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GRAMMAR

TASK I. Read the following article. Complete the text by putting the verbs in brackets into their correct forms OR writing the missing prepositions into the spaces provided. Choose the prepositions from the box; two of them do not fit.

<i>with</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>away</i>	<i>to</i>
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One day, a baby rhino calf was abandoned 1. _____ his mother. The animal reserve waited for his mum to come back but the mom 2. _____ (**not come**). So they waited until morning and 3. _____ (**take**) him 4. _____. Here, Hunter Mitchell, a 9-year-old boy, comes into the story.

“He was so cute 5. _____ the pictures that I decided to help by raising money for him. I started 6. _____ my pocket money and asked my friends to help. So far I 7. _____ (**raise**) 7,500 US dollars. They used the money for food, which is horse milk. They also 8. _____ (**build**) this enormous enclosure. Osita 9. _____ (**be**) very happy and calm,” he said.

Hunter 10. _____ (**visit**) Osita regularly and 11. _____. (**take**) part 12. _____ feeding and bathing tasks.

“I really want to do rhino conservation because if we do not stop it now, there 13. _____ (**be**) no rhinos when I get older.” For helping save Osita, Hunter 14. _____ (**receive**) a wildlife conservation award.

“I’m really angry that bad people are poaching these beautiful creatures, so I want to make a difference in the world to save rhinos,” Hunter said. Currently, he 15. _____ (**try**) to raise awareness of the problem by attending conferences and visiting schools.

(Adapted from BBC: How a 9-year-old saved a rhino. *BBC*. December 1, 2016. [online]. Retrieved from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p04jv832>.)

Total _____ / 15 points

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VOCABULARY

TASK I. Read the text below. Complete each sentence with the correct form of the word in brackets.

Earth day is a 1. _____ (**globe**) event celebrated every year on 22 April. It aims to highlight the 2. _____ (**important**) of protecting our planet and raise 3. _____ (**aware**) of environmental issues. The event was established in 1970 by Gaylord Nelson, a US senator and 4. _____ (**environment**), and Denis Hayes, a graduate student at Harvard University. It became a worldwide event in 1990, and now involves over one billion people of all ages in 5. _____ (**near**) 200 countries. Earth day is a 6. _____ (**theme**) event, and each year puts emphasis on one 7. _____ (**centre**) topic connected to climate change, plastic 8. _____ (**pollute**), clean energy, tree planting, etc.

(Adapted from Poynting, M. - Molloy, M.: What is Earth Day, when is it and what has it achieved?. BBC. April 22, 2024. [online]. Retrieved from: <https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-68610073>.)

Total _____ / 4 points (0.5 points each)

TASK II. Complete the text below by matching the verbs from box 1 with the appropriate particles from box 2. Use the grammatically correct form of the phrasal verbs to fill in the blanks. Write your answers into the spaces provided.

1. look go (2x) get work put

2. off for out on up after

My older brother Peter is a true inspiration for me. Every morning, his alarm clock 9. _____ at 6 o'clock. He never hits the snooze button. Peter 10. _____ right away and 11. _____ his clothes and running shoes. Then, he heads out the door and 12. _____ a run. After his run, he comes back home and 13. _____ our dog, Buddy. Finally, he leaves for school. I admire his dedication and always try to follow in his footsteps. I also try to 14. _____ regularly, just like him.

Total _____ / 6 points

READING COMPREHENSION

TASK I. Read the article about the traveller Gina Morello. Five sentences have been removed from the text. Write the letters of the missing sentences (A – G) under the text into the spaces provided. There are two sentences that do not fit.

I've always been adventurous. **1.** _____. I grew up in Louisiana, and my family went on road trips across the US. When I was 13, I visited relatives in Texas and we went to a town in Mexico. It was so different from what I'd known. When I was a student, I didn't travel a lot. But in my late 20s, I started working in revenue and merchandise for American Airlines and could get free flights if there were empty seats. Once, there were flights from Dallas to Caracas in Venezuela, so I went by myself to go scuba diving on some remote islands.

My first big trips were to Vietnam and India. I remember arriving in Hanoi and seeing all the motorbikes whizzing by. I had a bucket list of places to visit, including Easter Island and the Great Wall of China. **2.** _____. After 12 years at the airline, I joined a technology company, and travelled a lot for the job. In 2012, I counted the number of countries I'd been to. I'd clocked up about 90, so I decided to try to hit 100 – which I did the next year. At that point, I made it my goal to go to all of the 193 UN member states.

There have been many highlights. In 2017, I did an Everest base camp trail and a helicopter tour, so I got to see the peak. It made me tear up. In Svalbard, a group of islands off Norway, I saw a total solar eclipse, which was surreal: everything goes dark. I met a matriarchal tribe in the Bijagós Islands in Guinea-Bissau. **3.** _____.

In June 2019, I quit my job to take a year-long sabbatical to travel. In March 2020, the pandemic meant I had to go home, which was then Texas. I had only four countries left to visit: Cape Verde, Nigeria, Namibia, and Mozambique. **4.** _____. Namibia was first – I spent two weeks there. It's a magical place: I went to the giant sand dunes and watched cheetahs up close at Etosha national park.

In December 2020, I visited Mozambique, the last country on my list. **5.** _____. It was the culmination of more than 20 years of travel. I was on my own, but I FaceTimed my friend and celebrated with a glass of wine. This experience has taught me there's a lot I don't know about the world. I've learned that even though we all have different cultures, religions, and lifestyles, people want the same things: home, family, love, and security. I've also learned that you don't need as much as you think to be happy. In 2022, I moved from the US to Lisbon, where people are less focused on consumption.

Visiting every country in the world has made me more comfortable with being uncomfortable, whether that's travelling, personal challenges, or moving to a new country. I still love being adventurous – and I've learned I can push myself more than I think.

(Adapted from Morello, G.: I've been to every country in the world. *The Guardian*. November 15, 2024. [online]. Retrieved from: <https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2024/nov/15/experience-ive-been-to-every-country-in-the-world>.)

Total _____ / 5 points

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READING COMPREHENSION

(continued)

- A. The women were really outgoing, and the men reserved.
- B. Seeing things built by ancient civilisations reminds you how small you are in the world.
- C. That's why, in 2013, I set myself a goal to travel to every country in the world.
- D. While travelling, I have always cared about the environment, too.
- E. There, I felt an overwhelming sense of accomplishment.
- F. I have never been scared for my safety.
- G. Eventually, places started opening up again.

**TASK II. Based on the article, decide if the statements below are true (T), false (F), or not stated (NS).
Circle your answers.**

- 6. **T / F / NS** By 2012, Gina had already visited more than 100 countries.
- 7. **T / F / NS** Gina's jobs enabled her to travel extensively.
- 8. **T / F / NS** At first, Gina was afraid of travelling alone.
- 9. **T / F / NS** Gina completed her travel goal in under 10 years.
- 10. **T / F / NS** After years of travelling, Gina realized that material possessions are essential for happiness.

Total _____ / 5 points

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

TASK I. You will hear a BBC reporter talking about volcanic activity. Listen carefully and choose the best headline for the article. Circle the letter (A-D). You will hear the recording twice.

1. A) The Dangers of Volcanic Eruptions
- B) The Three Signs That a Volcano Is About to Erupt
- C) The Story of Icelandic Volcanoes
- D) The Unpredictable Nature of Volcanoes

Total _____ / 1 point

TASK II. Based on the recording, write one word or number to complete the statements.

- A) Since December, the Icelandic volcano has erupted **2.** _____ times.
- B) In **3.** _____ areas such as Iceland, earthquakes are very common.
- C) When it comes to earthquakes, scientists have to measure their **4.** _____
and **5.** _____ to be able to determine the probability of
a(n) **6.** _____.
- D) The gases inside the volcano are **7.** _____ in density than magma.
- E) There are still more than **8.** _____ active volcanoes in the world.
- F) We do not have much historical data about the most hazardous volcanoes because they
usually erupt the **9.** _____.

Total _____ / 4 points (0.5 points each)

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