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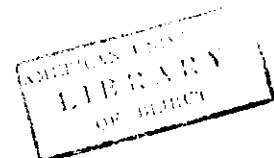
I. All the articles (*the* and *a/an*) have been taken out of this text.

Replace them where necessary. 3pts

Space satellite does not need to be streamlined in order to fly since there is no air in space to slow it down. However, it does need source of energy to power its electronic circuitry, so satellite has large solar panels that convert sunlight into electricity. In addition, it is necessary for satellite to stay in exactly right position so that its antennae face radio stations on ground. For this reason it is equipped with gas thrusters which can move satellite into correct orbit, high above Earth.

II. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate preposition or pronoun. 8pts

1. _____ was important _____ me to get home early as Maggie and Colin were coming over for dinner. But when I got to the station I saw that it was crowded _____ people _____ were waiting for trains delayed because of the bad weather. Just then, a car pulled up and a man inside shouted _____ me, offering me a lift. My first reaction was to be suspicious _____ him, until I realized that it was Maggie's brother.
2. _____ seems to be little evidence to suggest that the recent wage rises have pushed up the rate of inflation.



GOOD LUCK!

3. She only had time to dress and run a comb _____ her hair before the taxi arrived.
4. The building work is still on schedule _____ a problem in digging the foundations.
5. I picked up the paper _____ Richard had written his address.
6. Tom Sims, _____ car the weapons were found, has been arrested.
7. He said that _____ was his intention to open a second shop as soon as he had the money.
8. Sam started to tell one of his terrible old jokes, _____ which point I decided that I should go home.
9. They cycled _____ America from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

III. Correct the mistakes in these sentences, if there are any. 4pts

1. The island's politics is complex, with over twelve parties competing for power.
2. Each of her three most recent novels are about her experience teaching in universities.
3. Tony computers have been stolen.
4. Diabetes are an illness caused by too much sugar in the blood.
5. Statistics are now compulsory for all students taking a course in engineering.
6. We had to study Charles Dicken's early novels at school.
7. She was a friend of my mothers.
8. There were hundreds of birds' nests in the trees.

IV. Identify the focus and theme in each of the following sentences (Capitals mark contrastive stress on words). 8pts

1. It is the statistics exam that I'm most worried about.
2. What I did was call the POLICE, not the sheriff.
3. Into THESE vehicles climbed the sick and the elderly.
4. Suddenly, there were dark clouds overhead.

V. In the following sentences write the verb in brackets in the correct form. *5pts*

1. Smuggling illegal immigrants out of Mexico _____ against the law. (be, simple present)
2. An early analysis of the results _____ that the Socialists have won. (show, simple present)
3. The crowd _____ growing restless as the day got hotter. (be, simple past)
4. The police _____ issued a warrant for Adamson's arrest. (have, simple present)
5. Economics _____ become an increasingly popular course at university. (have, simple present)
6. A number of shoppers _____ complained about the price increases. (have, simple present)
7. The majority of primary school teachers _____ women. (be, simple present)
8. We've got two cars, but neither of them _____ particularly new. (be, simple present)
9. Either the children or their mother _____ delivering the letters. (be, simple present)
10. An inflation rate of only two per cent _____ a big difference to exports. (make, simple present).

VI. Complete the following sentences using the verbs in parentheses. Note that the word order might be affected sometimes. *25pts*

1. A: John _____ (not look) well these days. Is he okay?
 B: Apparently, he _____ (not sleep) well now, although he usually _____ (sleep) really soundly.
 A: Sounds like something _____ (worry) him.
 B: Well, that's part of the problem. You _____ (know) that he _____ (work) for Tardown, the engineers, don't you?
 A: Yes, ever since he _____ (leave) university.
 B: That's right. Well, at the moment he _____ (work) on a major road-building scheme in Liverpool, so he _____ (drive) up there every day, which _____ (take) a couple of hours each way. And on top of that, he _____

(suffer) from a cold and _____ (have) difficulty breathing.

2. *Rush hour crashes cause chaos* Two rush-hour accidents

_____ (cause) chaos for Glasgow motorists last night. In the first, traffic _____ (build up) on the M8 after a section of the road _____ (close) to allow an air-ambulance to pick up an injured motorist. The victim _____ (fly) to the General Hospital with serious injuries. Six vehicles _____ (involve) in the accident at 5.30 on the southbound carriageway.

3. _____ you (know) what _____ (happen) last night while I _____ (listen) to the news? The announcer _____ (say) that ticket No. 23466 _____ (win) the lottery prize. Two weeks ago I _____ (buy) a ticket, but I _____ (forget) all about it until I _____ (hear) the surprising news.

VII. Here are some parts of a newspaper article. Observe the underlined verbs. Correct them if necessary. 7pts

Cycle Route Success in Birmingham

New cycle routes have been built in and around the center of Birmingham and speed limits have been reduced on selected roads... The scheme was now in operation for a year and has been hailed as a great success. Since the new speed limits were introduced, the number of accidents in the area fell dramatically ... It has taken only six months to draw up the plans and mark the routes. This has been done in consultation with groups representing city cyclists ... Jane Wills, a keen cyclist who works in the city center, told us: 'When the new routes have been introduced, I have

sold my car and I bought a bike. I cycled to work ever since. It's the best thing the council did for cyclists and pedestrians in the time I've been living in Birmingham.' ... The success of the scheme has led to proposals for similar schemes in other cities.

VIII. Correct if necessary the following sentences. 4pts

1. I insist that he start doing it at once!
2. When the two leaders had met, they shook hands.
3. I won't give up before I will have finished what I set out to do.
4. If she would have really wanted to see me, she would have come earlier.
5. If he doesn't break the window then who is responsible?
6. Steve would have been attacked if I hadn't come along.
7. If I had suddenly announced that the holiday was cancelled, the children had objected.
8. Scientists often comment that there were no easy solutions in energy conservation.

IX. Change the following paragraphs to Free Indirect Speech for (1) and Indirect Speech for (2). 10pts

1. "Don't be afraid," said a policeman to a little boy. "I will take you home to you mother. Do you know where your house is? If you tell me your name, I will send a message to your father. Don't cry, or I will leave you here until your mother comes and finds you."
 "My father is not at home, and my mother is out shopping. I ran away from her because I got tired of waiting in every shop. I don't think she bought anything while I was with her. Are all ladies like my mother? I will never go out with my mother again. Are you free to take me home at once? If you are, I will promise not to cry anymore."
 "All right," said the policeman, "come with me."

2. *The prisoner and the judge*

The judge said to the prisoner, "I have taken note of what you have said, but do you think that I am free to release you when you stand condemned? Don't forget that in the end we both have the same Judge, so there are limits which I cannot go beyond. Why didn't you think of your family if you love them so much? However, instead of sending you to prison for two years, I will sentence you only to six months because of your family situation." The judge added, "You, yourself, deserve the full punishment, but I will give you this last chance to keep your promise and prove yourself a man."

"I am most thankful to you, Sir, and be sure I will keep my promise."

- X. The following paragraphs are excerpts from President Bill Clinton's speech delivered on Monday, August 17, 1998. These paragraphs contain relative clauses. (a) Mark the boundaries of each relative clause and give its antecedent. (b) Indicate whether the relative is restrictive or non-restrictive. Finally (c) give the function of the shared noun phrase inside the relative and inside the main clause.

12pts

Good evening.

This afternoon in this room, from this chair, I testified before the Office of Independent Counsel and the grand jury.

I answered their questions truthfully, including questions about my private life, questions no American citizen would ever want to answer.

Still, I must take complete responsibility for all my actions, both public and private. And that is why I am speaking to you tonight.

As you know, in a deposition in January, I was asked questions about my relationship with Monica Lewinsky. While my answers were legally accurate, I did not volunteer information.

Indeed, I did have a relationship with Ms. Lewinsky that was not appropriate. In fact, it was wrong. It constituted a critical lapse in judgement and a personal failure on my part for which I am solely and completely responsible.

But I told the grand jury today and I say to you now that at no time did I ask anyone to lie, to hide or destroy evidence or to take any other unlawful action.

I know that my public comments and my silence about this matter gave a false impression. I misled people, including even my wife. I deeply regret that.

I can only tell you I was motivated by many factors. First, by a desire to protect myself from the embarrassment of my own conduct.

I was also very concerned about protecting my family. The fact that these questions were being asked in a politically inspired lawsuit, which has since been dismissed, was a consideration, too.

In addition, I had real and serious concerns about an independent counsel investigation that began with private business dealings 20 years ago - dealings, I might add, about which an independent federal agency found no evidence of any wrongdoing by me or my wife over two years ago.

The independent counsel investigation moved on to my staff and friends, then into my private life. And now the investigation itself is under investigation.

This has gone on too long, cost too much and hurt too many innocent people.

Now, this matter is between me, the two people I love most -my wife and our daughter- and our God. [...]

XI. Analyze the following sentences: Using square brackets, mark the clause boundaries and for each clause specify (a) its nature and (b) its function (when applicable). 10pts

1. Pelted by wind and rain, we struggled with the tent flaps in order to keep dry.
2. Our problem was not whether to fight, but was how to continue the fight.
3. After a long and anxious assessment of the South African situation, I, and some colleagues, came to the conclusion that as violence in this country was inevitable, it would be unrealistic and wrong for African leaders to continue preaching peace and non-violence (...).

XII. Identify the function and the semantic role of each of the underlined noun phrases. *4pts*

1. In my youth in the Transkei I listened to the elders of my tribe telling stories of the old days. Amongst the tales they related to me were those of wars fought by our ancestors in defense of the fatherland.
2. I hoped then that life might offer the opportunity to serve my people and make my own humble contribution to their freedom struggle.
3. I have already mentioned that I was one of the persons who helped to form Umkhonto [the organization].
4. The African National Congress was formed in 1912 to defend the rights of the African people which had been seriously curtailed by the South African Act (...).
5. Contemporary poets are skeptical and suspicious even, or perhaps especially, about themselves. They publicly confess to being poets only reluctantly, as if they were a little ashamed of it.