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GRAMMAR

Read the following article. Complete the text by putting the verbs in brackets into their correct forms.

Rebecca Miles – Wildlife Presenter

Rebecca Miles **1.** _____ (always love) animals. When she **2.** _____ (be) a child, she liked watching documentaries, TV programmes about real people and events. She also enjoyed **3.** _____ (go) to the local zoo with her grandparents. Her father was an environmentalist, someone who **4.** _____ (work) to protect the natural world, and she and her mother often **5.** _____ (go) on trips with him, travelling to Africa and other parts of the world. She vividly recalls the excitement of her first safari, when she **6.** _____ (see) a herd of elephants up close.

Rebecca studied zoology at university and **7.** _____ (begin) her career at a wildlife centre in Zambia. She worked with chimpanzees and studied how they live. She was also interested in learning more about big cats like mountain lions. She **8.** _____ (make) her first TV programme when she was 27. It was a documentary about tigers. While she **9.** _____ (film) the documentary *Asia*, she **10.** _____ (meet) her future husband, Ray. He was one of the cameramen on the programme.

Apart from Zambia, Rebecca **11.** _____ (travel) all over Africa and Asia, and she and Ray **12.** _____ (now plan) to take their very first trip to South America in order to study mountain lions in the Andes.

At the moment, Rebecca **13.** _____ (work) on her first book. She **14.** _____ (want) to make people think about the world they live in and all the amazing animals that are in danger. She'd like to show us that we can help even if we never travel to the places where those animals live. She **15.** _____ (believe) that even small actions can make a big difference.

Total _____ / 15 points

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VOCABULARY

TASK I. Fill in each blank space in the article below with the correct form of the word in brackets.

Last summer, I had a **1.** _____ (wonder) holiday to Italy. I visited many **2.** _____ (beauty) cities, including Rome and Florence. I was really impressed by the ancient **3.** _____ (Rome) ruins and the stunning Renaissance art. I also ate a lot of **4.** _____ (taste) Italian food like pizza and pasta.

One of the most **5.** _____ (memory) things I did was visit the Colosseum. It was **6.** _____ (true) amazing to imagine the ancient gladiators fighting there. I also spent some time exploring the beautiful Italian countryside. The **7.** _____ (scene) was breathtaking.

Overall, it was an **8.** _____ (forget) experience that I will always remember. I would **9.** _____ (definite) recommend it to anyone interested in history and **10.** _____ (culture) heritage.

Total _____ / 5 points (0.5 point each)

TASK II. Read the text and decide which answer best fits each space. Circle your answer.

11. I **admired / imagined / dreamed / aimed** of being a doctor when I was younger.

12. I am **excited / interested / overjoyed / cheerful** in learning new languages.

13. The manager was **satisfied / glad / keen / lucky** with the result.

14. I can't **check out / make out / work out / figure out** why he did that.

15. The conference has been **given up / put off / taken off / turned off** for a week.

Total _____ / 5 points

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READING COMPREHENSION

TASK I. Read the article below. The headings have been removed. For each paragraph (1-5), choose the best heading from the ones below the article. Write letters (A-F) into the spaces provided. There is one extra heading.

Video Games: More Than Just Fun

1. _____

Contrary to the long-held negative stereotype, video gaming is increasingly being recognized as a positive activity. While it's a common free-time activity enjoyed by many, it's often unfairly stigmatized. This is particularly confusing when we consider other forms of gaming, like board games, card games, or even mobile puzzles, which are widely accepted as fun and harmless.

2. _____

A recent study in Japan offers compelling evidence that video gaming can positively impact mental health. The survey, which involved nearly 100,000 Japanese residents, found that increased console gaming was associated with improved well-being. The study also focused on a unique situation during the COVID-19 pandemic, when console demand increased, and manufacturers began to organise lotteries to distribute limited supplies. This natural experiment allowed researchers to examine the impact of gaming on individuals who were particularly eager to play.

3. _____

The study revealed surprising differences in the impact of various gaming consoles on mental well-being. While PlayStation 5 ownership was linked to greater benefits for men, Nintendo Switch seemed to have a more balanced impact across genders. Additionally, the effects varied based on factors like household composition, age, and gaming experience. These findings raise questions about the specific characteristics of different consoles and their potential influence on mental health.

4. _____

The COVID-19 pandemic provided a unique context for the study, as people sought comfort and distraction in gaming during challenging times. While this may have intensified the positive effects of gaming, it also raises concerns about the potential for excessive gaming to have negative consequences. As the pandemic fades, it remains to be seen whether the benefits of gaming will persist.

5. _____

Studies like this one contribute to a growing body of evidence that challenges the negative stereotypes associated with video gaming. By understanding the potential benefits and risks, policymakers, parents, and individuals can make informed decisions about gaming. As technology continues to advance, the future of gaming holds huge promise for entertainment, education, and social connection.

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A	Gaming and Mental Well-Being
B	The Prospects of Gaming
C	The Role of Console Types
D	The Addictive Nature of Gaming
E	The Evolving Attitude towards Gaming
F	Gaming as a Coping Mechanism

Total _____ / 5 points

TASK II. According to the article, decide if the statements below are true (T), false (F), or not stated (NS). Circle your answers.

6. **T / F / NS** The study discovered that all video games are equally beneficial for mental health.
7. **T / F / NS** The researchers found out that gaming is more beneficial for younger people than older people.

Total _____ / 2 points

TASK III. Find the words in the article that are similar in meaning to the following words and definitions.

8. a feeling or opinion about something or someone _____
9. to spend time thinking about a possibility or making a decision _____
10. difficult _____

Total _____ / 3 points

Participant Number: _____

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LISTENING COMPREHENSION

You will hear two students comparing Mars and Earth. Specify what the given numbers represent and in what units they are expressed. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

1. 55 _____

2. 228 _____

3. 5.2 _____

4. 24 _____

5. 70 _____

Total _____ / 5 points

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