

**G R A M M A R**

**Complete the article by filling the gaps with the proper verb form or verb tense. Write your answers in the spaces below the article. Example: (00) having**

The process of building Stonehenge – and – 00 – (have) a party at the same time – – 01 – (be, may) more important than the finished monument, English Heritage has said. Experts believe that choosing the stones and moving them up on Salisbury Plain – 02 – (be, may) a way of bringing people together to socialise and celebrate.

English Heritage's senior historian, Susan Greaney, said: 'In contemporary western culture, we – 03 – (strive, always) to make things as easy and quick as possible, but we believe that, for the builders of Stonehenge, this – 04 – (not, be, may) the case. Drawing a large number of people from far and wide to take part in the process of building was potentially a powerful tool in demonstrating the strength of the community to outsiders. – 05 – (able) to welcome and reward people who had travelled far with ceremonial feasts could be a further expression of the power and position of the community.'

Research showcased at Stonehenge reveals that prehistoric people brought animals to the site from as far as north-east Scotland, more than 800km away, – 06 – (take) part in lavish midwinter feasts. Scientists examined some of the 38,000 bones and teeth (90% of them pig; 10% cattle) – 07 – (discover) at the site of a Neolithic village called Durrington Walls.

Durrington Walls – 08 – (settle, only) for between 50 and 100 years, but it is believed – 09 – (house) the circle's builders and the first visitors after the sarsen stones were put in place. Experts examined elements including strontium in the pig teeth found there. Because isotopes of strontium differ chemically according to the geology of the place where the young animal – 10 – (feed), it is possible to know where individual creatures came from. They concluded cows and pigs – 11 – (herd) hundreds of kilometres along ancient byways. It suggested that in 2500 BC, Stonehenge was known across Britain as a place of pilgrimage and celebration.

Stonehenge experts – 12 – (study, also) evidence from societies who more recently have practised – 13 – (move) huge stones. Greaney said: 'There are amazing photos from societies in Indonesia and parts of India within the last 100 years or so of people practising stone moving and raising. They show people in ceremonial dress, – 14 – (amaze) feasts happening, hundreds of people coming together and having a good time.

'As soon as you abandon modern preconceptions that assume Neolithic people – 15 – (seek) the most efficient way of building Stonehenge, questions like why the bluestones were brought from so far away don't seem quite so perplexing.'

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**Total Points: ...../15pts**

**V O C A B U L A R Y**

Read the article below. Use the word given in CAPITALS at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

## The Boomerang Kids

Lisa Lee, 58, is a solicitor's – 00 –. She lives in Hereford with **ARCHIVES** 00 ....archivist .....

her husband, Jim. The couple have five children and their daughter

Annabelle, 29, – 01 – moved back into the family home after **RECENT** 01 .....

a decade of – 02 – living. 'Housing is so expensive these days **DEPENDENT** 02 .....

that it's harder than ever to get on the property ladder. When I was

Annabelle's age, Jim and I had already bought our family home with

the money pooled from our own – 03 – places. I desperately **INDIVIDUALITY** 03 .....

want to replicate that kind of – 04 – for our children, as **SECURE** 04 .....

life seems far more of a struggle for young people these days. After university,

Annabelle moved to London and rented a – 05 – of grotty **SUCCEED** 05 .....

places with terrible – 06 – and holes in the roof. **LORD** 06 .....

'What we can offer our children is a – 07 –, comfortable, **RENT** 07 .....

welcoming environment while they save money. Our son Patrick lived

with us for about six months while he saved for a place – 08 –. **LOCAL** 08 .....

'Our house isn't – 09 –, but we have room to spare. I'm not **ENORMITY** 09 .....

sure it would work if my daughter and her partner were less

– 10 – people. They're getting married next year and have **RESPECT** 10 .....

that – 11 – for a place of their own. So far, it's working out **THIRSTY** 11 .....

brilliantly, and I'm loving having a – 12 – again. For years, **HOUSE** 12 .....

I would look – 13 – at local mums heading out with their **WISTFUL** 13 .....

– 14 – daughters. And now the chance for 18 months of **GROW** 14 .....

– 15 – time with my adult daughter and son-in-law-to-be **BOND** 15 .....

is nothing but a positive in my eyes.'

Annabelle: 'We'd been used to a two-bedroom flat and now all our stuff

is in one small room. You also have to take other people into account,

in terms of noise levels and – 16 –. We tried to save £200 **TIDY** 16 .....

a month each towards the future but, in the – 17 –, were **TIME** 17 .....

having to put any – 18 – payments on credit cards. It felt we **EXPECT** 18 .....

were swimming hard – 19 – and not getting anywhere. Mum **STREAM** 19 .....

and Dad won't take money from us but I would never take

advantage of them. We treated them both to – 20 – at a local **MEMBER** 20 .....

health club and spa. We just want to show them how grateful

we are.'

Total Points: ...../10pts

**READING COMPREHENSION**

Read the following article about a cyber-attack. For questions 01-10, decide which of the sentences (A-M) above the article best fit into each of the numbered gaps in the article. Write your answers in the space provided. There are three extra sentences.

- A** when a private function is taking place
- B** whether data had been taken
- C** so the world can detect this malicious activity
- D** to pay more attention to non-government organisations
- E** investigating the attack on the Parliament House network
- F** to do all they can to protect our nation
- G** to secure these systems
- H** there was no evidence of electoral interference
- I** were securing the system and protecting users
- J** while keeping everyone relatively comfortable
- K** what material had been taken in the incident
- L** that were more likely to be targeted by ultra-rightwing organisations
- M** he had instructed the Australian Cyber Security Centre

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Australia's major political parties have been targeted by a 'sophisticated state actor' as part of a breach of the Parliament House computer network, the prime minister said yesterday.

Scott Morrison confirmed the state-sponsored hack in a statement to parliament yesterday, but said – 01 – and measures had been put to place to ensure the integrity of the electoral system.

Morrison said – 02 – 'to be ready to provide any political party or electoral body in Australia with immediate support, including making their technical experts available'. He said the federal and state electoral commissions and cybersecurity agencies in the states had been briefed and the cybersecurity centre in Canberra had also worked with global anti-virus companies '– 03 –'.

The head of the Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC), Alastair MacGibbon, said they were unsure – 04 – because the rapid remediation efforts had removed some of the evidence.

MacGibbon told reporters he was not able to say – 05 – because agencies were 'acting extraordinarily quickly and very openly, so we are piecing together all of the evidence.

'These are very early days, and the decision was made, the right decision was made, to go public and to take overt actions – 06 – in order to risk-manage the exercise,' he said.

Responding to the statement, the Labor leader, Bill Shorten, told parliament that government institutions, such as electoral commissions, were generally well protected, 'but our party political structures perhaps are more vulnerable'.

He noted that in comparable attacks overseas, it was progressive parties – 07 –. Shorten said political parties were small organisations with only a few full-time staff, but they were in the business of collecting, storing and using large amounts of information about voters and communities.

'These institutions can be a soft target and our national approach to cybersecurity needs – 08 –', he said. Morrison said the hack into the networks of political parties had been detected by agencies – 09 –. He said security agencies had acted decisively to confront the incursion and – 10 –. The prime minister did not say which country was behind the hack and told parliament he did not intend to go into detail about operational matters.

**Total points: ...../10pts**

**L I S T E N I N G   C O M P R E H E N S I O N**

**You will hear five texts that match one of seven statements/titles (01-07). For statements 01-07, match texts A-E. Those statements that you cannot match with a text are to be marked with an X.**

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| 01 | Lows                      | ..... |
| 02 | Business breakdown        | ..... |
| 03 | Where we are now          | ..... |
| 04 | The idea                  | ..... |
| 05 | Highs                     | ..... |
| 06 | Best advice I've ever had | ..... |
| 07 | Making it happen          | ..... |

**Total points: ...../5pts**

**VOCABULARY: PROGRESSIVE TEST**

**List as many English proverbs/sayings with their short explanations as possible. You will score 1 point for every 5 correctly spelled answers.**

Example: *When in Rome, do as the Romans do.* - when you are visiting another place, you should follow the customs of the people in that place

**Total Points: .....pts**

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