

Grammar & Vocabulary

Time: 20 minutes + dictation

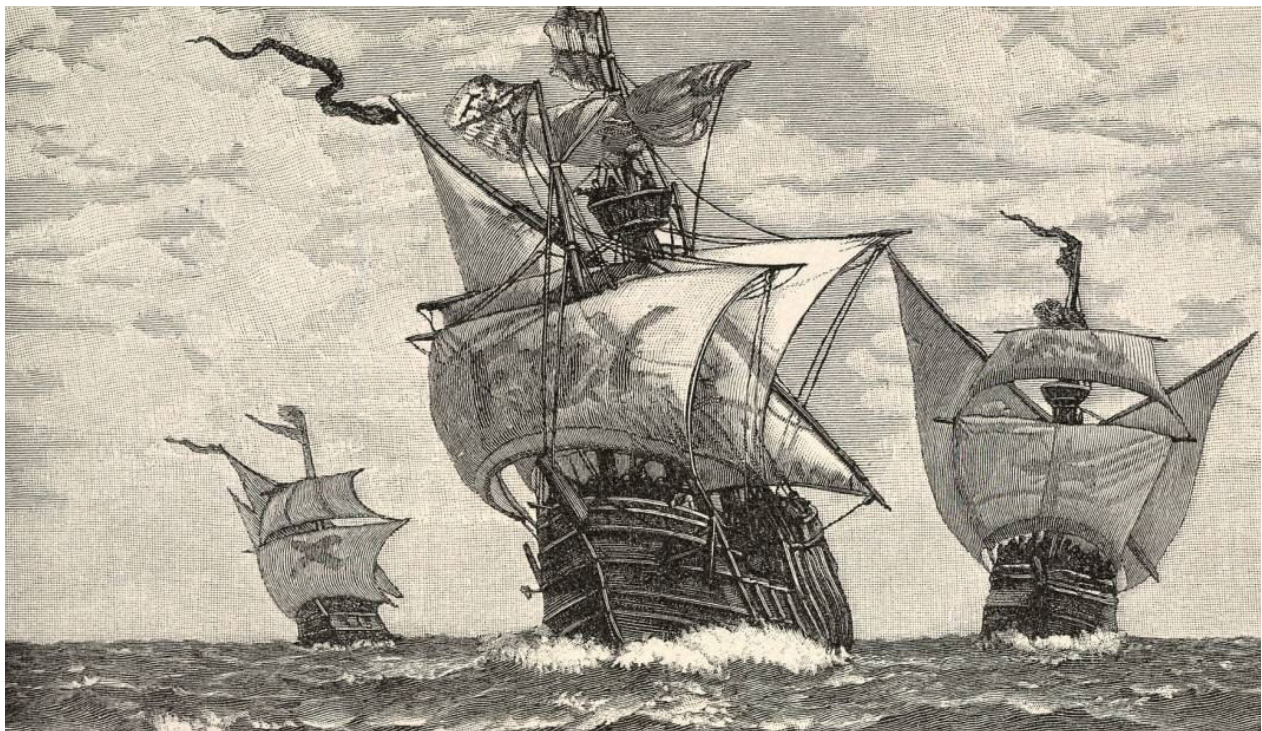
- *Answer all the questions*
- *Write all your answers on the separate answer sheet*
- *You must not speak to the other candidates*

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Task One: Dictation

You will hear a text about Christopher Columbus.

- You must write down every word in the text on the numbered lines on the separate Answer Sheet.
- You will receive marks for writing the correct words and correct spelling.
- You will hear the text three times: first you will hear the whole text, and then small pieces of the text.
- These small pieces will be repeated once.
- The first two lines are printed on your answer sheet as examples.
- You will hear the following name: **Columbus, Asia, Spain, Portugal, Europe and Caribbean.**



Task Two: Multiple Choice Gap Fill (10 minutes) – Questions 1-10

Complete the following article by choosing the most suitable word from each of the 4 possible options.

- Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Icelandic birds rely on perfect timing

For the black-tailed godwit, true love is a long distance affair that **Example** on an extraordinary bit of timing. Pairs of this northern European species meet up in exactly the same place each year having spent many months and many kilometres **1**. The synchrony of the reunion has astonished researchers.



The intriguing thing about these birds is that when they arrive back in Iceland to begin breeding each year, **2** pairs of birds - male and female that have previously paired - get back to their territory almost at exactly the same time. There's only, on **3**, three days between the male arriving and the female - even though the whole population of godwits takes about a month to get back to Iceland.

Godwits live in areas of northern Europe, in places such as Britain, Ireland and France. The birds are perhaps most **4** in Holland where apparently, extensive land reclamation schemes have not had quite the disastrous effect that might have been **5**. In the spring, they fly up to Iceland, where almost the entire population breeds in the lowland areas.

People have discovered other birds that spend winters in several different parts of the globe but meet to breed in the same place. But what makes the godwit **6** is that the same pair finds each other year after year - and on time.

Knowledge of exactly when the pair are **7** to meet is clearly essential to the relationship **8** - as shown by the occasions godwit males are **9** arriving late by mistake. In the two cases this has been recorded so far, both have **10** up in divorce. So the female does not wait around for very long to see if her male will turn up. She'll move on and find somebody else.

Questions for Task Two:

Example: **A.** revolves **B.** hinges **C.** attaches **D.** fastens

The correct answer is B.

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| 1. | A. afar | B. apart | C. far | D. aside |
| 2. | A. particular | B. categorical | C. peculiar | D. explicit |
| 3. | A. usual | B. average | C. standard | D. common |
| 4. | A. quantified | B. adequate | C. abundant | D. sufficient |
| 5. | A. waited | B. accepted | C. counted | D. expected |
| 6. | A. exceptional | B. unheard | C. irregular | D. random |
| 7. | A. considered | B. meant | C. figured | D. regarded |
| 8. | A. keeping | B. holding | C. lasting | D. standing |
| 9. | A. checked | B. inspected | C. tested | D. observed |
| 10. | A. closed | B. drawn | C. ended | D. turned |

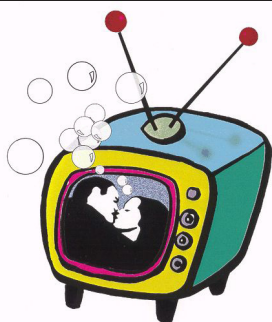
Don't forget to copy your answers onto the Answer Sheet!

Task Three: Modified Cloze (10 minutes) – Questions 11-20

Complete the following text by selecting for each numbered space one of the words from the box below.

- Use only **ONE** word for each space.
- Write the inserted words onto the separate Answer Sheet.

Soap Operas today



The sheer popularity of soap operas has meant that academic interest was captured _11_ moment soap operas appeared on the world's television screens. Given their ability to enhance your sense of love, romance and personal success through vicarious experience, soap operas have been defined as cultural fantasies mediating viewers' realities. In short, they give the viewer the opportunity to experience life _12_ having to deal with the risks and problems actually living it entails.

Now it is receiving renewed interest from media-specialists. Some of them have embarked _13_ an ambitious project to accurately measure both the nature and the scope of the impact serial dramas have had on audiences in various parts of the world by way of an international survey. A brief history of the genre is also being planned and there are hopes to produce a continent _14_ continent description of the legacy of the soap opera, together _15_ short analyses of individual countries.

16 is hoped that studying plot summaries of series that have been particularly popular in each country, will give an approximate picture of worldwide tendencies and clues to the underlying success of this genre.

Technological and financial factors, _17_ are key determinants of the quality and volume of soap opera programming, are other essential elements to be researched.

One issue that researchers have focused attention on is the extent to which a country's serial drama offerings are indigenous or imported. A great number of less-wealthy countries cannot afford to produce programmes by _18_ and subsequently import another country's output.

19 soap operas are a form of light entertainment centred around apparently trivial and innocuous story lines, they actually pose a threat to the importing country's culture. One of the unfortunate ramifications of importing another country's programming is that you also import that country's cultural values. These dramas, _20_, are a key feature in the process of cultural imperialism.

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