

## TEST

### READING

Read the text and mark the correct sentence (A–G) to fill in the blanks (1–6) as in the example.

- A Our 'kumpania' consists of my two sons and their families, which include our four little grandchildren.
- B You see, 'home' has more than one meaning.
- C It used to be in a bright shade of yellow, and my mother had decorated it with lovely brass bells and ribbons.
- D It is then that we stop at the council-run gypsy sites.
- E She's a strong creature, with a calm and gentle nature.
- F I wish I'd lived back then.
- G He talks to 'Lifestyle' magazine about his home.

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### WHEN 'HOME' IS TO ROAM

Jonathan Smith is an English gypsy. (0) \_\_\_\_

I live in a trailer. 'Gorjias', as we call non-gypsies in our language, sometimes refer to our homes as caravans, but we prefer to use the word trailer. My horse Jezi pulls ours along. (1) \_\_\_\_

My trailer was built back in 1933, by my uncle. I changed the canvas roof only last year. (2) \_\_\_\_ Now it has a well-made beige roof and the beautiful wheels are painted bright red!

I grew up in this wagon, with my brother Jess and my parents who have since passed away. Now it's just Nelly and I, but we travel with company 'kumpania' as it's known in our language. (3) \_\_\_\_

Of course it's not like in the old days before the war. My grandparents used to tell stories of gypsy wagon trains that were so long they stretched from one horizon to the other. They were a travelling community. (4) \_\_\_\_ It's hard to make a living these days.

Although we do still travel around a lot, living in a chilly and damp climate like that of Britain, means that we're forced to stay put through the winter. (5) \_\_\_\_ Even though some of these aren't very pleasant, we make the most of our temporary home by singing and dancing and knowing that we have the freedom to move on when we please.

Our life is about being on the move, and we're not interested in owning land or having our own country. We don't care about owning or living in a house. (6) \_\_\_\_ For me, home is my trailer, home is being outside with nature. Basically 'home' is where you feel that you belong. [22]

(283 words)

## USE OF ENGLISH

### GRAMMAR

Mark the correct variant (A–D) to fill in the blanks (1–6) as in the example.

'I often forget names but I never forget a face.' We're all used to (0) \_\_\_ this. But why is it true? Probably, like most people, your brain (1) \_\_\_ the memory of thousands of faces. This (2) \_\_\_ that you recognize people you (3) \_\_\_ before. And when you hear the name of a person that you know, an image of their face will appear in your mind. For about 2% of the population, however, everybody's faces (4) \_\_\_ to be the same, or very similar.

Emily Roberts has had this problem since she was a child but she's only known the name for it for a few weeks. 'I (5) \_\_\_ about memory on the Internet when I saw an article about 'face blindness'. I realized at that moment that other people have this problem. Since then I (6) \_\_\_ a face blindness support group to get help and advice in the future.'

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| 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> A got           | <input type="checkbox"/> B used to have       | <input type="checkbox"/> C has               | <input type="checkbox"/> D 's having      |
| 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> A has meant     | <input type="checkbox"/> B meant              | <input type="checkbox"/> C 's meaning        | <input type="checkbox"/> D means          |
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### VOCABULARY

Mark the correct variant (A–D) to fill in the blanks (7–12) as in the example.

#### SAYING GOODBYE TO THE RAT RACE

A recent study has shown that people in Great Britain work harder than (0) \_\_\_ else in Europe with an average working week of 44 hours. However, more and more Britons are deciding to (7) \_\_\_ the rat race in favour of a (8) \_\_\_ simpler life.

Research shows that many people are not happy in their jobs and do not enjoy the work they do. One in fourteen British workers have already given up jobs in order to take less stressful ones, and more than half a million workers will (9) \_\_\_ them in the next three years.

Why are so many people searching for the simple life all of a (10) \_\_\_? Well, it seems that the pressures of work are greater than ever (11) \_\_\_, and people are beginning to value free time more than a (12) \_\_\_ salary.

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| 7  | <input type="checkbox"/> A depart            | <input type="checkbox"/> B leave   | <input type="checkbox"/> C exit       | <input type="checkbox"/> D go     |
| 8  | <input type="checkbox"/> A more              | <input type="checkbox"/> B less    | <input type="checkbox"/> C much       | <input type="checkbox"/> D even   |
| 9  | <input type="checkbox"/> A join              | <input type="checkbox"/> B add     | <input type="checkbox"/> C connect    | <input type="checkbox"/> D link   |
| 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> A sudden            | <input type="checkbox"/> B moment  | <input type="checkbox"/> C minute     | <input type="checkbox"/> D second |
| 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> A yet               | <input type="checkbox"/> B since   | <input type="checkbox"/> C still      | <input type="checkbox"/> D before |
| 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> A tall              | <input type="checkbox"/> B long    | <input type="checkbox"/> C high       | <input type="checkbox"/> D wide   |

### WRITING

You have lost the magazine your friend lent you. Write an email to your friend (at least 50 words). Use the plan below and your own ideas:

- apologize;
- explain how it happened;
- offer to replace it.