READING COMPREHENSION TEST

Do they really care?

Teenager Christiana Tugwell and a small band of fellow school-age environmentalists have spent the past five months fighting proposals being put forward by the property developer, Countryside Residential, to build 66 luxury detached houses in an area of woodland. They have received support at their protest camp from other residents who want to save the wood and the wildlife it contains. They have built a network of underground tunnels, which they will occupy to prevent the developers from starting work. Countryside Residential said it had been careful to preserve wildlife on the site, employing ecologists to do surveys and spending tens of thousands of pounds protecting animal and plant life.

‘I began organizing the local campaign when I realized just how many local residents were against the developments. They were writing letters of protest to the council but this was simply not enough. So in order to put more pressure on the council and to raise national awareness, I started camping on the proposed development site. I was the ring-leader and had to bully some friends to join me. They weren’t keen on sleeping rough and neither was I, but something had to be done.

My mum’s initial reaction was “are you sure you want to do this?” After the first week she sent some friends to try to make me come home. They said I’d get into trouble, but I was determined to stay. I even spent three nights at the camp on my own. Even though she wanted me home, mum was always supportive and even brought us vegetarian sausages.

‘Mum and I don’t always see eye to eye on everything. But we agree that as long as what I want to do is not completely stupid, she lets me do it. I’m very stubborn and if I think I can do it, normally I can.

‘She worries about possible violence from the people trying to evict us and so do I, but there won’t be any violence on our part. I don’t want to worry her, but stopping the development is more important.’
Circle the most appropriate option:

1. Christiana has spent the past few months
   a) with her friends from a small music band
   b) fighting against a group of local residents
   c) camping in the countryside
   d) protesting

2. Countryside Residentials
   a) has built some houses in an area of woodland
   b) has started building luxury houses in Christiana’s neighbourhood
   c) wants to occupy a piece of land for business purposes
   d) is fighting for environmental development

3. Local residents
   a) support the teenagers
   b) support Countryside Residentials
   c) are trying to protect the wood and wildlife from campers
   d) have built a network of underground tunnels

4. Countryside Residential
   a) assure the others they will do no harm to the environment
   b) is a company which mainly employs ecologists
   c) bases its work on scientific surveys
   d) spends most of its money protecting animals and plants

5. Christiana started her campaign because
   a) she didn’t share the local residents’ opinion
   b) the local residents had sent some letters of protest to the council
   c) she felt the need to draw other people’s attention
   d) she was determined to go camping on the desired camp site

6. Her mum was worried because
   a) Christiana had started bullying some of her friends
   b) Christiana was not setting a good example
   c) Christiana had got into trouble
   d) she felt that Christiana might have problems

7. Christiana
   a) always quarrels with her mum
   b) appreciates that her mum always lets her do silly things
   c) could count on her mum’s help in spite of everything
   d) doesn’t care what her mum thinks

8. Christiana is determined to have things her way
   a) as she knows there will be no violence
   b) although she might be in danger
   c) in order not to upset her mum
   d) because she is against any kind of development
LISTENING COMPREHENSION TEST

SHAPE OF FINS TO COME

There’s something fishy going on in fashion. You could soon be stepping out decked in salmon and cod, reports Max Glaskin.

Snakeskin might be all the rage in designer collections this spring, but it could be replaced by something even more scaly. Several Scandinavian designers have just announced a new luxury fabric to rival the finest leathers, silks and furs. No longer will snakeskin, lizard and crocodile be the preferred hides of exotic materials, because there’s a new kid on the block: fish skin.

The first fish leather tannery in Sweden is now up and running, offering its unique products to the world’s top fashion houses in the hope that they will scale the heights of chic in the new millennium. Turning old fish into desirable dress material is not easy. It takes three days, starting with a wash to remove most of the fat and dirt. The scales are lifted and then the skin is pickled. ‘The way we get rid of the offensive smell is a secret,’ says Bergholz, joint owner of Sea Skin Scandinavia.

Yvonne Eriksson, of the Finnish design company Fero, meanwhile, has been making shirts and jackets from fish leather, mostly from turbot and Nile perch caught in Lake Victoria. 'It’s a great alternative to more traditional exotic skins,' she says. ‘Fish leather gives a more elegant impression than traditional leather and it’s at least as strong.'
LISTENING COMPREHENSION TEST

Circle the most appropriate answer

1. In the world of fashion snakeskin is thought to be:
   A) unpopular because killing snakes causes rage
   B) luxurious and therefore too expensive
   C) less popular than crocodile skin
   D) very popular

2. Scandinavian designers have
   A) given up the production of some exotic materials
   B) built a new factory for the production of leathers, silks and furs
   C) come up with a new kind of material for making clothes
   D) just announced their victory over rival companies

3. The world’s top fashion houses
   A) partly rely on kids
   B) are now offered fish leather
   C) are competing severely
   D) hope to get the best models in the new millennium

4. It takes three days to
   A) find fish old enough
   B) make a dress out of fish skin
   C) remove all the fat and dirt from fish skin
   D) produce the material for making dresses

5. The process of skin treatment
   A) includes a stage of pickling
   B) has been lifted to a high level
   C) is a business secret
   D) is done by Mr Bergholz’s partner company

6. In her production, Yvonne Eriksson prefers
   A) materials from Finland
   B) snake leather
   C) traditional exotic skins
   D) fish from Lake Victoria

7. In comparison to other skin types, fish leather is judged by some to be
   A) much stronger
   B) equally strong
   C) far less strong
   D) the least strong

ГРАДСКО / ОКРУЖНО ТАКМИЧЕЊЕ
ШИФРА / CODE: ____________________
I Circle the correct option (a, b, c or d):

1. Come on, no one ________ heard of a real place as spooky as that.
   a) have never                 b) have ever                 c) has never                 d) has ever

2. But you’d already lost two pairs of sunglasses back there in the summer camp, ________?
   a) did you                 b) haven’t you                 c) hadn’t you                 d) didn’t you

3. When we finally arrived ________ the location, we immediately got ________ to serious practice.
   a) to ……up                 b) on….. in                 c) in ….. on                 d) at ….. down

4. He wasn’t allowed to go home ________ he’d apologised to the teacher.
   a) until                 b) afterwards                 c) during                 d) while

5. I guess I’d also ________ embarrassed if my classmate ________ something like that.
   a) feel ..... does                 b) felt ..... would do                 c) feel ..... would do                 d) feel ..... did

6. Linda’s mum made me ________ at their place till after dinner.
   a) to stay                 b) stay                 c) staying                 d) stayed

7. It’s evident that teenagers have to work very ________ nowadays.
   a) hard                 b) harder                 c) hardly                 d) hardest

8. Despite being quite ________, those students picked up a lot in my classes.
   a) attentive                 b) attending                 c) inattentive                 d) intentional

9. I don’t know why we didn’t ________ in touch with those people from the old school.
   a) kept                 b) save                 c) hang                 d) keep

10. I couldn’t make up my ________ which puppy to take, they all looked gorgeous.
    a) decision                 b) choice                 c) mind                 d) selection

II Complete the text using the appropriate form of the verbs in brackets. Do not add any other words.
Abigail and her mother, Dr Gillian Doyle, were taking part in ‘Take Your Child to Work Day’, a scheme designed (1) ________________ (give) children an idea of the jobs their parents do. The scheme (2) ________________ (first / suggest) by the local council and now everybody (3) ________________ (find) it very useful. ‘I (4) ________________ (not mind) what Abigail does as a profession, but at least she can base her decisions on experience. She got to see a lot of my day-to-day work, with patients (5) ________________ (come) in with everything from a sore throat to a fractured arm’, explains Dr Doyle.

‘It was fascinating’, says Abigail. Of course, I (6) ________________ (be) to Mum’s surgery even before the beginning of this scheme, usually to meet her after school.’

The work at the surgery is only half of Dr Doyle’s day and the other half (7) ________________ (spend) at a local hospital. Abigail (8) ________________ (accompany) her there, too, visiting patients on the wards.

Now, after having completed her scheme mission, on the question of whether it (9) ________________ (encourage) her to become a doctor herself, Abigail is undecided. ‘It (10) ________________ (require) a lot of commitment because the training is quite long and the work is really demanding’, she says.

III Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first sentence, using the word given. Do NOT change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1. I’m going to ask my best friend to set up my Facebook profile. / by
   I’m going to have my _________________________________________ my best friend.

2. I lent you a book last month and now I’d like to have it back. / from
   Can I have back the book __________________________________________ me last month?

3. I expect you are pleased to get home after such a terrible holiday. / must
   You ____________________________________ get home after such a terrible holiday.

4. The last time I spoke to her was when she got the award. / since
   I ___________________________________________ she got the award.

5. Does Angela’s sister go in for any sport? / wonder
   I ___________________________________________ in for any sport.

IV Read the whole text first. Then fill in each blank with one suitable word:

Sign language has been use (1) __________ another. (2) __________ though some people believe sign languages are not real languages, linguist say that they are. The only difference is that (3) __________ of using speech, signers use their hands. (4) __________ fact, learning sign language is like learning any (5) __________ language – it takes time and practice.
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II Complete the text using the appropriate form of the verbs in brackets. Do not add any other words. 
Прихватам се само правилно написани одговори!
max. 10 points

1) to give 2) was first suggested 3) finds 4) don’t mind 5) coming 
6) had been 7) is spent 8) accompanied 9) has encouraged 10) requires

III Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first sentence, using the word given. 
Do NOT change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. 
max. 5 points

1. …Facebook profile set up by…. 
2. …(which / that) you borrowed from…. 
3. …must be pleased to…. 
4. …haven’t spoken to her since….. 
5. …wonder if Angela’s sister goes…..

IV Read the whole text first. Then fill in each blank with one suitable word: 
max. 5 points

1) or 2) Even 3) instead 4) In 5) other

Total: 30 points