

Tests Key

Test 1a

- A.** 1 opening 6 crowded
2 opportunity 7 bumpy
3 crept 8 wandering
4 reputation 9 condition
5 estimated 10 volunteers
- B.** 1 package 4 exchange
2 tight 5 heart
3 rough
- C.** 1 on 2 for 3 off 4 with 5 off
- D.** 1 John, who is a magician, is my cousin./John, who is my cousin, is a magician.
2 York is a city which is in the north of England.
3 Mark Jacobs is the author whose book became a best seller.
4 Dennis is going to Paris where he will visit the Eiffel Tower.
5 This is the piano which/that he bought at an auction.
- E.** 1 are not 5 have been organising
2 plays 6 sleeping
3 was developed 7 will continue
4 have read
- F.** 1 competitive 4 players
2 quickly 5 excitement
3 protective 6 popularity
- G.** 1 B 3 C 5 C 7 B
2 D 4 A 6 A

Test 1b

- H.** 1 D 3 C 5 A 7 D
2 C 4 A 6 B

Writing - Part 1

(Suggested Answer)

Dear Brian,

Thanks for your letter. Now that I know you have a mobile phone, we can text each other! It sounds like we have more in common than I thought. My friends and I also enjoy doing different things in our spare time. We like to play sports during the week. We usually play tennis or football, depending on how many people there are. At the weekend, we go out. Our favourite place to go is the cinema to watch the latest films. Comedies are our favourites. Most teenagers here relax by spending time with their friends at coffee shops.

How was the birthday party for your brother? Was he surprised? How many people came?

Write soon,

James

Tests Key

Test 2a

- A.** 1 additives 6 portions
2 brittle 7 infections
3 underweight 8 desperate
4 examination 9 guilty
5 prescription 10 distressed
- B.** 1 health 4 mood
2 dairy 5 body
3 medical
- C.** 1 after 3 to 5 over
2 with 4 from
- D.** 1 He begged me to help him.
2 He allowed me to go to the party.
3 He reminded me to call Steve.
4 He forbade me to eat in the classroom.
5 He suggested going/that we go to the cinema.
- E.** 1 to see 5 was waiting
2 would not be 6 getting
3 will be lying 7 Have you thought
4 heard
- F.** 1 endless 4 variety
2 expensive 5 daily
3 unhealthy 6 impossible
- G.** 1 A 3 B 5 D 7 B
2 C 4 A 6 A

Test 2b

- H.** 1 B 3 F 5 E
2 D 4 C 6 G

Writing - Part 2

(Suggested Answer)

Almost everybody dreams of being well known, and having the luxurious lifestyle that goes along with it. However, I have never felt that being famous is necessarily a good thing.

First of all, there are many famous people in the world who are well-known but certainly do not lead rich, glamorous lives. Nelson Mandela, for example, must be one of the most famous people in the world, but he lives a quiet life with his extended family and he has never shown any desire to be rich. Another famous person who lived in a very simple way was Mother Teresa, who spent most of her life helping the poor and sick in India.

It is also true to say that not all rich people want to advertise their wealth. While it is probably true that such people have very comfortable lives, they avoid the sort of publicity that would show them leading glamorous lifestyles.

Of course, many famous people from the world of entertainment, such as models, singers and film-stars, actually want to be at the centre of attention because this helps them in their careers. As a result, glossy magazines publish photographs of these people enjoying themselves on expensive yachts and at top-class restaurants, and this sort of publicity makes us think that these people must have wonderful, exciting lives. What the photographs do not show is what these famous people actually think of their lifestyles. We do not know whether they are happy or not.

To conclude, I do not think we should believe all we read about so-called famous people. For some of these people it may be more of a curse than a blessing for everyone to know who you are. Those who really deserve to be called famous put other people before themselves and do not look for riches or glamorous lifestyles.

Tests Key

Test 3a

- A.** 1 hive 6 footsteps
2 hustle 7 renovated
3 cover 8 weaved
4 prolong 9 pursue
5 distracted 10 quaint
- B.** 1 public 3 wildlife 5 street
2 rocky 4 special
- C.** 1 in 3 off 5 of
2 down 4 on
- D.** 1 quite 3 pretty 5 quite
2 rather 4 rather
- E.** 1 was held 4 giving 7 will not be
2 led 5 to avoid
3 has become 6 focuses
- F.** 1 spectacular 4 friendly
2 warmth 5 traditional
3 memorable 6 choice
- G.** 1 D 3 D 5 C 7 D
2 A 4 B 6 B

Test 3b

- H.** 1 H 3 G 5 C 7 F
2 A 4 E 6 D

Writing - Part 2

(Suggested Answer)

Although cycle lanes are very common in countries such as The Netherlands, where they are very popular with people who use bicycles as their main means of transport, I am not convinced that they are a benefit in all circumstances.

To start with, Holland is a very flat country and this makes the bicycle an attractive form of cheap transport. Furthermore, suburbs that have been built over the last fifty years were designed with the needs of cyclists in mind. This means that the needs of all road users have been met; the streets are wide enough for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers alike. It is only fair to point out that, because cycling in The Netherlands puts so little strain on the body, people are less likely to use expensive cars to get to work and so there are probably fewer cars on the roads as compared to other more mountainous countries.

I think that it is true to say that in certain countries cycle lanes are not practical. In towns and cities where there are steep hills or the streets are not very wide, for example, it may not be possible to provide cycle lanes that people can use safely. There are many examples of badly designed cycle lanes, some of them are so narrow that they are dangerous for even one cyclist to use.

To sum up, cycle lanes are certainly a good idea and can save cyclists from serious injury provided that they are well-designed. In places where it is not possible to design safe cycle lanes which will not interfere with other road users, then they should not be considered.

Tests Key

Test 4a

- A.** 1 devoted 6 wiped out
2 banned 7 communicated
3 extinction 8 rumble
4 conserve 9 captured
5 demolishing 10 depicts
- B.** 1 natural 3 musical 5 environmental
2 soil 4 power
- C.** 1 for 2 off 3 on 4 on 5 to
- D.** 1 Lakes and rivers are being polluted with/by industrial waste.
2 The elephant had been hunted almost to extinction by poachers.
3 The planet is being heated up by global warming.
4 Hundreds of trees have been cut down by illegal loggers.
5 Threatened habitats around the world are protected by WWF.
- E.** 1 reading 5 will arrive
2 trapped 6 is
3 have not been rescued 7 call
4 were aiding
- F.** 1 recently 4 conservation
2 beneficial 5 contamination
3 loss 6 environmental
- G.** 1 A 3 D 5 B 7 B
2 C 4 A 6 D

Test 4b

- H.** 1 A 3 D 5 B 7 C
2 C 4 D 6 C

Writing - Part 1

(Suggested Answer)

Dear Ben,

Hi! How's it going? I thought I'd drop you a line to let you know about the 'Clean up the beach day' last week. It went really well. We started at 8:30 am and didn't finish until 6 pm. There was a lot of rubbish and it was hard work but by the end of the day the beach looked perfect! Afterwards we all went for a meal to celebrate. I did not plant trees in the local park because I hurt my back when I was playing football last week.

You didn't tell me you were going on a skiing holiday! That sounds fantastic. When are you going? Are you going with friends or family? Will you be back in time for my birthday party?

Well, that's all for now. Have a good time and don't forget to send me a postcard!

Best wishes,

Matthew

Tests Key

Test 5a

- A.** 1 detected 6 appearance
2 texture 7 complimented
3 industry 8 labels
4 intelligence 9 shrink
5 experimenting 10 discount
- B.** 1 false 3 health 5 food
2 digital 4 harmful
- C.** 1 from 3 into 5 away
2 into 4 down
- D.** 1 so 3 so 5 such a
2 such a 4 such
- E.** 1 have referred 5 are hired
2 became 6 will be
3 had been considered 7 getting
4 do not break
- F.** 1 financial 4 certificates
2 consideration 5 qualifications
3 personality 6 meaningful
- G.** 1 C 3 B 5 C 7 B
2 A 4 C 6 A

Test 5b

- H.** 1 F 3 G 5 A
2 C 4 D 6 E

Writing - Part 2

(Suggested Answer)

Crime is a problem in all parts of the world. The solution, for some, is to construct more high-security prisons. Others disagree and say different options must be explored. I believe the answer is in education and community involvement.

Children must be educated about the consequences of their actions. If they are taught early on in their lives that breaking the law results in more than a short sentence and that most criminals become repeat offenders, they will think twice about committing a crime. Schools must show them what lies ahead if they make poor choices. For example, guidance counsellors can talk with students about career opportunities available to them, and also how they diminish once they have a police record. This contrast shows the students the direct impact one bad decision can make.

Schemes must be set up to work with first time offenders who commit less serious crimes so these people don't turn into repeat offenders. They should take part in community action. A meeting is held with the victims, criminals and members of the community to discuss what was done, and why, as well as the damage it caused. In this way, criminals come to realise the effects their actions have on people from their area. This has been shown to reduce re-offending and it also brings communities closer together.

Others disagree and believe that the solution lies in the construction of new prisons. They believe that prisons are overcrowded as it is and more space is required to hold criminals. Instead of prisoners serving out their sentences, they are released early due to the lack of space. Supporters for new prisons say that the number of criminals is increasing, so we need to have more space to keep up with the rising crime rate. However, I do not agree with this because it does not deal with the causes of the problem.

In conclusion, building new prisons does not reduce crime; it only gives more space to those that commit it. The solution is teaching young people about making the right choices and also working with the community to get more involved. By working together, they can help reduce crime, instead of simply accommodating it.