

LEXICAL & GRAMMAR COMPETENCE – PART 1

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space.

For each question, mark the correct answer **A**, **B**, **C**, or **D** on your answer sheet.

Questions 1-10.

The definitive guide to Scotland

(Q1) the London Olympics, when excited sports fanatics flooded through the arrival gates of (Q2) all British airports and engaged in (Q3) thrilling activities as taking pictures of red phone boxes and riding the bus, it came to my attention that many tourists arrive to the U.K. with certain erroneous expectations of what awaits them. The disappointment is evident (Q4) tourists' faces as they travel through the country, discovering that the Queen does not walk her Corgis up The Mall, our policemen will very rarely (Q5) "Alio, alio," and that most of us will not ask a stranger in for a cup of tea and a biscuit when you arrive on our doorstep. That said, (Q6), nothing really disappoints a tourist more than a visit to the mysterious land of Scotland. Having lived in Scotland for all of my 16 years, I have come to believe that I am an expert in (Q7) things Scottish, and therefore I think it is only right that I help the youth of America obtain a more realistic view of (Q8) to expect when visiting "up North." A good (Q9) place in Scottish culture, I believe, is haggis. Haggis is a ghastly concoction of oatmeal, onions, pepper, suet, and, oh yes, sheep organs. That's right, haggis includes sheep's stomach, heart, liver, lungs, (Q10) windpipe. This delightful dish is normally served on Robert Bum's Night, when we all stand around in kilts and sing to it.

- Q1. A) While B) Since C) During D) Whilst
- Q2. A) near B) nearing C) near to D) nearly
- Q3. A) so B) such C) order to D) a
- Q4. A) on B) in C) behind D) above
- Q5. A) tell B) say C) speak D) talk
- Q6. A) since B) yet C) however D) though
- Q7. A) all B) whole C) every D) each
- Q8. A) whose B) how C) whom D) what
- Q9. A) to start B) starting C) started D) starts
- Q10. A) but B) still C) and D) before

LEXICAL & GRAMMAR COMPETENCE – PART 2

In the following text, each line (Q11-Q20) has three underlined words or phrases marked **A**, **B**, or **C**. Find the word or the phrase which has a mistake and must be changed in order for the sentence to be correct. If there is no mistake in the line, choose **D** (no mistake).

E.g: A	According to <u>me</u> (A), she <u>mustn't</u> (B) leave <u>the</u> (C) company	D – no mistake
Q11.	Parents <u>can't</u> (A) understand <u>why</u> (B) their children can't leave each other alone, and <u>with</u> (C) be friends.	D – no mistake
Q12.	<u>When</u> (A) we are children, <u>ours</u> (B) brothers and sisters are our first friends <u>and</u> (C) first enemies.	D – no mistake
Q13.	Studies <u>have shown</u> (A) that sibling relationships <u>between</u> (B) sister-sister pairs and brother-brother pairs are <u>different</u> (C).	D – no mistake
Q14.	Girls are <u>more</u> (A) talkative, frank, and better <u>to</u> (B) expressing themselves and <u>sharing</u> (C) their feelings.	D – no mistake
Q15.	The <u>close</u> (A) twins feel, <u>the</u> (B) more alike <u>they</u> (C) want to become.	D – no mistake
Q16.	Many experts <u>say</u> (A) that the relationship among brothers and sisters <u>explains</u> (B) a great deal <u>about</u> (C) family life.	D – no mistake
Q17.	Experts agree <u>which</u> (A) the relationship <u>among</u> (B) siblings is influenced <u>by</u> (C) many factors.	D – no mistake
Q18.	Brothers and sisters become <u>more</u> (A) competitive and aggressive <u>when</u> (B) their parents treat them <u>even</u> (C) a little bit differently from one another.	D – no mistake
Q19.	<u>Being</u> (A) parents <u>aren't</u> (B) so easy <u>as</u> (C) it seems to be.	D – no mistake
Q20.	<u>Both</u> (A) parents and children <u>should</u> (B) always open <u>their</u> (C) hearts to each other.	D – no mistake

LEXICAL & GRAMMAR COMPETENCE – PART 3

In the following text, fill in the gaps (21-30) with an appropriate word from the list (A-L).

Note: there are two extra words that you do not need to use.

Questions 21-30.

List of words:

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| A) which | B) up | C) problems | D) than |
| E) fact | F) increasingly | G) between | H) well |
| I) when | J) that | K) cause | L) interested |

Emma Christoffersen was twenty-eight years old ... (Q21) ... she collapsed moments after leaving a long flight from Australia. Her death highlighted the statistics concerning health-related ... (Q22) ... during long flights. In ... (Q23) ..., more people die from health-related incidents during flights ... (Q24) ... from air crashes. Studies show ... (Q25) ... poor air quality, low oxygen levels, and cramped seating are triggering heart attacks and deep vein thrombosis as ... (Q26) ... as causing contagious diseases among an ... (Q27) ... large number of passengers. Long periods of sitting in cramped quarters can ... (Q28) ... blood clots to form, especially in the legs and lower abdomen, which can cause deep vein thrombosis, from ... (Q29) ... Emma died. Passengers have also contracted tuberculosis through recycled air. Despite these problems, the airlines are not addressing these issues and continue to reduce the space ... (Q30) ... seats. The Aviation Health Institute advises that cabins be ventilated every three minutes, but at present, the average is every ten. To minimize the risk to their health, passengers are advised to exercise and drink plenty of water during a flight.

LEXICAL & GRAMMAR COMPETENCE – ANSWERS

PART 1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
C	D	B	A	B	C	A	D	B	C

PART 2

Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
C	B	D	B	A	D	A	D	B	D

PART 3

Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
I	C	E	D	J	H	F	K	A	G