

Reading comprehension total 50%

I. Reading Comprehension (30%)

Fill into the gaps the best possible word you can find, choose the right tense. 10 points.

5 Kirsten and Dieter were very excited about their driving holiday in Italy. They packed their convertible Mercedes with three suitcases and set off from their home in Zürich early in the morning. The weather was warm and, as they drove across the Swiss border into Italy, they lowered the roof and enjoyed the pleasant sensation of the warm spring air rushing past their heads.

10 By the middle of the afternoon they had reached Milan. Kirsten (1) _____ map-reading but she was sure they (2) _____ make their way to the centre of the city, find a parking space and enjoy a delicious late lunch at a local restaurant. As they drove into one of the city's quiet suburbs
15 they suddenly heard a loud bang and felt something crash into the back of their Mercedes. Turning around they saw a small motorbike lying on its side behind their car with two young men sprawled on the road beside it. Dieter stopped the car and
20 jumped out to see if he (3) _____ help. One of the young men was groaning loudly. Kirsten (4) _____ give first aid so she opened her door and approached the groaning man. Suddenly the two men jumped up and rushed towards the
25 Mercedes. In less than two seconds they had leapt into the car and driven off at high speed, leaving Dieter and Kirsten standing in the street.

Dieter started shouting for help in German. But there was nobody around to hear him. At first
30 Kirsten wasn't too worried. She (5) _____ speak Italian either, but she was sure they'd (6) _____ find a police station nearby. After half an hour of walking they had still failed to find a police officer or anyone to help them and they
35 began to get more worried. Their passports, credit cards, mobile phones and money had all been in the car and Dieter was worried that the thieves might be using his credit cards to go on a massive spending spree.

40 About twenty minutes later they saw a police car driving along the street and they rushed into the road to flag it down. Dieter tried to explain what had happened to the police officer. But the officer (7) _____ understand German and decided
45 to take the two Swiss tourists back to the police station. He was sure one of his colleagues would (8) _____ translate for them. Unfortunately as he was driving back to the police station there was an emergency call on his radio and he
50 was instructed to drive to the scene of a serious accident. Dieter and Kirsten were forced to sit in the back of the police car for another two hours while the officer dealt with the emergency.

By the time they arrived at the local police station
55 it was eight o'clock in the evening and they were exhausted. Using the police station's phone, Dieter (9) _____ contacting his credit card company to cancel his cards. Once they'd done this they decided the best thing was to get home as quickly as
60 possible. A police officer drove them to the railway station and lent them the money to buy two tickets. They just (10) _____ catch the last train – the slow overnight service back to Zürich.

Relieved to be on their way home, the couple soon
65 fell asleep. They woke at seven in the morning as the train pulled into Zürich's central station. With no money for a taxi, they were forced to walk back to their house. Just as they turned into their street they saw a large removal truck leaving. Kirsten was
70 surprised; she didn't think any of their neighbours were moving house. As they approached their house they noticed the front door was open. Running into the house, Dieter gasped with shock. The house was completely empty. Then he remembered. Their
75 house keys had been on the same ring as the car key ...

Read the text again and number the events 1-12 in the correct order. The first and the last are given. 10 points.

- [] Two Italian men drive off in their Mercedes
- [] They have to wait while the police officer deals with an accident
- [] They catch the slow train back to Zurich
- [1] Dieter and Kirsten leave Zurich
- [] They get into an Italian police car
- [12] Dieter and Kirsten get back to their house in Zurich
- [] They get out of their car to see what has happened
- [] The Italian men steal everything from their house and drive away in the van
- [] They walk around trying to find a police station
- [] The police take Dieter and Kirsten to the railway station
- [] They drive into the suburbs of Milan
- [] A motorbike crashes into the back of their car

Find word and phrases in the text that mean the same as these, 10 points.

1. A car with an opening roof _____
2. Left on a journey _____
3. Moving quickly _____
4. Lying with the legs and arms spread out _____
5. Making noises as if in pain _____
6. Spending a large amount of money at one time _____
7. Signal a car or taxi to stop _____

III. Reading Comprehension (5%)

What is the difference between the two jokes?

Two Balloons

Two balloons are floating across the desert.

One balloon says to the other:

"Look out for the cactusssssssssss!"

Two Balloons

Two balloons were floating across the desert.

One balloon said to the other:

"Look out for the cactusssssssssss!"

Grammar and vocabulary 50%

Present simple. Complete the sentence with the negative form of the verb in brackets. (5%)

The plane (leave) _____ in half an hour but (not/be)
_____ at the airport yet.

My best friend (love) _____ science fiction films but they
(not/interest) _____ me.

Fire (need) _____ oxygen to burn.

Present continuous. Circle the right form, using present continuous.(5%)

Scientists *do not understand/are not understanding* everything about the universe.

They disagree about some important facts. For example, *does it get /is it getting* larger or smaller?

Take the planet Venus, for example. Here the temperature *reaches /is reaching* over 400°C.

Complete the sentence with the correct form of present continuous.

The Earth's temperature (rise) _____ because people (use) _____ too much energy.

Past simple. Complete the sentence with the past simple form of the verb in the brackets (5%)

They (arrive) _____ in the Valley of Mexico.

They (build) _____ their capital city.

They (plant) _____ trees on the island.

The Romans (know) _____ how to make soap.

Most Roman girls (get) _____ married at the age of 18.

Question tags. Complete the sentences with the correct question tag, like shown in the example 5%.

We can't smoke her, can we?

Take a copy of the brochure, _____?

It doesn't open until midnight, _____?

Nobody likes her, _____?

The weather's awful today, _____?

I'm next in the queue, _____?

Past continuous. Complete the sentences with the past continuous.

(3%)

Edourd Benidictus (not try) _____ to
invent safety glass.

Alexander Fleming (not hope) _____ to
discover penicillin.

Isaac Newton (not sit) _____ in his
study when he understood gravity.

Past perfect. Circle the right form. (2%)

Captain Robert Scott wanted to reach the South Pole first. He and his
companions finally arrived there on 1 January 1912 after a terrible
journey across the ice, but *found / had found* a Norwegian flag.

Unfortunately for Scott, Roald Amundsen *got / had got* there on 14
December, 18 days earlier.

Present perfect simple.

Use a verb from the list, put it in the present perfect form and complete the sentences. There are more words than you need 5%.

Collect - install - organize - paint - plant - show - replace - recycle - sent
- put up

We _____ information leaflets to all parents.

We _____ information posters in every class.

We _____ over five tonnes of litter.

We _____ fifteen trees in front of the school.

We _____ three films about how to save energy.

Complete the sentences using the words given 5%.

Even though - Nevertheless - but - Although - However

I love vegetables _____ I hate fruit.

Your bank account is in credit. _____, we are unable to authorise the loan.

_____ there was a lot of rain, a lot of the plants died.

We spent two hours at the museum. _____, we forgot to look at the impressionist paintings.

He's going bald, _____ he's only nineteen.

Present perfect continuous. Complete the sentences with the present perfect continuous, using the words in the brackets. 5%.

I feel really tired. I (study) _____ hard lately.

Anna has got a really good suntan. She (go)
_____ to the beach a lot.

I (work) _____ here for the past three years.

Sam and Chris (paint) _____ their room.

I haven't seen you for ages. What (you/do)
_____?

Vocabulary 5% translate these words into Icelandic.

1. _____ Depth
2. _____ widen
3. _____ Ambition
4. _____ Lycra
5. _____ Ancient
6. _____ Invention
7. _____ Responsible
8. _____ Believe in
9. _____ Proud of
10. _____ A career path

Vocabulary 5% Translate these words into English

1. _____ vera rekinn
2. _____ Vinna hlutastarf
3. _____ Sálufélagi
4. _____ Hæfileiki
5. _____ Gallaefni
6. _____ Bómull
7. _____ Axlir
8. _____ Olnbogi
9. _____ Bringa
10. _____ Jafnvægi