



ENGLISH

**Grammar MCQ,
Comprehension
Cloze, and S&T**

P5 ENGLISH



For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets. (5 marks)

1 Amy spotted her brother _____ into the kitchen just as she was heading upstairs.

- (1) sneaks
- (2) sneaked
- (3) sneaking
- (4) had sneaked

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2 “The students have submitted their assignments, _____ they?” the teacher asked.

- (1) don't
- (2) didn't
- (3) hadn't
- (4) haven't

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3 The group of researchers _____ to come up with a cure for the virus within the next year.

- (1) hope
- (2) hopes
- (3) hoped
- (4) hoping

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4 Jamie _____ on her project for two hours when her computer crashed.

- (1) had worked
- (2) have worked
- (3) had been working
- (4) have been working

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5 “We must hurry! If we _____ our train, we will be stranded at the station!” Father warned us.

- (1) miss
- (2) misses
- (3) missed
- (4) missing

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6 “This is too _____ luggage for me to carry. You ought to help me!” Alice complained.

- (1) much
- (2) many
- (3) little
- (4) few

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7 _____ Alex does not know how to cycle, he cannot take part in the competition.

- (1) Since
- (2) While
- (3) Unless
- (4) Although

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8 Sandy _____ be travelling to Japan for an overseas exchange programme next week. She cannot wait to try the local cuisine.

- (1) will
- (2) can
- (3) could
- (4) would

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9 “Have you discovered what the cause of yesterday’s internet outage _____?” asked Adam.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

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10 I care _____ my dog’s health by ensuring it gets enough exercise every day.

- (1) for
- (2) with
- (3) over
- (4) after

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

There are two interesting things that happen to us very often. Yet, we take little notice of them and possibly never try to find (11) _____ anything about them. These two small but interesting events are “turning white in the face” and “blushing”.

People seldom bother to learn why these things (12) _____ place. We know that under (13) _____ circumstances, when we are relaxed, our heartbeat is usually between sixty (14) _____ ninety beats a minute. When we exert ourselves, our heart beats faster and our heart rate (15) _____. This is because certain muscles in the body have to do more work so more blood is (16) _____ in these muscles.

When we are frightened, our brain receives a message to transfer blood from certain (17) _____ of our body, such as our face and hands, to the muscles of our legs. This will prepare the legs to run from the (18) _____ of fear or fright. Hence, our face turns pale.

When we blush, we turn red in the cheeks or neck. This happens when a sudden emotion, (19) _____ as embarrassment or happiness occurs. When this happens, tiny blood vessels just below the surface of the (20) _____ dilate. As these vessels are filled with blood, they are more visible on the face and neck (21) _____ the skin in these areas

is thinner. Hence, the skin looks red. When this happens, people begin to

(22) _____ hot and uncomfortable.

Young people tend to blush more easily (23) _____ the elderly.

This is because as we grow (24) _____, we become more experienced

with the ways of life. Mature adults are generally able to handle situations better

without being affected (25) _____ what is said or done. In other words,

as the young learn to cope with sudden emotions, they blush less often.

For each of the questions 26 to 30, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

26 Liam likes cycling. Emma likes cycling too.

Both _____

27 Lisa told her father, "I ate a sandwich last night."

Lisa told her mother _____

28 David brushes his teeth. He then has his cereal.

_____ before

29 Sandy was delighted that she had won first place in the art competition.

Much to _____

30 If you have this pass, you will be allowed to enter the exhibition.

Unless _____

(Bonus)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. Each word can be used only once. Highlight/underline the contextual clues!

(A) a	(D) but	(G) when	(K) in	(N) that
(B) an	(E) so	(H) what	(L) was	(P) to
(C) and	(F) how	(J) by	(M) were	(Q) between

Throughout history women have had to endure horrible things to be deemed beautiful. The ancient tradition of foot binding in China, however, takes the "beauty is pain" concept to (31) _____ whole new level.

In the early 10th century, emperor Li Yu of the Southern Tang dynasty in China ordered one of his slave girls to bind her feet in silk ribbons (32) _____ dance on a platform littered with golden lotus flowers. At first, foot binding was practised only (33) _____ those within the royal court but soon, women of all social classes were eager to have dainty, "beautiful" feet.

So, (34) _____ did foot binding do to the feet? Young girls would have their feet bound for the first time (35) _____ they were about five years old. Their mothers would take long lengths of cloth and bind the feet so that the toes would bend under and the bones in the foot would break, forcing the front and back of the foot together, giving the appearance of a high arch and tiny foot. The ultimate foot was to be (36) _____ three and four inches long. Over the course of about three years, a girl's foot would be broken numerous times (37) _____ get it to the perfect shape.

Since foot binding made it virtually impossible for women to get around on their own, many peasant women did not bind their feet. They had to work in the rice fields, and later the tea factories, (38) _____ they had to be able to use their

feet. Foot binding (39) _____ seen as a sign of beauty and attractiveness. Once a girl was of marriageable age, prospective mothers-in-law would come around and pick a wife for her son by the appearance of the girl's feet. Bound feet were thought to be so alluring because they were always hidden. Bound feet were covered in bindings, socks and shoes and then doused (40) _____ perfume and scented powder. They were then hidden under layers of leggings and skirts.