

**КВНЗ «Харківська академія неперервної освіти»**  
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**Test for 10<sup>th</sup> Form Students**

**Task 1. Read the text and answer the questions below by indicating which paragraph each question relates to: A, B, C, or D.**

**BIG BEN**

A. Visitors to London often refer to the famous clock tower and the clock itself as Big Ben. But that's not accurate. Big Ben is only the name of the bell inside the tower. The tower is called the Elizabeth Tower. Not many people know that it leans. This is only seen by those few passers-by who take the time to study its exterior very closely, because the tower leans only slightly – about 0.04 degrees.

B. Big Ben first chimed in July 1859, but two months later a crack appeared in the bell. This was most likely caused by a worker carrying out routine maintenance. As a result, the bell fell silent for four years. When the bell chimes, it not only informs Londoners and tourists about the time, but also illustrates an interesting phenomenon. As sound travels slower than radio waves, people listening to a live radio broadcast will hear the bell's chimes one-sixth of a second earlier than people strolling past the clock tower.

C. The clock's maintenance book reveals that the clock's hands were blue when it was built in 1859, but London's smog gradually turned them black. In the 1980s, a new coat of paint was applied. This time the colour black was chosen to avoid discolouration. The clock's hands are illuminated by 28 energy-efficient bulbs, each of which has a lifetime of 60,000 hours. However, from 1939 to 1945, the authorities decided to make an exception – the clock's hands remained unlit in compliance with wartime blackout rules.

D. Inquisitive tourists will come across descriptions of some occasions when the clock's timekeeping was affected by external factors. For instance, the clock's time was altered in 1944 when a flock of starlings rested on one of the hands. The birds were so heavy that they slowed the mechanism down. On another occasion, on 31st December 1962, heavy snow and ice caused Big Ben to chime in the New Year with a 10-minute delay.

In which paragraph does the author mention

1. human error as a possible reason for a break in Big Ben's functioning?
2. a feature of the clock tower that most people fail to notice?
3. incidents when the time shown by the clock wasn't accurate?
4. a slight delay in hearing the bell when one is at the foot of the tower?
5. a factor which led to a change in the clock's appearance?

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**Task 2. Read the text below and for questions 1-5, choose the answer (A, B, C, D) which you think fits best according to the text.**

**Binge-watching**

Binge-watching has become a popular way of consuming television and movie content, with streaming services making it easier than ever to marathon entire seasons or movie franchises in a single sitting. With the growing number of original series and the convenience of on-demand viewing, binge-watching has transformed how we watch television and has become a ubiquitous part of popular culture.

This week, we wanted to provide a unique look into the different experiences and perspectives on binge-watching within families. So, we talked to various members of the Evans family to discuss their habits and attitudes towards this trend.

13-year-old Amelia admits to being a huge binge-watcher. She says, 'For me, it's an important part of fitting in. My friend Denise isn't allowed to watch loads of television at home, and that makes joining in conversations really hard'. So now, Denise comes to the Evans house to binge-watch. Amelia admits that she doesn't do much besides watching films and series. Once keen on ballet, she gave that up years ago and hasn't picked up anything else since. However, Amelia knows that her grades at school are crucial in determining her ability to continue her TV-viewing habits.

Her mother, Karen, realises that Amelia is getting into a bad habit, but hasn't done anything about it. 'If I stopped her, then I would have to cut down on the amount that I watch to set a good example, and to be honest, I don't want to,' she says. 'After a hard day doing work and chores, who doesn't love chilling out for a few hours with some episodes of a good drama? Besides, it's not like I could do anything else instead, like join an evening class. I rarely get a chance to sit down before eight o'clock'.

Kyle, aged 17, usually has a video playing in his room. 'I wouldn't call myself a binge-watcher, though,' he says. 'I'm not one of those people who watch all the latest series as soon as they are released. For me, it's just background noise while I'm getting on with my hobbies. I just let it play whatever comes up next. I've seen all sorts of interesting stuff that I'd never choose for myself. I once saw a guy teaching how to cut up different fish. That was really cool.'

Father, Rob, sees it in financial terms. 'The monthly fee for streaming services is quite expensive, but in terms of the amount of entertainment we get, it's good value. And the more you watch, the cheaper it gets. It's much less than going out to the cinema, and everyone can watch whatever they like. Plus, even though movies or series are often bad, you can just switch to something else. Some of my friends have stopped paying for streaming services recently, saying they're too expensive. That's their loss'.

Rob's mother, Gill, is less enthusiastic, despite once enjoying watching back-to-back episodes of her favourite classic drama while bedridden due to illness. 'I remember having to wait a whole week for the next episode of that series to come out,' she says. 'And months for the next series. You got the excitement of wondering what was going to happen next. Nowadays, you get everything as soon as you want it, not like old-fashioned TV, and I think you lose something as a result'.

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1. Which of the following has resulted from Amelia's binge-watching habit?
  - a. She has poor conversation skills.
  - b. She does not have any hobbies. correct
  - c. She has problems fitting in.
  - d. She has improved her grades at school.
  
2. What is Karen's attitude to watching series on television?
  - a. She'll try to watch less television, to set a good example.
  - b. She watches television before eight.
  - c. She watches a lot of television as a way to relax. correct
  - d. She plans to do an evening class to reduce television time.
  
3. What does Kyle enjoy watching?
  - a. Series, although not the most recent ones.
  - b. Instructional videos related to his hobbies and interests.
  - c. Videos that he didn't pick himself. correct
  - d. Programmes that his friends have recommended.
  
4. What does Rob think about streaming services?
  - a. They are well worth the money if you are a binge-watcher. correct
  - b. They aren't as enjoyable as going out to the cinema.
  - c. They aren't worth it because the movies and series are often bad.
  - d. He may stop paying for them soon because they are too expensive.
  
5. Gill thinks that binge-watching...
  - a. is good entertainment for people with long-term illnesses.
  - b. is better, as you don't have to wait to find out what happens.
  - c. results in people wasting a lot of their time.
  - d. prevents people from enjoying a sense of expectation.

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**Task 3. Read the text and complete the task. There are 10 phrases missing from the text. Decide which of the phrases best fits into each of the numbered gap in the text. There are 3 extra phrases.**

**Isles of Wonder**

The Channel Islands are fringed with beautiful beaches, lapped by clear waters, teeming with wildlife, and rich in history, and yet remain relatively under-visited. Sitting prettily on a rock just 10 km from France, the island of Alderney is an easy 40-minute flight from Southampton. As the plane begins its final descent into the airport, 1)\_\_\_\_\_ you'll ever visit, Alderney's perfect white-sand coves, impossibly blue waters, sea-bird populated cliffs, and quaint fishermen's houses will warmly welcome you to the island.

The people of Alderney are incredibly proud of their home, and rightly so. With a population of just over 2,000, everyone pretty much knows everyone, and everyone has their purpose, whether it be running the bike-hire shop, working with the wildlife trust 2)\_\_\_\_\_, farming to produce Alderney's famous creamy milk, or working on one of the fishing boats down in the harbour. It is clear, however, from the number of gift shops, hotels, bed and breakfasts, and the activities on offer – 3)\_\_\_\_\_ – that the island thrives off its tourism.

Much of this reason comes from closer travellers than you'd expect. During the pandemic, although the Channel Islands were on lockdown, 4)\_\_\_\_\_ and residents of the two larger islands, Guernsey and Jersey, set about exploring the smaller islands in the archipelago. Many of them visited Alderney for the very first time and, 5)\_\_\_\_\_ and its beauty, bought holiday homes with fabulous sea views.

With a speed limit of just 35 mph, and no enforced seat-belt law, 6)\_\_\_\_\_, and the pace of life matches that. In peak season, the beaches are populated but never packed, and the island's main town, St Anne, 7)\_\_\_\_\_, is bustling during the day even if in the evening activity is confined to one or two pubs and restaurants on the town's main street, Victoria Street. St Anne is wonderfully pretty, with winding cobbled streets 8)\_\_\_\_\_ – not surprising since France is just a few kilometres away. You are aware 9)\_\_\_\_\_, however, thanks to the number of undeniably British tearooms that line Victoria Street.

During the day, the most popular shop in the town is the bike shop, Cycle & Surf, 10)\_\_\_\_\_. It's worth getting early to the queue, or better still book in advance. Using bikes is the easiest way to explore the 10 miles of paved roads and many more miles of pathways that snake their way around the island.

- A. which looks over the island's only natural harbour
- B. which will probably be one of the smallest
- C. to find a passion and gain harmony
- D. nothing moves very fast on the island
- E. travel between the islands was permitted
- F. that you are not in France
- G. be they walking trails or boat trips
- H. that feel French
- I. looking for somewhere quieter
- J. to protect Alderney's bird population
- K. being drawn to the peace of the island
- L. which practically covers Alderney in its entirety
- M. which has queues out the door every morning

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**Task 4. Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C, or D) best fits each space.**

**Summer Holidays Don't Mean Relaxation**

Holidays, holidays, holidays! That's all you hear before summer begins. Everyone is busy planning and booking ahead. Many (1)\_\_\_\_\_ to their break for months and are in a (2)\_\_\_\_\_ of excitement for weeks before they leave. People have their cars serviced and go shopping to buy (3)\_\_\_\_\_ clothes. I suppose it's logical, I mean after a whole year of work, people want to relax and (4)\_\_\_\_\_ themselves of some stress. However, I have my (5)\_\_\_\_\_ about summer holidays. It's the time when people vacate the city and go to summer resorts (6)\_\_\_\_\_ find that everyone else has done the same thing. Places are very crowded. You go to restaurants where you have to (7)\_\_\_\_\_ to be served, the room you had booked is next to a nightclub and (8)\_\_\_\_\_ is expensive. When you finally get back, you feel so tired that you need another holiday to get (9)\_\_\_\_\_ the one you just had. I sometimes wonder if going on holiday is worth all that preparation and (10)\_\_\_\_\_.

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|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 A look forward  | B expect       | C anticipate    | D wait        |
| 2 A situation     | B circumstance | C state         | D position    |
| 3 A correct       | B relevant     | C right         | D appropriate |
| 4 A relieve       | B take off     | C remove        | D shake off   |
| 5 A uncertainties | B hesitations  | C dilemmas      | D doubts      |
| 6 A only to       | B such as      | C so that       | D even though |
| 7 A insist on     | B call for     | C demand        | D command     |
| 8 A whole         | B everything   | C entire        | D total       |
| 9 A over          | B by           | C off           | D out of      |
| 10 A annoyance    | B problem      | C inconvenience | D disturbance |

*(10 x 1p = 10p)*

**Task 5. Use the words in capitals at the end of the lines below to form words that fit the gaps.**

e.g. Sarina is only my half-sister because we have \_\_\_\_\_ mothers. DIFFER

Answer: different

1. I can't find the \_\_\_\_\_ to the last maths problem. SOLVE
2. Everybody liked the play and the critics said that it was definitely a \_\_\_\_\_. SUCCEED
3. Riding a roller coaster for the first time is for sure a \_\_\_\_\_ experience. MEMORY
4. He decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the largest parcel and post the reel on Twitter. BOX
5. Don't be so \_\_\_\_\_ with your briefcase. Someone could steal it. CARE

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**Task 6. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to 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.**

e.g. We must take as much advantage as possible of any opportunity to speak English. MOST  
We have to make \_\_\_\_\_ any opportunity to speak English.

Answer: the most of

1. I suppose Bruce has gone to the dentist since he had a terrible toothache. HAVE  
Bruce \_\_\_\_\_ to the dentist since he had a terrible toothache.
2. He believes that we will visit him on Saturday. EXPECTS  
He \_\_\_\_\_ him on Saturday.
3. We can't afford such an expensive holiday. AS  
We can 't afford \_\_\_\_\_ that.
4. If you go by train, you'll be in Brighton in six hours. TAKE  
It \_\_\_\_\_ to Brighton by train.
5. If she doesn't follow a stricter diet, she won't lose any weight. UNLESS  
She won't lose any weight \_\_\_\_\_ a stricter diet.

*(5 x 2p = 10p)*