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# Gender matters?

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## Relative clauses and participles

### Defining and non-defining relative clauses

- Are these sentences more likely to be completed with defining (D) or non-defining (ND) relative clauses?
  - D Women ... can expect to live until they are 84.
  - I'd like you to meet someone ...
  - My brother, ... , is still at school.
  - Her parents gave her the latest iPad for her birthday, ...
  - Children ... are often rude and bad-mannered.
  - I got a pay rise, ... , so we were able to have a holiday.
  - The guy ... is in my department.
  - Men, ... , are not more intelligent than women.
  - My grandma can remember a time ...
  - People ... shouldn't throw stones.
- Which lines in a–j below complete sentences 1–10 in exercise 1? Write in a suitable relative pronoun.
  - which pleased her greatly 4
  - \_\_\_\_\_ come from Japan
  - \_\_\_\_\_ I wasn't expecting
  - \_\_\_\_\_ I've been wanting to introduce you to for ages
  - \_\_\_\_\_ there were hardly any women politicians
  - \_\_\_\_\_ parents don't set behavioural boundaries
  - \_\_\_\_\_ you saw me talking to
  - \_\_\_\_\_ live in glass houses
  - \_\_\_\_\_ is ten years younger than me
  - \_\_\_\_\_ brains are a bit bigger than women's

She cursed her gender. Nobody would have dared attack her if she had been a man.

**Stieg Larsson (1954–2004)**  
Novelist and journalist

We've begun to raise daughters more like sons ... but few have the courage to raise our sons more like our daughters.

**Gloria Steinem (1934–)**  
Journalist and activist

### Expressions of quantity + of + a relative pronoun



Expressions of quantity, **some**, **many**, **all**, **none**, etc. can be used with **of + whom / which / whose**. Compare these sentences. Which sounds more formal?

*They're a clever couple. **Their** children **all** went to Oxford University.*

*They're a clever couple, **all of whose** children went to Oxford University.*

- Rewrite these two sentences as one using an expression of quantity and *of*.
  - There were hundreds of people at the show. The majority gave the actors a standing ovation.  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - I watched the whole programme. Parts were very boring.  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - He has over 500 friends on Facebook. He knows only a few of them well.  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - I've collected hundreds of recipes. My grandmother gave me most of them.  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - He owns three houses. He doesn't live in any them.  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - She entered two races. She didn't win either of them.  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - I have two brothers. I get on well with both of their wives.  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - I went to check on the swans. Three of their cygnets were eaten by a fox.  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Common phrases with relative pronouns

- 4 Complete these phrases with the correct relative pronoun.
- 1 He shouted at her again, **at** \_\_\_\_\_ **point** she left the room.
  - 2 I liked the film, especially **the part** \_\_\_\_\_ they finally discovered the truth.
  - 3 You don't like babies? **In** \_\_\_\_\_ **case** you'd better not have any.
  - 4 **The reasons** \_\_\_\_\_ I'm leaving my job are obvious to anyone.
  - 5 She arrived 15 minutes late, **by** \_\_\_\_\_ **time** the play had started.
  - 6 I'm looking forward to **the time** \_\_\_\_\_ I'm old enough to drive.
  - 7 It's amazing the **extent to** \_\_\_\_\_ some people go to, to bag a sun lounger.
  - 8 **In** \_\_\_\_\_ **name** was the account opened – yours or your wife's?

## Participle clauses

- 5 Rewrite the sentences using a word below and a participle with *-ing*. Make any tense changes necessary.

after before by on since while

- 1 He fed the baby and talked to me on his phone.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 They invested wisely and made a fortune.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 When you arrive at the conference centre you must register immediately.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 She had twins. She has no time for herself.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 We heard a storm was coming and decided not to go sailing.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Turn on the burglar alarm when you leave the building.  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Gender-neutral pronouns and participles

- 6 *He / she, him / her* are pronouns which signal gender. Read the article about attempts to 'neutralize' them and complete it with the phrases in the boxes.

Relative clause	Present participle	Past participle
where other options	While dropping off	well-respected
that surprised her	when describing	labelled
which of these new pronouns	currently working	to be addressed
the extent to which	being asked	totally unfazed
	having been replaced	
	a passing fad	
	before pinning on	



British journalist **Alexandra Frean**, <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in America as a US business correspondent, had a linguistic experience <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ enormously. <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ her son for his first term at university on the American west coast she overheard him <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ what gender pronoun he would like <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ by during his university career. Did he want 'he', 'she', or a gender neutral alternative such as 'ze'? Her son, <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, immediately replied 'he', <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ himself a name badge <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 'he, his, him'.

Apparently, 'preferred gender pronouns', or PGPs, are spreading in US universities, <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ include 'sie', 'e', 'ou', 've' and also the singular 'they'. It's surprising to learn <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ this trend is catching on. It stems from a desire to eliminate gender stereotypes <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ people. We're all now familiar with fireman, air hostess, and chairman <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ by firefighter, flight attendant, and chairperson or chair.

However, <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ experts in this linguistic field say that it's impossible to predict <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ will go into common usage and which will prove to be just <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

# Reading

## Meet the first female footballers

- 1 Look at the pictures and the captions. Why would the outfits worn by the women 'kick up a fuss' at the time?
- 2 Read the article quickly.
  - 1 Who are these people?  
Nellie Hudson, Helen Matthews, Nettie J. Honeyball, Mrs Graham, Stuart Gibbs, Colin Yates
  - 2 The women are wearing *bloomers* and *knickerbockers*. Which two adjectives, meaning 'big and baggy', are used to describe them? Why can't you see the bloomers?
- 3 **8.1** Listen to and read the article again. Are these statements true (✓) or false (✗)? Correct the false ones.
  - 1 In the 1880s, the negative public reaction to female football teams delayed female emancipation.
  - 2 The matches were very well-attended.
  - 3 The players' outfits were made of silk.
  - 4 Despite being shocked, some spectators went on to encourage their own female relatives to start playing.
  - 5 Sports writers were scathing in their descriptions of the games.
  - 6 Nellie Hudson created two football teams, who only played against each other.
  - 7 Female footballers were banned in Scotland because their team lost twice to England.
  - 8 Helen Matthews moved to England to help Nellie Hudson set up the teams.
- 4 Find words in the text that can replace the words in *italics*.
  - 1 The teams' *battles* on the pitch during matches *caused* riots.
  - 2 Thousands of people *gathered* to see the *vulgar sight* of women playing football.
  - 3 It was reported that the women looked pretty because of the *genteel manner* in which they presented themselves.
  - 4 The British Ladies' Football Club caused *an uproar* in the press.
  - 5 Nellie Hudson had a *firm determination* to prove that women were as worthwhile as men.
  - 6 Stuart Gibbs and Colin Yates *put together* the photos for the exhibition.
- 5 Underline all examples of relative clauses and present and past participles in the text.

# Knickerbocker GLORY!!



## They kicked up quite a fuss in their bloomers and knickerbockers!

In buttoned-up blouses and billowing bloomers, they may not look as though they are dressed for the football pitch. But these are the members of Britain's first official female football teams, whose clashes on the field in the 1880s sparked riots off it, and contributed to greater empowerment for women.

The pictures, uncovered as part of an exhibition charting the history of women's football, reveal the characters who tackled a man's world for the first time.

10 However, while thousands flocked to see their matches, by 1895, when these photographs were taken, they were still less fascinated by the players' silky skills than by what they might be wearing for the unladylike spectacle.

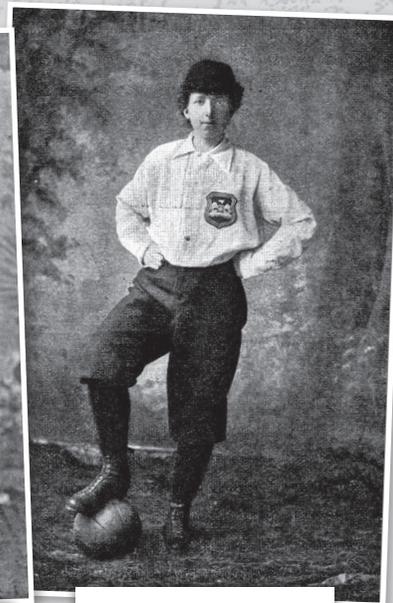
15 One newspaper report at the time said: 'The young women presented a pretty appearance on the field, and this was in great measure due to the nice assortment of colours, as well as the dainty way in which the women set them off.' Casting aside  
20 corsets in favour of voluminous knickerbockers and prim bonnets amounted to quite an eye-ful back in Victorian times and spectators frequently tried to get onto the pitch to get closer to the players.

Another newspaper of the day noted: 'There will  
25 always be curiosity to see women do unwomanly things, and it is not surprising that the match was attended by a crowd numbering several thousands, very few of whom would like to have their own sisters or daughters exhibiting themselves on the football  
30 field.' At the centre of the furore was the British Ladies' Football Club, which played dozens of games that year.

Founded by the enigmatic **Nellie Hudson**, known as **Nettie J. Honeyball**, the club fielded teams called  
35 North and South, which played against each other. In a newspaper interview she declared she had founded the club 'with the fixed resolve of proving to the world that women are not the ornamental and useless creatures men have pictured'.



**Nellie Hudson**  
aka Nettie J. Honeyball



**Helen Matthews**  
aka Mrs Graham

40 Sports writers of the day tended to disagree, though. According to a match report from *The Sketch*, 'it would be idle to attempt any description of the play.' It went on: 'The first few minutes were sufficient to show that football by women is totally out of the question. For the  
45 most part, the ladies wandered aimlessly over the field at an ungraceful jog-trot. A smaller ball than usual was utilized, but the strongest among them could propel it no further than a few yards.'

In the North team was **Helen Matthews**, a goalkeeper  
50 who played under the name of **Mrs Graham**. She had founded the first female Scottish national side, Mrs Graham's XI, in 1881. In May of that year riots erupted after the team defeated an English side twice. As a result, women were banned from playing football in Scotland,  
55 so Matthews headed south and later joined forces with Nellie Hudson. But many believe her team deserves credit for helping women get the vote in Scottish local government elections, since campaigners received the royal assent just a day after the unrest.

60 Stuart Gibbs, 47, who helped compile the exhibition, said: 'The players were all part of the rights for women movement so maybe the game was seen as a sign of the times and had some influence.' Historian and exhibition organizer Colin Yates, 54, added: 'The games often  
65 caused anger from men who disliked women doing what, at the time, was a man's job.'

# Vocabulary

## Opposite adjectives

1 Some adjectives have more than one meaning and therefore more than one opposite. Choose the **opposite** adjectives from the words in the box.

guilty unassuming balanced ~~outdated~~  
 exorbitant close recent rough timid fresh  
 high excitable awkward ~~mild~~ successful  
 irrational overcast pale difficult distant

- |                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1 hot topic        | <u>outdated</u> |
| hot curry          | <u>mild</u>     |
| 2 close relative   | _____           |
| close weather      | _____           |
| 3 easy question    | _____           |
| easy manner        | _____           |
| 4 clear sky        | _____           |
| clear conscience   | _____           |
| 5 distant relation | _____           |
| distant memory     | _____           |
| 6 poor diet        | _____           |
| poor quality       | _____           |
| 7 reasonable price | _____           |
| reasonable person  | _____           |
| 8 vain attempt     | _____           |
| vain person        | _____           |
| 9 bold colour      | _____           |
| bold person        | _____           |
| 10 calm person     | _____           |
| calm sea           | _____           |

2 Complete the sentences with the correct adjective from exercise 1.

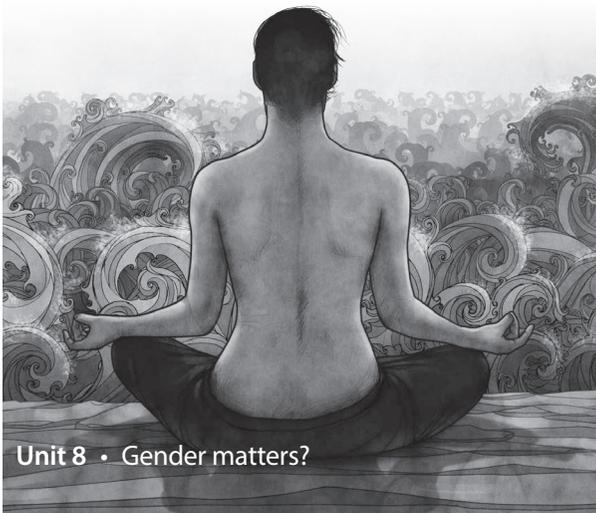
- My sister and I are very \_\_\_\_\_. We tell each other everything.
- If you don't like hot curries, try a korma – they're very \_\_\_\_\_.
- £4.50 for fish and chips seems very \_\_\_\_\_ to me.
- I haven't done anything wrong – my conscience is \_\_\_\_\_.
- The ferry was cancelled because the sea was so \_\_\_\_\_.
- The company wasted thousands on advertising in a \_\_\_\_\_ attempt to increase their sales.
- I love the strong, \_\_\_\_\_ colours in August Macke's paintings.
- You don't need extra vitamins if you have a \_\_\_\_\_ diet.
- We were hoping for sun, but the sky was \_\_\_\_\_.
- I'm sorry, but there's no logic to your decision. It's completely \_\_\_\_\_.
- He's so \_\_\_\_\_. He thinks no woman could resist him.
- Your version of the software is \_\_\_\_\_. Click to update now.

## Prepositions

### Verb + preposition

3 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

- Women used to be banned \_\_\_\_ becoming football players.
- How did the newspapers react \_\_\_\_ female players?
- I stumbled \_\_\_\_ some old photographs of my great-great-grandparents when clearing the attic.
- The BBC was flooded \_\_\_\_ complaints about the sexist remarks in the interview.
- The judge was accused \_\_\_\_ being biased.
- His methods of child-rearing did not always coincide \_\_\_\_ his wife's.
- The footpath stretches \_\_\_\_ miles along the coast of Wales.
- My boss insists \_\_\_\_ travelling first class on business trips.
- Your flight to New York connects \_\_\_\_ your flight from Miami.
- If you can't rely \_\_\_\_ your best friend, who can you rely \_\_\_\_?
- How are you settling \_\_\_\_ your new house?
- I was tricked \_\_\_\_ buying a watch that turned out to be a fake.

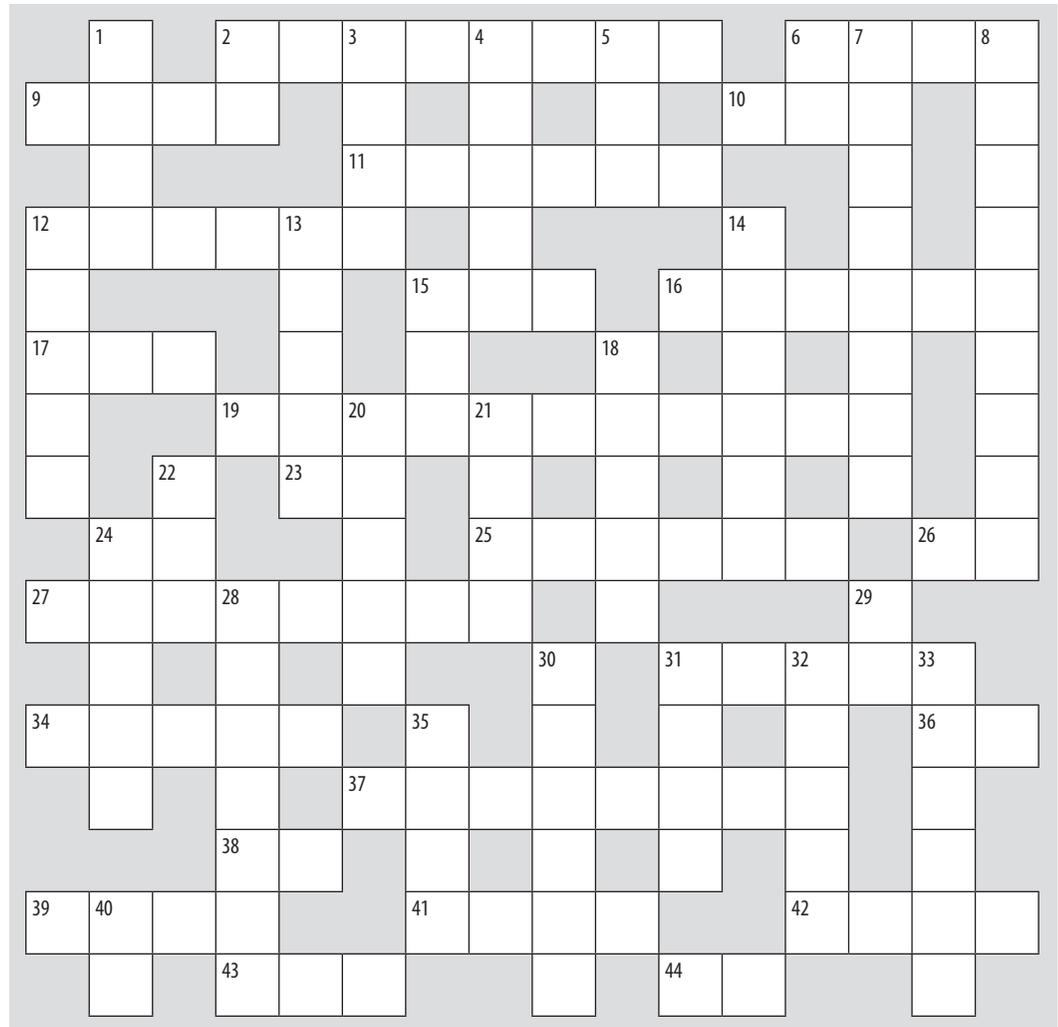


# Revision

## Crossword

### ACROSS

- 2 'He's \_\_\_\_\_ with food – it's all he thinks about.' (8)
- 6 'Your room's nicer than mine – I got a raw \_\_\_\_\_.' (4)
- 9 For pessimists the glass is always \_\_\_\_\_ empty. (4)
- 10 Jose Mujica \_\_\_\_\_ plaudits for living so simply. (3)
- 11 'You're very important to Ann – she \_\_\_\_\_ on you.' (6)
- 12 A holiday on a ship. (6)
- 15 'If you fancy Wanda, why don't you \_\_\_\_\_ her out?' (3)
- 16 The verb form of revolution. (6)
- 17 A big argument. (3)
- 19 Work together with. (11)
- 23 How did he react \_\_\_\_\_ the news? (2)
- 24 I took \_\_\_\_\_ my new home quickly. I love it! (2)
- 25 It's not just ridiculous, it's completely \_\_\_\_\_! (6)
- 26 Can you put me \_\_\_\_\_ for the night? (2)
- 27 I was \_\_\_\_\_ disappointed to lose the match. (8)
- 31 Sales rose sharply and then began to \_\_\_\_\_ off. (5)
- 34 All this packaging soon \_\_\_\_\_ up the rubbish bin. (5)
- 36 Stop laughing \_\_\_\_\_ me! It's not nice. (2)
- 37 Bad feeling the day after drinking alcohol. (8)
- 38 He was accused \_\_\_\_\_ stealing money. (2)
- 39 The top part of a house. (4)
- 41 He seldom, if \_\_\_\_\_, drinks alcohol. (4)
- 42 I tried it as a \_\_\_\_\_ resort. (4)
- 43 We're saving up \_\_\_\_\_ a new car. (3)
- 44 You're so critical – stop getting \_\_\_\_\_ me! (2)



### DOWN

- 1 'It's not \_\_\_\_\_ that boys' toys are more fun than girls' toys! (4)
- 2 He's very envious \_\_\_\_\_ his sister. (2)
- 3 'Don't talk about it – it's a \_\_\_\_\_ point!' (4)
- 4 She's a \_\_\_\_\_ assistant in a clothes shop. (5)
- 5 'We saw it all, so we're \_\_\_\_\_ witnesses.' (3)
- 6 'It'll be a lovely house if you \_\_\_\_\_ it up.' (2)
- 7 Dear Sir / Madam. Please find \_\_\_\_\_ the manuscript of my novel. (8)
- 8 You're too serious! You need to \_\_\_\_\_! (7,2)
- 12 I won't retire – I'll \_\_\_\_\_ on working! (5)
- 13 Sales will \_\_\_\_\_ up when we launch the new product! (5)
- 14 We need to \_\_\_\_\_ broken things, not throw them away. (6)
- 15 I know \_\_\_\_\_ about computers – I'm an expert. (3)
- 18 Tell people how brilliant you are. (5)
- 20 The wartime land girls often went into town on the back of a \_\_\_\_\_ (5).
- 21 They weren't punished – they got \_\_\_\_\_ with it. (4)
- 22 Plastic pollution is a \_\_\_\_\_ topic at the moment. (3)
- 24 Opposite of brave. (5)
- 28 To reprimand. (4,3)
- 29 'Is that Matt's car?' 'It can't \_\_\_\_\_ . He's off work today.' (2)
- 30 I deeply \_\_\_\_\_ my mistake. (6)
- 31 Yes, I got it wrong, but you \_\_\_\_\_ and learn! (4)
- 32 The video went \_\_\_\_\_ on the Internet – millions saw it! (5)
- 33 The most recent. (6)
- 35 Better \_\_\_\_\_ than never! (4)
- 40 It might catch \_\_\_\_\_ and become fashionable. (2)

# Exam practice Units 5–8

## Reading and Use of English Part 1

For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0). (8 marks)

### Slow progress on gender pay gap

Women who work part-time after having children are likely to suffer the extremes of the gender pay gap, according 0 **C** fresh research showing how working mothers are 1 \_\_\_\_ out on pay progression.

By the time a first child has 2 \_\_\_\_ the age of 20, mothers earn almost a third less per hour, on average, than similarly 3 \_\_\_\_ fathers, according to research from the Institute for Fiscal Studies undertaken for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation.

The 4 \_\_\_\_ difference in pay according to gender comes as a consequence of the poorer levels of pay progression open to part-time workers. With women 5 \_\_\_\_ up the vast majority of the part-time workforce, as they look to find more 6 \_\_\_\_ working arrangements after having children. As a result, they miss out on the earnings growth 7 \_\_\_\_ with staying in a permanent job.

There are fears that progress in closing the gender pay gap has stalled, with the latest 8 \_\_\_\_ showing that the average female employee currently earns around 9.1% less per hour than the average male employee.

- |   |            |              |              |             |
|---|------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| 0 | A from     | B for        | C to         | D with      |
| 1 | A missing  | B dropping   | C slipping   | D cutting   |
| 2 | A arrived  | B reached    | C gained     | D achieved  |
| 3 | A taught   | B tutored    | C trained    | D educated  |
| 4 | A harsh    | B severe     | C stark      | D tough     |
| 5 | A making   | B comprising | C filling    | D totalling |
| 6 | A variable | B open       | C flexible   | D amenable  |
| 7 | A combined | B associated | C related    | D connected |
| 8 | A numbers  | B totals     | C quantities | D figures   |

## Reading and Use of English Part 2

For questions 9–16, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0). (8 marks)

### Parenting culture clash

I have been conducting 0 **my** own totally unscientific survey of the difference 9 \_\_\_\_\_ children brought up in Ghana and those brought up in the US. If you asked me 10 \_\_\_\_\_ children are the better behaved, American or Ghanaian, I would have 11 \_\_\_\_\_ hesitation in opting for the Ghanaian ones. I suppose there would be no surprise in 12 \_\_\_\_\_ an answer. I am an old Ghanaian woman, and so for me, a well-behaved child is 13 \_\_\_\_\_ who shows a level of manners some might consider old-fashioned, with a liberal use of not only 'please' and 'thank-you', but also 'sir' and 'madam' to address an older person

In 14 \_\_\_\_\_ words, I consider it a sign of bad upbringing to address an older person without using a title, as in calling me 'Elizabeth' without "Auntie", or "Madam", or "Miss", or whatever title comes 15 \_\_\_\_\_ mind. Most children brought up in the US would call me Elizabeth whereas a child brought up in Ghana would find a title to add to Elizabeth. In my part of the world, children speak and behave, or 16 \_\_\_\_\_ expected to behave, differently from grown-ups.

## Reading and Use of English Part 3

For questions 17–24, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap **in the same line**. There is an example at the beginning (0). (8 marks)

### War Horse – the play

Michael Morpurgo's play "War Horse" is a **0 global** phenomenon, having been performed in 11 countries around the world. The story is a simple one.

At the **17** \_\_\_\_\_ of World War One, Joey, young Albert's beloved horse, is sold to the army and shipped to France. Soon, he is caught up in enemy fire, and fate takes him on a **18** \_\_\_\_\_ journey, serving on both sides before finding himself alone in no man's land. Albert, who remained on his parents' farm, cannot forget Joey.

Though still not old enough to enlist in the army, he embarks on a **19** \_\_\_\_\_ mission to find him and bring him home.

Based on the novel by Michael Morpurgo, this **20** \_\_\_\_\_, moving and **21** \_\_\_\_\_ drama, filled with stirring music and songs, is a show of incredible **22** \_\_\_\_\_. At its heart are the astonishing life-sized horses created and operated by the Handspring Puppet Company, who bring breathing, galloping, charging horses to **23** \_\_\_\_\_ life on stage.

"War Horse" is an **24** \_\_\_\_\_ theatrical event which takes audiences from the English countryside to the trenches of First World War France.

GLOBE

BREAK

REMARK

HAZARD

POWER

IMAGINE

INVENT

THRILL

FORGET

## Reading and Use of English Part 4

For questions 25–30, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not** change the word given. You must use between **three** and **six** words, including the word given. (2 marks each)

- 25 Tom and Emma wrote party invitations all weekend.

SPENT

Tom and Emma \_\_\_\_\_ invitations to their party.

- 26 If you continue to work so hard, you'll make yourself ill.

STOP

If you \_\_\_\_\_ so hard, you'll make yourself ill.

- 27 The phone started ringing as soon as they arrived home.

SOONER

\_\_\_\_\_ than the phone started ringing.

- 28 Angela would like to be better at playing basketball.

WISHES

Angela \_\_\_\_\_ basketball player.

- 29 I would prefer you to come on Wednesday if you can.

RATHER

I \_\_\_\_\_ on Wednesday if you can.

- 30 I think we should go home now.

WENT

I think \_\_\_\_\_ home.

TOTAL

36