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**READING COMPREHENSION**

Total points: \_\_\_\_\_ /30

*1. Read the following article and decide what you think is the most appropriate title*

- a) Being a twin – Advantage or disadvantage
- b) Bringing up twins - the parent's story
- c) Twin sisters trapped in a single mind

1 point \_\_\_\_\_

**(1<sup>st</sup> para.)** AT FIRST IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE. They speak in unison, walk in step, dress identically to the last button and match each other mouthful for mouthful at the dinner table. But this is no trick with mirrors. This is everyday East London, where everyone knows Greta and Freda Chaplin, the identical twins.

**(2<sup>nd</sup> para.)** The twins do everything together. Whether they are out shopping or doing the housework they mirror each other's actions and mannerisms down to the finest detail. To vacuum the floor both twins grasp the handle of the hoover at the same time as they guide it slowly around the carpet together. If they make tea, both their hands are on the bottle as they pour the milk. 1) \_\_\_\_\_ If someone gives them a bar of soap in different colours, they will cut theirs in two and swap a half. They have two black coats, but one came with green buttons and one black. They swapped the buttons around so that each twin had two green and two black buttons on each coat. The sisters themselves say that they feel like one person, not two. Sometimes it's almost as though they inhabit the same mind.

**(3<sup>rd</sup> para.)** The sisters, now 48, live in a flat in Hackney, East London. They are a familiar sight in the area, where they are often seen out shopping together in their long clothes and waist-length hair. Some people are frightened of their strange telepathic bond, others laugh at them. The twins realise this and don't like it, so they avoid crowds. They rely a great deal on the protection and friendship of Jack Davenport who has been like a father to them. "Sometimes it's as if you're seeing double", he says "2) \_\_\_\_\_ They do everything at the same time – clean their teeth, eat, drink. If they're having fish and chips, they will pick a chip up at the same time".

**(4<sup>th</sup> para.)** Little is known about the childhood of the sisters, except that they grew up on a housing estate in York. From babies their mother treated them as one and encouraged their dependence on each other. Everything in their life was identical down to the twin dolls they played with. "She told us always to stick to each other", say Freda and Greta in unison. "She said when you go to the shops always ask for two of something and if they've only got one, don't take it"

(5<sup>th</sup> para.) 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Greta is the softer, more sensible one. Freda is the one who tends to dominate her sister and lose her temper more quickly. In the last few years they have become quieter and much more intelligent company. All they want is love, friendship and understanding, which they have never had”

(6<sup>th</sup> para.) Dr Elizabeth Bryan, Director of the Multiple Births Foundation says, “These two are an extreme case, but I’m quite sure there is often telepathy between twins. If you shared the womb and your life together, there is bound to be”.

(7<sup>th</sup> para.) Having dealt with more than 3 000 sets of twins, she says, “My concern is to help parents with the emotional stress of having two babies or more at the same time.

4) \_\_\_\_\_ So they never had the opportunity to develop as individuals.”

II. *The sentences below have been removed from the text. Decide which sentence goes in each of the numbered gaps in the text.*

A) Listening to them talk is like hearing one person with a slight echo a split second later.

B) As Jack Davenport remarks, “They do have different personalities although they won’t admit it.

C) The mother of Freda and Greta Chaplin tried to bring them up as a single child and didn’t give them the chance ever to be separated.

D) If we go out shopping they automatically buy the same thing in the same colour at the same price , although it might be from a different counter.

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_

8 points \_\_\_\_\_

III. *Read the article and decide if the following statements are **True (T)** or **False (F)***

1. Great and Freda live in England. \_\_\_\_\_

2. They speak nearly at the same time. \_\_\_\_\_

3. They feel the need to look exactly the same. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Local people are generally very kind and supportive towards the twins. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Their father’s name is Jack. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Their mother tried to help them grow up with their own identities. \_\_\_\_\_

7. They have different characters. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Dr Bryan isn’t surprised by the idea of telepathy between Greta and Freda. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Dr Bryan is concerned with the psychological aspects of multiple births. \_\_\_\_\_

9 points \_\_\_\_\_

IV. Find words or phrases in the text with the following meaning:

1. at the same time (**para. 1**) \_\_\_\_\_
2. to hold tightly (**para. 2**) \_\_\_\_\_
3. a very short time (**para. 2**) \_\_\_\_\_
4. to exchange (**para. 2**) \_\_\_\_\_
5. part of your body, above your hips (**para. 3**) \_\_\_\_\_
6. a flat surface in a shop where you go to be served (**para. 3**) \_\_\_\_\_
7. to keep together (**para. 4**) \_\_\_\_\_
8. to agree that something is true (**para. 5**) \_\_\_\_\_
9. to become angry suddenly (**para. 5**) \_\_\_\_\_
10. part of a woman's body where a baby develops before it is born (**para. 6**)  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. certain, sure (**para. 6**) \_\_\_\_\_
12. anxiety, pressure (**para. 7**) \_\_\_\_\_

12 points \_\_\_\_\_

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### USE OF ENGLISH

*I. Circle the correct alternative*

Hi Karen,

(1) **I'm having / I have** a great time here in England. My college term (2) **isn't starting / doesn't start** until next month, so (3) **I'm taking / I take** the opportunity to earn some money. (4) **I'm staying / I stay** with my English friend, Robbie. His parents (5) **are owning / own** a software business. In the evenings (6) **I'm driving / I drive** into London with Robbie to go clubbing. (7) **I'm making / I make** a lot of new friends.

(8) **I think / I'm thinking** my pronunciation is much better than when I arrived, and (9) **I'm understanding / I understand** almost everything now. On weekdays (10) **I'm helping / I help** Robbie's dad. At the moment (11) **he's working / he works** on a new website and (12) **he's needing / he needs** help with it. It's quite tiring work, but (13) **I'm liking / I like** it and (14) **I'm learning / I learn** some really useful stuff about the Web.

(15) **Do you come/ Are you coming** to visit me soon? (16) **I'm spending / I spend** the winter holidays here at Robbie's. His parents (17) **are wanting / want** to meet you and there's plenty of space. But you must bring your warmest clothes. (18) **It's getting / It gets** very cold here in winter.

Let me know as soon as (19) **you're deciding / you decide**. And tell me what (20) **you're doing / you do** these days. Do you miss me?

Love.

Pedro

1/2 point for each correct answer (10 points) / \_\_\_\_\_

*II. Tick (✓) the sentences which are correct. In some pairs one sentence is correct. In other pairs both sentences are correct*

1. a. What do you think of my hair?		b. What are you thinking of my hair?.	
2. a. You look great today!		b. You're looking great today!	
3. a. Do you enjoy your meal?		b. Are you enjoying your meal?	
4. a. I think of selling my car.		b. I'm thinking of selling my car.	
5. a. Where do you live?		b. Where are you living?	
6. a. I don't believe his story.		b. I'm not believing his story.	
7. a. The students seem tired today.		b. The students are seeming tired today.	
8. a. He weighs 80 kilos.		b. He's weighing 80 kilos.	
9. a. How often do you play tennis?		b. How often are you playing tennis?	
10. a. My brother looks for a new job?		b. My brother is looking for a new job.	

1/2 point for each correct answer (5 points) / \_\_\_\_\_

III. Complete the postcard with the verbs in the correct form

Dear Nick,

We (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a wonderful time here in York. We  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) here for three days and we  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (plan) to stay for the rest of the week because we  
(4) \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) ourselves so much. We  
(5) \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) the Cathedral and the Castle Museum, and this  
morning we (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) around the little old-fashioned streets,  
looking at the shops and cafés. I (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (write) this postcard  
just before lunch. We (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (not buy) any souvenirs yet, but we  
(9) \_\_\_\_\_ (have) some good long walks in the countryside, which is  
beautiful. Fortunately, the weather (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very good so  
far. People (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (say) it can be very cold and it often  
(12) \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) for days!. As this is the first time we  
(13) \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to England, we  
(14) \_\_\_\_\_ (guess) we're just lucky.

See you soon,  
Roberto and Jan

1 point for each correct answer (14 points) / \_\_\_\_\_

IV. Complete the second sentence so that it has similar meaning as the first sentence.

- We haven't been to a concert for over a year.  
The last time we \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to a concert was over a year ago.
- Your birthday party was the last time I really enjoyed myself.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ (really/ not enjoy) myself since your birthday party.
- It's nearly twenty years since my father saw his brother.  
My father \_\_\_\_\_ (not see) his brother for nearly 20 years.
- James went to Scotland last Friday and is still there.  
James \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Scotland.
- When did you learn to drive?  
How long is it since you \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) to drive?
- The last time I went swimming was when we were in Spain.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/ swim) since we were in Spain.
- You haven't tidied this room for weeks.  
It's been weeks since you \_\_\_\_\_ (tidy) this room.
- This is the first time I've been to a nightclub.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ (never/be) to a nightclub before.
- Kim lost her job a year ago.  
Kim \_\_\_\_\_ (not/have) a job for the last year.

1 point for each correct answer (9 points) / \_\_\_\_\_

V. Put the verbs in the correct form

- Tom has had to give up playing football since he \_\_\_\_\_ (break) his ankle.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/ pay) you for my ticket, yet. How much \_\_\_\_\_ (I/owe) you?
- The hotel manager called the police when he \_\_\_\_\_ (discover) that the guests \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) without paying the bill.
- Sharon's work is terrible these days. I don't know what \_\_\_\_\_ (happen) to her. She \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) interest in everything recently.

5. We \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a fire in the office last week,  
We \_\_\_\_\_ (not/ sort out) the mess ever since, as you  
can imagine.
6. My sister is in Australia at the moment. She \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a  
wonderful time there.
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ (always/ want) to visit Japan. Now that  
I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) the chance,  
I \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to take it.

1 point for each correct answer (15 points) / \_\_\_\_\_

VI. *In some of the following sentences, "the" has been used in the wrong place. Cross it out if you think it is not used correctly*

**The** King Juan Carlos of **the** Spain arrived in London today for a three day visit to **the** United Kingdom. He was met by **the** Queen and drove with her to Buckingham Palace. Tomorrow he will have **the** lunch with **the** Governor of **the** Bank of England and in thee evening he will have talks with **the** businessmen.

1 point for each correct answer (7 points) / \_\_\_\_\_

VII. *Choose the appropriate word to complete the sentences*

<b>A few (of); all (of) any (of) each(of) half (of) most (of) much (of) none (of)</b>
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1. It is widely known that \_\_\_\_\_ human beings originate from one common ancestor.
2. When Jill decided to sell her car, she phoned round her friends, but \_\_\_\_\_ them wanted to buy it so she put an ad in the paper.
3. Do \_\_\_\_\_ your colleagues give you birthday presents?
4. When my rich uncle died, he left \_\_\_\_\_ his fortune to his cat and the other half to a distant cousin! We had never expected to receive \_\_\_\_\_ it, but we were disappointed that he hadn't left \_\_\_\_\_ it to us.
5. I think \_\_\_\_\_ children enjoy going to funfairs, although I know \_\_\_\_\_ who are frightened of the big rides.
6. We'll have to work quickly because I haven't got \_\_\_\_\_ time.
7. Before mixing the cake, weigh \_\_\_\_\_ ingredient precisely.

1 point for each correct answer (10 points) / \_\_\_\_\_

**Total: 70 points/ \_\_\_\_\_**

**KEY IX grade  
READING**

I  
C

II  
1) A 2) D 3) B 4) C

III  
1T; 2T; 3T; 4F; 5F; 6F; 7T; 8T; 9T

IV  
1 in unison  
2 grasp  
3 a split second  
4 swap  
5 waist  
6 counter  
7 stick to each other  
8 admit  
9 lose temper  
10 womb  
11 bound  
12 stress

**KEY IX grade  
USE OF ENGLISH**

**I.**

1. I'm having
2. doesn't start
3. I'm taking
4. I'm staying
5. own
6. I drive
7. I'm making
8. I think
9. I understand
10. I help
11. he's working
12. he needs
13. I like
14. I'm learning
15. Are you coming
16. I'm spending
17. want
18. it gets
19. you decide
20. you're doing

**II.**

1. a
2. both
3. b
4. b
5. both
6. a
7. a
8. a
9. a
10. b

**III.**

1. are having
2. have been
3. are planning/plan
4. are enjoying
5. have visited
6. have walked/ were walking
7. am writing
8. haven't bought
9. have had
10. has been
11. say
12. rains
13. have come
14. guess

**IV.**

1. went
2. haven't really enjoyed
3. hasn't seen
4. has gone
5. learnt/learned
6. have swum
7. tidied
8. have never been
9. hasn't had

**V.**

1. broke
2. have not paid / do I owe
3. discovered / had left
4. is happening; has happened/ has lost
5. had / haven't sorted out
6. is having
7. have always wanted/have/have decided

**VI.**

- ~~the~~ Spain
- ~~the~~ United Kingdom
- ~~the~~ Queen
- ~~the~~ lunch
- ~~the~~ Governor
- ~~the~~ Bank of England
- ~~the~~ businessmen

**VII.**

1. all
2. none of
3. all / many of / any of
4. half of/all of/ most of; much of; any of
5. most / a few
6. much
7. each