

TEST 34

I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

Very few of us would (1) putting much trust in horoscopes and the fact that the movements of astronomical bodies (2) to earthly occurrences affecting peoples' everyday lives.

We all know about the zodiac signs which reflect the position of the sun, the moon and the planets at the moment of a man's birth and about the peculiar characteristics (3) to them by astrologers. We say we will take these phenomena with a (4) of salt while we keep (5) our eyes over them in every tabloid we (6) our hands on. Most frequently, we expect horoscopes to (7) the future, to (8) our optimistic mood with a piece of comforting information or to (9) our ego by confirming the superlative features that we tend to attribute to our zodiacs.

However, there's no scientific evidence to (10) the assumption that human existence is so closely (11) with the parametres of the celestial bodies. Our curiosity in horoscopes may, then, (12) our sheer fascination with the unexplained or the unpredictable as well as in the enticing insight into the future that the horoscopes offer, thus establishing the sense of our (13) an extreme power over our own lives. An additional explanation is that humans tend to have a soft (14) for any form of flattery, which is the fact to which astrologers and the horoscope writers seem to (15) the greatest deal of weight.

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| 1. a) ensure | b) grant | c) state | d) admit |
| 2. a) rely | b) correspond | c) match | d) compare |
| 3. a) identified | b) associated | c) incorporated | d) ascribed |
| 4. a) speck | b) pinch | c) grain | d) scrap |
| 5. a) running | b) sending | c) fixing | d) putting |
| 6. a) settle | b) draw | c) grab | d) lay |
| 7. a) notify | b) predict | c) acquaint | d) convey |
| 8. a) restore | b) adjust | c) upgrade | d) reassure |
| 9. a) boost | b) escalate | c) revitalize | d) improve |
| 10. a) conclude | b) concede | c) corroborate | d) confound |

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| 11. a) fused | b) adhered | c) coalesced | d) intertwined |
| 12. a) stem | b) crop | c) rear | d) dawn |
| 13. a) disposing | b) wielding | c) effecting | d) committing |
| 14. a) pit | b) dot | c) spot | d) nick |
| 15. a) instil | b) consign | c) fasten | d) attach |

II. Put the words in the correct form.

1. Substantial damages will be paid to the (ABLE) who suffered from the worst injuries during the war.
2. Alan never stops laughing and it's great fun to be in his company simply for his (FAIL) sense of humour.
3. What's your (POINT) on whaling? Do you think it should be banned at all?
4. Jim's really gone to the dogs. He looks shabby and his (SOBER) usually leaves much to be desired.
5. I wouldn't go so far as to punish them. By and large, their behaviour wasn't that (OBJECT).
6. Fred hopes his paintings will (MORTAL) his fame. So far, he's painted about two hundred as he believes they will also ensure his popularity.
7. Her (COWARD) is unbearable, indeed. She wouldn't even say boo to a goose.
8. My grandfather's great (INVENT) is a feature to be jealous of. This week he has completed a new model of a peeling device.
9. First, they threw bottles at the police wagon and then beat the police officers with wooden clubs. (SANE) like this unquestionably calls for severe consequences.
10. Nothing else interests him so much as his future promotion. He's been (OCCUPY) with it since he was told he might take over the chairman's seat.
11. The nuclear tests were carried out in this area for twelve years, but it will certainly remain (INHABIT) for dozens more because of the high radiation.
12. There's no excuse for your idleness. You'd better admit your (WILL) to do any kind of job instead of pretending to be a dedicated worker.

13. How much longer are we supposed to wait before they (KNOW) the receipt of our mail? Is it possible that they haven't received it as yet?
14. It soon turned out that the similarity between the two testimonies was only (CIRCUMSTANCE) and that the two cases had nothing in common.
15. 'Which of your successes do you consider the most (REMARK)?' 'Well, for me the construction of the Rockwell tower was the most outstanding one.'

III. Insert the correct prepositions.

AT BEYOND BY FOR IN OF ON TO WITH WITHIN

1. She may seem to be crazy about fashion, but she certainly knows what is vogue.
2. The doctors don't give him much chance of surviving. In a word, his life is the line.
3. I have been using her computer ever since she placed it my disposal.
4. You do sound foolish times, but your jokes may be tolerated as long as they are reason.
5. According to the barrister, Adam may be detained virtue of the suspicious testimony he gave in the court.
6. Do you think the director was earnest offering us an apartment in his hotel for free?
7. Mrs Black has promised to be service on Monday. I hope she keeps her word or else I won't manage to prepare everything in time.
8. I'm really sorry I cannot lend you a single pound. I'm pinched money myself these days.
9. It's rather my comprehension how they have succeeded in growing fruit trees on this barren soil.
10. We did our utmost to save the plants from being destroyed by the hail, but all that was vain anyway.

11. Mrs Wright has no problems with her children; they are usually very attentive
..... her and offer any help they can.
12. Willy was so engrossed his reading that he didn't even hear the
doorbell ringing.
13. The rescue brigade will be standby in case something unusual
should happen.
14. The general's strategy isn't by any means consistent our aim of
averting an open conflict.
15. 'Is the place that they inhabit easy reach?'
'On the contrary, they live at the back of

IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.

1. How much money does he make a month?
..... **income**?
2. Have you got William Wharton's latest book? (**possession**)
..... ?
3. Did Celia intend to invite her landlord to dinner? (**an intention**)
..... ?
4. As far as I know, the building was set on fire deliberately.
To the best
5. Everybody was honoured by the boss with the exception of one clerk.
All but
6. His mother claims that he can easily be infected with flu. (**susceptible**)
.....
7. Who was driving the car when the collision occurred? (**the wheel**)
..... ?
8. I think those tools may prove useful. (**come**)
..... **handy**.
9. It seems unbelievable, but he's learned that long poem by heart.
Unbelievable
10. It doesn't matter how much you offer to pay, he'll never sell the family memorabilia.
However

V. Fill the gaps with the correct words.

arrears belt chalk dint jump
limb line miss nick quandary
ranks sleeve storm track whim

1. It didn't look like the weather was going to improve, so we were in a
about whether to go surfing or stay in the club.
2. The sergeant ordered his unit to keep until he came back from
the mess.
3. You will be for the high if your mother discovers you have played
truant on so many occasions.
4. His accusations were a bit below the How could he have done it
to me in front of my superiors?
5. I seemed to be out on a during the discussion; nobody, even
Caroline, appeared to support my point of view.
6. He only managed to stay alive by of good luck when the huge
rock fell onto him.
7. There were a few orders that I hadn't fulfilled before I was taken to hospital, so when
I came back to the office, I was a bit in with my work.
8. I can tolerate your tricks, but you'd better draw the at them when
Mr Candy takes over.
9. Although we usually spend New Year's Eve in Vienna, we've decided to give it
a this year and stay at home.
10. You are certain to spoil the child if you keep indulging his every
11. The young violinist's performance must have taken the audience by
considering that she's been asked to give another concert tomorrow.
12. The accident in the chemical laboratory wasn't Arthur's fault, not by a long
..... . Somebody else caused it.
13. Inform me please about the present situation. I've lost of it since
I left for Canada.
14. The child ran into the road and the driver only managed to step on his brakes in the
..... of time to avert a tragedy.
15. The accused politician has been rather restrained in his comments so far, but I'm sure
he keeps something up his