

$$\frac{12 + 6 + 8 + 5 + 1}{20 - 10 + 16 + 0 + 10} = \frac{32}{46} = \frac{16}{23}$$

TASK 1

Write the correct form of the verb given in brackets in the spaces provided on your answer sheet.

My father and mother should 1 ^{have stayed} (stay) in New York where they met and married and where I 2 ^{had been born} (be) born. Instead they 3 ^{did not return} (return) to Ireland when I was four, my brother, Malachy, three, and my sister, Margaret, dead and gone.

When I look back on my childhood I 4 ^{wonder} (wonder) how I survived at all. It was, of course, a miserable childhood. Worse than the ordinary miserable childhood 5 ^{was} (be) the miserable Irish childhood, and worse yet is the miserable Irish Catholic childhood.

People everywhere brag about the troubles of their early years, but nothing can compare with the Irish version. I don't think I 6 ^{will forget} (forget) the terrible things I 7 ^{had to} (have to) go through as a child. And above all - we were wet all the time. The rain 8 ^{dampened} (dampen) the city from February to December. I 9 ^{caught} (catch) my first cold when we returned to Ireland. I remember I 10 ^{had never been} (never be) ill before that. From October to April the walls of Limerick glistened with the damp. Clothes never 11 ^{dried} (dry): woolen coats 12 ^{rotted} (house) living things, sometimes sprouted mysterious vegetations.

My mother, the former Angela Sheehan, 13 ^{grew up} (grow up) in a Limerick slum. She never saw her father, who 14 ^{had run off} (run off) to Australia weeks before her birth. My father, Malachy McCourt, was born on a farm in Toome. He 15 ^{fought} (fight) with the Old IRA and for some desperate act he wound up a fugitive with a price on his head. Because of the price on the head he 16 ^{was forced} (force) to leave Ireland. It 17 ^{must have been} (must be) very painful for him, because he started drinking in America.

When my children ask me 18 ^{to tell} (tell) them stories about my childhood, they can't understand why I always 19 ^{say} (say) no. It is simply because there 20 ^{is not} (not be) anything that I want to remember.

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TASK 2

WORD FORMATION

Write the correct form of the words in capital letters in the spaces provided on the answer sheet

1. The doctors have *successfully* ✓ completed the operation.
SUCCESS
2. He looked like a *respectable* American businessman.
RESPECT
3. For years they have been trying to solve their *marital* problems.
MARRIAGE
4. Petitions bearing nearly half a million *signature* ✓ finally brought a change. SIGN
5. *Applicants* with best qualifications certainly have best chances.
APPLY
6. These trees may grow to about 100 metres in *high* ✓
HIGH
7. Some of the advertisements were highly *offensive*
OFFEND
8. Every day we witness changes in the climate due to *pollution* ✓ of the atmosphere by industrial waste. POLLUTE
9. She could speak both languages with great *fluency* ✓
FLUENT
10. What has gone wrong with the *economic* system during the last ten years. ECONOMY

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TASK 3

Read through the article, then write the missing words on the answer sheet. There is only ONE word missing in each gap.

WHEN YOU MURDER YOUR TAMAGOTCHI

Adapted and abridged from an article in COMPANY magazine, December 1997

Cute cyber pet or needy, hateful beast? Julia Gaynor explores the myth:

I've just come out of a two-week relationship with a Tamagotchi - you know, the "virtual pets" that have been banned (1) in classrooms.

I didn't buy it myself. Honest. My boyfriend, who I call my "virtual boyfriend" (2) since we live in different countries, gave it to me. He thought it could be cute for me to have a matching virtual pet. I would never have "hatched" my egg - really - but those are the sacrifices we (3) have ^{made} for long-distance romance. And in spite of the fact I consider myself a mature, well-adjusted girl, I became severely hooked.

Tamagotchis were created in Japan for city kids (4) who aren't allowed to have real pets. I (5) called my Tamagotchi "Pill". The instructions told me that I had to feed Pill, play with Pill, clean Pill's virtual diarrhoea, give Pill medicine when he got sick and discipline him when he misbehaved. If I kept Pill happy, he would blossom into a cute, cyber bunny or little duck. If I neglected him, he would grow (6) into an unattractive alien.

Pill was such a lovely infant. He responded so (7) well. He grew when I fed him, smiled when I played with him, and rarely needed scolding. I never knew how easy it could be (8) to ^{love} a piece of plastic.

At first, it was almost fun, a bit of a joke. You have to carry it around with you in order to deal with it or it will "die". Death, even virtual death, has always scared me, so I popped Pill into my purse and took him (9) everywhere including work. Soon I became completely paranoid he would die. They all die young and you never know when they'll go to. We had a few death scares. Once, when I went to check on Pill (10) for a long meeting, his screen had gone black. I was sure I'd killed him. I (11) felt as though I'd locked my own child in a car on a hot summer day and suffocated him. But it turned out his light button had been accidentally turned off. My panic was so real. I (12) had ^{known} then I was hooked.

When he was young, Pill slept from a civilized 8 p.m. to 8 a.m., so my social (14) life wasn't shattered. But after a few days, he stayed (15) up later and later and, by this time, I was fully devoted, so everything started to crumble. My boyfriend Anthony suffered serious neglect - and I didn't care. Heartlessly, when Pill beeped, I played with him, not Anthony. Anthony even tried beeping. This was a cry for help and I did nothing (16) about it.

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Find out whether the following statements are TRUE / FALSE / NOT
write the appropriate answer next to the statements.

TASK 4

INDIA – FIFTY YEARS ON

Adapted and abridged from an article in SPEAK UP, August 1997

"At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends, and when a soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds its utterance."

So declared Jawaharlal Nehru when, on 15th August 1947, Britain finally let go of the Jewel in its imperial crown. Fifty years on that occasion is now being celebrated across the world. In India and in Pakistan, which is now celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of its creation. But also in Britain which has maintained a special relationship with the subcontinent thanks partly to economic necessity, partly to the presence of about one million immigrant Indians in Britain and partly to a romantic fantasy about India that, after all these years, still refuses to go away. Britain's love for its imaginary India takes many forms. There is the mystic guru-land that began with the Beatles in the 1960s and has since persisted with the appearance of the new age gurus like Satish Kumar, who preaches green politics. Then there is the nostalgic world of the Raj that reached a peak in the eighties with films like Gandhi and A Passage to India and a lavish TV adaptation of the Jewel in the Crown, which is currently enjoying another showing on British TV. There is also culinary fantasy India with the countless take-aways and curry restaurants in every town across the country. But more than any of these is the India of literature which is taking Britain and the rest of the world by storm. It began with Salman Rushdie, an Indian born a few weeks before his country's independence, who later moved to Pakistan and then to England. His Midnight's Children was an outstanding creation, winning the Booker Prize in 1981 and, more importantly, opening the way for a whole parade of other famous Indian writers. Although it is to England that Indian authors turn for their language, today they look to America for their heroes. And it is American style that now provides the inspiration. Bill Gates is the colossal hero and his assertion that India will become the next software superpower has endeared him to the Indians' hearts even more.

Fifty years is not a long time in which to grow up and assert your independence. Maybe India is simply trading one colonial master for another. Of course, the other view is that India never really did have a master. It is such a colossal country, with so many people, so many tongues and such a complex social system that maybe nobody ever really ruled. To the traveller in rural India today, it is difficult to understand Bill Gates' prophetic comment. What do all these desperately poor people know about computer industry. But then again, do any of them know more about the poetry of Wordsworth?

- 1 Britain finally let go of India on 15th August 1974. FALSE ✓
- 2 Britain hasn't maintained a very ordinary relationship with the subcontinent. FALSE ✓
- 3 India and Britain are going to stay related at least until the new millennium starts. NOT IN THE TEXT
- 4 The Jewel in the Crown is a film about Pakistan, which is now shown on British TV. FALSE ✓
- 5 American style has always provided the inspiration for the Indian people. FALSE ✓
- 6 The British love Indian literature. TRUE ✓
- 7 It takes at least 50 years to assert your independence. FALSE ✓
- 8 The Booker Prize winner, Salman Rushdie, didn't have any connection with the opening of the way to other famous British writers. FALSE ✓
- 9 Indian writers mostly write in English. TRUE ✓
- 10 Poor people are desperate for computers. TRUE ✓

TASK 3: GAP FILL

1. from (in
2. since because as
3. make
4. who (that
5. got named / called
6. to into
7. eagerly well / quickly charmingly
8. to
9. everywhere (along)
10. after (during
11. behaved, felt felt panicked
12. could, should
13. /
14. like
15. up awake
16. about (for

TASK 4: READING COMPREHENSION

1. F
2. T
3. NG
4. F
5. F
6. T
7. NG / T
8. T / NG
9. T

TASK 5: TRANSFORMATIONS

1. Ann had her hair cut. / (Ann had her hair cut?)
2. Unless you calm down, you will fail the exam. / you won't pass your exam
3. You should have let me know you were coming. (should have told us
4. What is the weight of these apples?
5. My father doesn't put up with swearing.
6. If I were you I'd see a doctor. you were interested to see
7. He is expected to pass his driving test. It is expected that he will.
8. If I had had enough money I would have bought ...
9. I'm not interested in computers.
10. He isn't rich enough to buy a house.

(If he was rich, he would buy a house)?
 He is not rich so he can't buy a house