to provide the electricity has been invented by researchers examining weight problems at a New York hospital.

 Experiments involving overweight children aged between eight and twelve showed that those who had to pedal when they wanted to watch their favourite programmes not only watched far less television, but also recorded impressive loss of fat.

 The “couch potato TV” was developed by researchers at St Luke’s Roosevelt Hospital as a result of growing concern over weight problems among an increasing number of American children. David Alison, who headed the research, said, “I am not naïve enough to think we’re going to solve the world’s weight problems with TVs hooked to bicycles. But there are other things we could do that are only limited by our imagination”.

 Mr Alison once proposed that people should be charged to travel in lifts in an effort to encourage them to use the stairs. He said that 13% of American children were considered seriously overweight, and that the number was growing. During the tests children who had the “couch potato TV sets” watched on average one hour of television a week, while children in a second “control” group watched more than twenty hours.

1. The new invention is a television set combined with a bicycle. T/F
2. The aim of the experiment was to measure how much electricity we can generate through exercise. T/F
3. Mr Alison says watching television limits children’s imagination. T/F
4. Mr Alison tried to discourage people from using lifts. T/F
5. The invention has reduced the number of overweight children in the USA by 13%. T/F
6. All the children in the experiment watched television for twenty hours. T/F

*(Marks 1x6=6)*

Task V. Find an extra word. Some of the lines are correct, if a line has a word which should not be there, circle the word.

1. The first job interview I ever had was for a position as
2. a clerk at the one of the oldest universities in
3. the city. I bought a new outfit especially for the
4. interview including a pair of lovely suede shoes and a
5. handbag to match. I was not particularly nervous then
6. until I went in and saw that there were four
7. people who were going to do interview me rather than
8. one. They asked me a few questions about my university
9. degree and about why did I wanted the job. One of the
10. people was a very pleasant, smiling woman, who nodded
11. encouragingly every time I have answered a question.
12. Towards the end one of the men asked to me if I had
13. experience with computers. I had to admit I had only
14. used one once. Despite of this I got the job. The pleasant,
15. smiling woman, who turned out to be my boss, told me later
16. that she had argued I should be being given the job because
17. she liked my shoes so much. I was glad I bought them.

*(Marks 2x8=16)*

 Task VI. All the paragraphs are in the wrong order. Decide on the correct order for the paragraphs and write the letter next to the number below.

1.\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 7.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 8.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 6.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 9.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 History of dieting

1. The word “diet” originally meant “things that people usually eat”, but,hese days, we use the word to mean an eating pattern or programme designed to change something.
2. But it has taken a long time to find out exactly what these are. Sea travel led to some increase in understanding. When it became possible to build ships that could go on long voyages, sailors started to spend many months at sea. They also started getting a strange disease called “scurvy”. Eventually, it became clear that they needed fruit or vegetables to survive. Today, we know that Vitamin C is the reason.
3. But when did it all start? There’s a story that in 1087, William the Conqueror, King of England, had become so fat that he could no longer ride his horse. He stayed in bed and drank alcohol instead of eating food to try and lose weight.
4. Although the discovery helped their lives, there was much more that wasn’t known. Nobody knew, for example, why some people got fat and others didn’t, or what to do about it.
5. Now, it may or may not have worked for him, but we can’t really recommend it as an approach for most people. What’s important is the kinds of food you eat, because different foods contain different things our bodies need.
6. However, despite all these, we usually say “diet” about losing weight. This is certainly the area where the money gets spent. And it has a long history.
7. We could be talking about any one of many different kinds. There are diets for avoiding certain chemicals, like salt, and there are diets to increase amounts of certain things, like potassium. There are even diets to help people put on weight.
8. Then in the 1890s, a chemist called Wilbut Atwater began investigating how foods consisted of proteins, fats and carbohydrates. He found that he could measure the heat value of these by burning them and called unit of this heating a “calorie”.
9. This measurement he created can be seen as the start of modern food science and dieting. Since then, knowledge has come quickly – some people say too quickly!

 *(Marks 2x8=16)*

Task VII. Insert the word in its necessary form.

 Junk Food

In today’s world, many people are (INCREASE) looking for a quick snack, meal or boost of energy. They choose processed food bars, thinking that they’re a healthy choice. However, most bars contain (DESIRE) processed foods which are called “junk foods”. They give you a false sense of energy and (FULL).

One problem with junk foods is that they’re low in satiation value. Another problem is that junk food tends to (PLACE) other, more nutritious foods.

It’s the 21st century now and “junk food” has gone (GLOBE). We see it everywhere: in grocery and convenient stores, in fast-food restaurants and on television.

Although junk food is now (AVAIL) all over the world, people should be aware of its disadvantages and choose healthier alternatives.

*(Marks 1x6=6)*

Task VIII. Match A to B to make correct sentences. There are 2 sentences in A you will not need.

 A

1. He forgave Frank
2. He warmed Frank
3. He informed Frank
4. He wanted Frank
5. She doubts that
6. She doubted that
7. She refused
8. She was refused
9. They suggested
10. Their suggestion
11. Her refusal
12. She insisted

 B

1. it would work, but felt it was worth a try.
2. of a rematch, was met with enthusiasm.
3. to pay for the damage, but this was simply not possible.
4. a rematch.
5. to pay for the damage left me with no choice but to take her to court.
6. that she pay for the damage.
7. for crashing his car, although he warned him that he would have to pay for the damage.
8. any good will come out of the discussion.
9. access to any of the documents.
10. that he would have to pay for any damage.

*(Marks 2x10=20)*

TASK IX. Finish the text, opening the brackets and putting the verbs in the right form.

 New York Sights

Once an Englishman arrived in America for his first short stay. A New York publisher, who (0. burst) with local pride,(1. take) the visitor uptown in an open car. When they (2. pass) magnificent halls and bridges, the New Yorker boasted of the time that (3. spend) on their construction. And the Englishman always (4. win) in the competition of architectural triumphs of the two countries. They (5.drive) in the city for quite a long time and the Londoner (6.make) his host angry with his snobbish remarks. “If I (7. show) something absolutely extraordinary to him, he (8. forget) his London sights”, the publisher thought. They (9.stop) (10.consult) the map very near the Empire State Building. The New Yorker (11. hear) the Londoner (12. gasp) in surprise. When the visitor asked what the name of the building (13.be), the publisher (14. see) his chance. He shrugged his shoulders and said that he (15. not know) the name. “It (16. not build) yet when I (17. come) downtown this morning”. The Londoner (18. shake) his head in utter surprise.

*(Marks 1x18=18)*

TASK X. Make up a story (150-200 words), illustrating the proverb: Where there is a will, there is a way. (*Marks 38)*

*Total marks- 200*