

G R A M M A R

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

An extract from the book *The Pharaoh's Secret* by Clive Cussler and Graham Brown

Tariq Shakir sat in the darkened control room, waiting for news. There were no radio reports, no buzzing walkie-talkies, only the hardwired phone and the data line that – 00 – (run) the length of the pipeline tunnel back to the Osiris hydroelectric plant. Through these wires came the news that his plan – 01 – (come) to fruition.

Emergency meetings – 02 – (call) in Libya. Shakir's man, the opposition leader, was getting favourable press. Money had bought that, but sentiment – 03 – (turn) against the existing government. And that was priceless. Riots were going on in every city. The leaders continued promising more water, but the thrum of the pumps in Shakir's subterranean cavern told him that – 04 – (happen, never). He doubted the existing government would last another twenty-four hours.

Meanwhile, across the Mediterranean, Alberto Piola was back in Rome, holding middle-of-the-night meetings and rallying Italian politicians to his side. He reported that they were ready to acknowledge the new government in Libya the instant it – 05 – (become) official.

The only thing that concerned Shakir was the American NUMA operatives and the Italian intelligence agent. They'd escaped his grasp five hours ago. They still – 06 – (see, not). A knock on the door disturbed his train of thought. The door opened and Hassan stepped in. 'Scorpion – 07 – (return, just) from France. His men intercepted the American couple and took what the Americans were after. According to Scorpion, the Americans seemed to think they – 08 – (find) something hidden in the paintings, but he and his men – 09 – (go) through the paintings and torn them apart. They found nothing inside, no hidden notes, no secret messages. If anyone found the truth behind the Black Mist and the antidote, it – 10 – (lose) to history', said Hassan.

The lights flickered in the control room, putting a stop to Shakir's rantings. Half the lights were out. Only the emergency systems – 11 – (operate). In the distance he felt a low rumbling, like a large truck heading his way. He stared down the tunnel. Something – 12 – (come), something large. It seemed – 13 – (crawl) in the dark, filling the tunnel from wall to wall. As he strained to make out what it – 14 – (be), a bank of headlights snapped on, blinding him. Several of his men ran to intercept the vehicle and – 15 – (cut) down by the hammering sound of a heavy machine gun.

(Adapted from *The Pharaoh's Secret* by Clive Cussler and Graham Brown, 2016, pp. 369-372)

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Total Points:/15pt

VOCABULARY

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 Secret of Secrets

Robert Langdon awoke –00–, enjoying the gentle strains of **PEACE** 00*peacefully*.....
 classical music from his phone's alarm on the –01– table. **BED** 01
 Grieg's 'Morning Mood' was probably an obvious –02–, but **CHOOSE** 02
 he had always considered it the perfect four minutes of music
 to start his day. As the woodwinds swelled, Langdon savored
 the –03– of not being able to recall quite where he was. **CERTAIN** 03
 In the dim light, Langdon surveyed the room's –04– arched **MASS** 04
 window, flanked by an antique Edwardian –05– and an **DRESS** 05
 alabaster lamp. The plush, hand-knotted carpet was still scattered
 with rose petals from last night's –06– service. **TURN** 06
 Langdon had come to Prague three days earlier and, as he had on previous
 visits, checked into the Four Seasons Hotel. When the manager insisted on
–07– his reservation to the three-bedroom Royal Suite, **GRADING** 07
 he wondered if it was due to his own brand –08– or, more **LOYAL** 08
 likely, to the –09– of the woman with whom he was traveling. **PROMINENT** 09
 Langdon had known this –10– woman since his days at **REMARK** 10
 Princeton, where Katherine was a young assistant professor while
 he was an –11–. His quiet schoolboy crush on her had gone **GRAD** 11
 unnoticed and –12–, but they'd enjoyed a flirtatious, platonic **REQUITED** 12
 friendship ever since. Even after her professional career skyrocketed,
 and Langdon became a high-rocketed professor known –13– **THROUGH** 13
 the world, the two of them had kept in casual contact.
 He left his room and strode through the elegant –14– **HALL** 14
 which connected the hotel's Baroque –15– annex with the **RIVER** 15
 building's lobby. Along the way, he passed an elegant
 display case marked PRAGUE –16–, featuring a series **HAPPEN** 16
 of framed posters announcing this week's concerts, tours, and
 lectures.
 Katherine's lecture last night had been standing room only,
 no small feat considering she had spoken in Prague Castle's
–17– Vladislav Hall – a cavernous, vaulted chamber used **LEGEND** 17
 during the Renaissance to host –18– jousting competitions **DOOR** 18
 with knights and horses in full regalia.
 The lecture series was one of Europe's most respected and always drew
–19– audiences from around the world. Last night had **ENTHUSE** 19
 been no exception, and the packed hall erupted with –20– **APPLAUD** 20
 when Katherine was introduced.

(Adapted from *The Secret of Secrets* by Dan Brown, 2025, pp. 9-12)

Total Points:/10pts

READING COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage taken from a book by Robert Galbraith. 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. There are three extra sentences.

County Cork

- A** lying in its own little bay
- B** stretching down to the coast
- C** to preserve traditional cooking and baking methods
- D** which tells the story of Ireland's dairy products
- E** runs through the centre of the city
- F** what are now solid streets
- G** which hasn't been the reason for exporting it
- H** what the chefs have to offer
- I** so their accent is not at all unusual here
- J** not so humbly considers itself 'the real capital'
- K** what is certainly worth the effort
- L** underlining its position as the food capital of Ireland
- M** built around its port and harbour

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Cork is Ireland's largest and southernmost county, with a history that stretches back to the Bronze Age and beyond. It is Ireland's second largest city – and the one that – 01 –. The city has plenty to see and do, all easy to reach on foot.

The best place to start is at the famous indoor English Market. It's one of the oldest covered markets in Europe. The entrance is on Grand Parade, just off Patrick's Street, the main street that – 02 –. The market serves great food, which you can also take home to cook if you'll be self-catering. Cork has a thriving food scene, with talented chefs and great restaurants, – 03 –. A short walk away from the English Market is the Butter Museum, – 04 –. The Butter Exchange was set up in Cork in 1769 by local merchants, who met here to regulate the butter trade, and butter has been one of their most famous exports ever since.

Cork is still very much a working port. The natural harbour on which the city sits is massive (about 181 square kilometres), – 05 –. The tourism market in Cork has shifted significantly in the past few years, from simpler family activities to high-end experiences. Seeing Cork from the sea reminds visitors that this is a maritime city – 06 –.

The town of Cobh (pronounced 'cove') was the last port of call for the doomed *Titanic*, and there's a fantastic little museum by the port dedicated to the famous ocean liner. Driving further, tourists can see other parts of the county, where German visitors are hugely welcome. Indeed, many Germans have moved to Cork city and county and made it their home, – 07 –. Germany is one of Ireland's top overseas markets, and it's vital for the tourist industry.

Cork used to be known as the Venice of the North because before the 1780s, many of – 08 – were canals. But to experience the real Cork, tourists need to get out and about.

Shanagarry is home to the world-famous Ballymaloe House, where writer Myrtle Allen set up a cookery school in the 1960s – 09 –. Tourists can take a room for the night here and sample – 10 – and get the opportunity to learn from the best in the cookery school. There are workshops and courses of all lengths, lasting from just a few hours to several weeks.

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Total points:/10pts

Participant Number: _____

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PROGRESSIVE TESTING – phrasal verbs with *call*

Write phrasal verbs with *CALL* and explain their meaning. You will score 1 point for every three correct examples.

For example:
call off = cancel

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 six short recordings describing books. Indicate the number of the book (1-6) in which the following information is mentioned. You will score 0.5 point for each correct answer. You will hear the text only once.

SIX BOOKS RECOMMENDED TO READ

- 01** Book _____ The disappearance of the manuscript revealed a dangerous threat.
- 02** Book _____ The main character was exposed to danger due to the strange behaviour of a relative.
- 03** Book _____ Despite hiding in isolation, danger is approaching.
- 04** Book _____ Despite being an ideal place to live, someone's presence is felt.
- 05** Book _____ In spite of being content with isolation, the truth is in danger of being revealed.
- 06** Book _____ The message, the content of which was familiar, threatened him.
- 07** Book _____ While searching for someone, he discovered something very special.
- 08** Book _____ Despite it being completely redone, something old remained.
- 09** Book _____ Something unbelievable can change someone's life completely.
- 10** Book _____ After a long time of not being able to get over it, something important happened to him.

Total points: _____/5

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