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Test Campione 2

READING

Read the text and answer the following questions.

Be careful on January 8th – it's officially the most dangerous day of the year. The insurance company Hyperion has analyzed accident statistics and has found that there are more insurance *claims* for accidents on January 8th than on any other day last year.

Accidents are certainly more likely to occur at particular times of year. One general rule is that more accidents happen in winter months, because *risk* increases in bad weather. In 2016, Hyperion found that the worst day was January 8th, with 298 motoring accidents *reported* to them. March 3rd was statistically the safest day, with only 89 reports.

It is obvious that icy and snowy conditions are dangerous, but some other statistics are more *puzzling*. A British Medical Journal report has found that hospital admissions are higher than usual on Friday 13th.

But it is not only when Friday falls on the 13th that it is a dangerous day. Four of the top ten worst days for accidents last year were Fridays – perhaps because everyone is *rushing* home for the weekend – while Thursdays are the safest day of the week.

At what time of day is an accident most likely to *occur*? Analysis by the Health and Safety Authority found that people are most *likely* to have an accident at 11.00 a.m., *whereas* the safest time of day is between 4.00 and 5.00 a.m. - probably because most people are in bed!

Finally, good news for Harry Potter fans. Doctors at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford noted that fewer children were admitted to the emergency *ward* on the weekend when Harry Potter books were released. *Casualties* fell by over 50% when the last two books went on sale. So if you want to be really safe, you should read a Harry Potter book in bed, at around 4.00 on a Thursday morning in the summer.

A. Mark the following statements true or false.

Example: The most dangerous month of the year is January. True

1. There are more accidents in the winter because the days are shorter. _____
2. The number of people who go to hospital on Friday 13th is higher than average. _____
3. The Radcliffe Hospital keeps a collection of Harry Potter books for young patients. _____

B. Match the sentence halves. Write the correct letter on the dotted line.

Example: Last year, March 3rd ...(d)..... (a) fewer children ended up in hospital.

1. When there was a new Harry Potter book..... (b) seems to be really unlucky.
2. Friday 13th (c) because everyone wants to get home.
3. Fridays are dangerous..... (d) was the safest day of the year.

C. Match six of the words *in italics* with the correct definition.

Example: danger

risk

1. probable
2. difficult to explain
3. happen, take place
4. people who are hurt or injured
5. driving quickly
6. a section of a hospital

GRAMMAR

A. Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Example: I *am flying* (fly) to Berlin on Wednesday of next week.

1. "What (you/cook)? It smells wonderful!"
2. "Where (your sister/live)?" "In Pesaro".
3. "It (seem) very cold in this room. What's the temperature?"
4. Mr Johnson(arrive) at 10.00 tomorrow on flight BA549 from Heathrow.
5. It's Sandra's birthday on Saturday, so we..... (have) dinner at the "Albaruja".
6. "I'm terribly late for my train!" "..... (I/drive) you to the station?"
7. "I'm too tired to go out tonight!" "Okay.(we/stay) at home and watch TV?"
8. Giovanni (not find) a job yet. He's still looking."
9. "Do you feel like a coffee?" "No, thanks. I (just/have) one."
10. "Why don't we visit San Leo?" "I.....(already/be) there, but I'd go again."
11. "How long..... (you/wait)?" "An hour! Come on, or we'll miss the film!"
12. For most of his married life, Shakespeare (not live) with his wife.
13. We missed the first ten minutes of the match. It..... (already/start) when we arrived.
14. The Ducal Palace (build) in the fifteenth century.
15. As soon as Debby (pass) her driving test, she wants to buy a car.
16. Alan didn't hear the phone ring because _____ (he/watch) football on TV.

B. Complete the sentences with ONE word.

Example: That's the restaurant where we celebrated Sandra's birthday.

1. We all went to the Bach concert except Marian doesn't like classical music.
2. Look! That's the woman dog bit me last week!
3. The dog bit me is a really ugly brute.
4. Villa Imperiale, is open to the public, is a nice place to visit.
5. Fano is Alessia went to school.

C. Underline the correct word(s).

Example: There's *no* / *not* enough bread to make sandwiches.

1. "How much / How many does Giovanni earn in his new job?"
2. "Very few / Very little because he's only just started."
3. My new washing machine is *moderner* / *more modern* than the old one.
4. In your family, who drives *the more careful* / *the most carefully*?
5. "Who wrote / did write the Italian national anthem?" "A man named Mameli, I think."
6. Our cat is quite old now; we *have* / *have had* her for at least twelve years.
7. The concert is free; you *don't have to* / *mustn't* pay anything.
8. She's much better after her operation. She'll *can* / *be able* to walk again soon.
9. When I got home from the market, I realized I *had forgotten* / *forgot* to buy any potatoes.
10. "Why are you on foot?" "My car is *repairing* / *being repaired* today."
11. James will probably go to the USA when he *will finish* / *finishes* university.
12. If we painted the kitchen white, it *will* / *would* look bigger.
13. The policeman asked Andrew where *he lived* / *did he live*.
14. *To drive* / *Driving* at night can be very tiring.
15. The meeting was so boring that I didn't feel like *stay* / *staying* till the end.
16. If Patrick hadn't bought the tickets online, they *would cost* / *would have cost* much more.

D. Complete the sentences with the correct word.

Example: I *inherited* some money when my grandfather died.

(a) invested (b) earned (c) inherited

1. The shirt was the right size, but I didn't like the colour. It didn't _____ me.
(a) suit (b) fit (c) match
2. Ben _____ €1000 from his father so he could go on holiday.
(a) lent (b) charged (c) borrowed
3. Ken found the film very interesting, but most of the _____ went to sleep.
(a) audience (b) public (c) spectators
4. Richard never thinks of other people. He's extremely _____.
(a) egoist (b) selfish (c) ambitious
5. I haven't eaten all day. I'm absolutely _____!
(a) filthy (b) starving (c) hungry

E. Complete the sentences with ONE word.

1. Ted doesn't like people talking to his girlfriend. He's terribly _____.
2. Colin never changes his mind, even when he knows he is wrong. He's so _____.
3. Rachel is really worried _____ losing her job.
4. Paul is really _____ on cycling. He does about 100 kilometres every weekend.

5. Barbara _____ up with her boyfriend last month, so she is single at the moment.
6. My new trousers are too tight. Stupidly, I didn't _____ them on in the shop.
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ANSWER SHEET

READING COMPREHENSION

- A. 1. False 2. True 3. False
- B. 1 (a) 2 (b) 3 (c)
- C. 1. likely 2. puzzling 3. occur 4. casualties 5. rushing 6. ward

GRAMMAR

- A. 1. are you cooking 2. does your sister 3. seems 4. is arriving
5. we are having/we are going to have 6. Shall I drive 7. Shall we stay
8. has not found 9. I have just had 10. I have already been
11. have you been waiting 12. did not live 13. had already started 14. was built
15. passes 16. he was watching
- B. 1. who 2. whose 3. which/that 4. which 5. where
- C. 1. How much 2. Very few 3. more modern 4. the most carefully 5. wrote
6. have had 7. don't have to 8. be able 9. had forgotten 10. being repaired
11. finishes 12. would 13. he lived 14. Driving 15. staying 16. would have cost
- D. 1 (a) 2 (c) 3 (a) 4 (b) 5 (b)
- E. 1. jealous 2. stubborn 3. about 4. keen 5. split/broke up 6. try