**Lexical-grammar test**

1. ***Complete the sentences using the correct form of the words***

 ***In the 19th century***, when people were more 1) … (religion) than they are today, Sunday was a day of rest and prayer. In some countries, it was even 2) … (legal) to do any work ***on Sundays*** without special 3) … (permit). This has all changed now, and in most Western countries, Sunday is just a normal day, with shops open and people working.

 However, many people still have strong 4) … (believe) about what you should and should not do on a Sunday. ***A survey by*** The Observer newspaper in the UK found that over half of British people think that shops should be closed on Sundays, and a similar number believe that Sunday lunch should 5) … (long) ***at least*** an hour and a half. ***In fact***, the survey revealed that there is a long list of 6) … (act) that are considered 'normal' for a Sunday, and others that are not. For example, 68% of people thought it was OK to ***go for a walk*** on a Sunday morning, but only 4% thought it was 7) … (accept) to go shopping in the afternoon.8) … (Interest), 37% of people said they would like the weekend to be longer, but only 5% thought that Sunday should be added to the weekend.

 The idea that Sunday is 9) … (***differ) from*** other days of the week is also reflected in the language. Most languages have a word for the day before Sunday (for example, Saturday ***in English***, samedi in French), which ***come***s ***from*** the Jewish and Christian belief that God created the world in six days and then rested on the seventh. In English, we use the adjective '10) … (glory)' to describe a 11) … (beauty) sunny Sunday, and we talk about 'Sunday best', meaning the special clothes you wear to church or ***on special occasions***. ***On the other hand***, if someone is very slow or lazy, we might call them a 'Sunday driver' or say that they are 'taking it easy on a Sunday afternoon'.

 Of course, these are generalisations, and not everyone ***feel***s ***the same way*** about Sundays. In fact, some people find it 12) … (offend) to be told what they should or should not do ***on a particular day*** of the week. What is certain is that Sunday will continue to be ***different from*** other days of the week, whether we are working, shopping or just taking it easy on a 13) … (frost) cold winter morning. ***To apply for*** a 14) … (member) or 15) … (revision) your beliefs about Sundays, you may need to require some 16) … (permit) from your community.

1. ***Fill in the word (collocations)***

 I was about 10 when my parents agreed to let me go and stay with my Aunt Lucy in her big house in London. I was very excited. I'd never been away from home on my own before, and I couldn't wait to 1) … advantage of Aunt Lucy's house and the famous sights of London. When I arrived, Aunt Lucy 2) … charge of me straight away. She showed me my room and told me that she had a lot of work to do so I would have to 3) … care of myself most of the time. She said I could help myself to anything in the kitchen but I mustn't 4) … a fuss if there wasn't any food I liked. Then she gave me a present - a little gold key. 'This is for you,' she said, 'but don't lose it and don't show it to anyone.' I thought this was rather strange. Why shouldn't I show it to anyone? But I didn't say anything.

 Aunt Lucy worked very long hours and I hardly saw her. There wasn't much food in the house, but I wasn't hungry because I was always out exploring. One day, about a week after I arrived, I went into the sitting room and 5) … sight of Aunt Lucy's diary lying on the table. I knew I shouldn't read it, but I was curious. I opened it and started to read. It was full of stories about people who had come to stay at the house. They were all girls, and Aunt Lucy wrote that they were lazy and ungrateful, and that they didn't deserve to be treated nicely. I6) … sorry for them, but I also felt a bit scared. I wondered if Aunt Lucy would 7) … a dislike to me too.

 The next day, I was walking round the house, feeling a bit lost without Aunt Lucy. I went into a room I hadn't been in before and found a little girl about five years old, sitting on a chair. She was very pretty with long, fair hair and big blue eyes. I liked her straight away. 'Hello,' I said, 'what's your name?' 'Lucy,' she said. 'I'm Aunt Lucy's little sister.' 'That can't be true,' I said, 'you're much too young!' Then I suddenly realized that Aunt Lucy must be a witch who 8) … advantage of little girls. I 9) … really angry with her, and I decided to 10) … a stop to it. I told Lucy everything I'd found out about Aunt Lucy, and we 11) … a plan to escape from the house. We would have to be very careful, because Aunt Lucy 12) … an eye on me, but I was 13) … we could do it. That night, when Aunt Lucy was asleep, I got up and woke Lucy. We crept out of the house and ran all the way to the police station. The policeman listened carefully to what we told him, then he called Aunt Lucy and told her to come and collect us. When she arrived, she looked very surprised. 'Oh dear,' she said, 'have you been telling stories again, Lucy?' 'No,' I said, 'we're not going back to the house, and you can't make us!' But Aunt Lucy just smiled and said, 'We'll see about that,' and walked away. I never saw her again

1. ***Fill in the prepositions***
2. I'm worn … after my weekend away. I need to go to bed early tonight.
3. I've been work … at the gym, but I don't think it's really helping me lose weight.
4. Watch …! There's a car coming!
5. I can't find my keys anywhere. I think I've worn … them because I use them so much.
6. I'll wash … after dinner.
7. ***Find the extra word in each line***
8. I am a perfectionist. I always try to ***do*** my own ***best*** and get things right.
9. Unfortunately, this is means that I often ***spend*** too much ***time on*** things
10. because of I want them to be perfect. It also means that I don't like criticism.
11. I'm working on it though. I have know that nothing is perfect and that
12. sometimes good enough is fine. I also know that criticism can be help me
13. to improve it. I am constantly striving for achievement, but I've learned that
14. perfection is an unattainable goal. While I am used to be overly critical of myself,
15. I now understand that this criticism can be a valuable tool for growth and
16. development. I any no longer let weight of my own expectations hold me back,
17. and I'm by more willing to accept that sometimes "good enough" is, well, good
18. enough. Occasionally, I still find both myself getting caught up ***in the pursuit of***
19. perfection, but I've implemented strategies to have ***prevent*** this **from** becoming a
20. destructive pattern. I've learned to be more mindful of where I only direct my
21. attention, and I ***make*** a conscious ***effort*** to celebrate a small victories along
22. the way, rather than focusing solely on such the end result. ***At the end*** of the day,
23. I know that perfection is an incorrect standard, and that striving for it can to
24. ***lead to*** destruction rather than achievement. I'm committed to far maintaining
25. a healthy balance, and I'm ***grateful for*** the lessons I've learned through them
26. both my successes and my failures. With each new challenge, I grow a little less

bit more.

1. ***Think of one word which can be used o complete the sentences below***

The world is a very different place now from how it was 1) … I was young. I think it's true to say 2) … people are generally better off these days 3) … they were then, and 4) … are certainly a lot more gadgets around now than there were in the past. But does all this mean that our lives today are better than 5) … were in the past? Well, there are certainly some things that we have now that are 6) … better than the things we had then - for example, computers and cars. But there were other things that were just 7) … good, if not better, in the past. 8) … example, people didn't earn as much money when I was young, but they seemed to have 9) … free time than people do now. And although 10) … weren't as many things to buy in the shops then as there are today, people seemed to appreciate 11) … they did have more than they do now. So I suppose you could say that, 12) … many ways, life was better then than it 13) … now.

***6. Fill in the prepositions where necessary***

 a) I recently went to a concert by 'The Classical Rock Band'. I was aware 1) … them, and had heard some of their music 2) … the radio. I enjoyed it, so I was quite looking forward to the concert. 3) … my amazement, there was only one member of the band on stage - a pianist. He was good, but I couldn't help feeling that something was lacking. The band's music is famous 4) … its strong beat, but with just the piano, it was rather weak. I left the concert feeling disappointed.

 b) I've just read the new book about David Beckham. I wasn't expecting to like it because I'm not a fan of his. I think he's a great footballer, but I don't like the way he behaves off the pitch. However, after reading the book, I'm more sympathetic 5) … him. He talks openly about his childhood and how difficult it was. He also admits that he made mistakes as a young man, and is sorry 6) … them. I still don't like everything about him, but I understand him better now.

 c) I've just bought a new smartphone. It's much better than my old one, but I'm finding it really difficult to use. I thought I was pretty good with technology, but this phone is much more complicated than I expected. I keep pressing the wrong buttons, and get very frustrated. My daughter, who's only five years old, is an expert 7) … using smartphones. She can do things on it that I didn't even know were possible! She's offered to give me lessons, but I'm not sure if she's serious or just wants to make 8) … fun of me!

 d) I'm a big fan of the TV show MasterChef. It's a cooking competition, and the contestants have to cook dishes for three judges. One of the judges is Michel Roux Jr, a French chef who's notorious 9) … being amazing all over the world. He's capable 10) … making even the most simple dish taste delicious. However, I'm not sure if he's a very good judge. He's often too critical of the contestants, and it seems like he enjoys making them feel bad. I think to be a good judge, you need to be able to give negative feedback in a positive way, and I don't think Michel is adequate 11) … that.