

2. Fill in with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

10 marks []

I can't believe I ⁽¹⁾ _____ (**get**) that apartment. I ⁽²⁾ _____ (**submit**) my application last week, but I didn't think I had a chance of actually getting it. When I ⁽³⁾ _____ (**show**) up to take a look around, there were at least twenty other people who ⁽⁴⁾ _____ (**arrive**) before me. Most of them ⁽⁵⁾ _____ (**fill, already**) out their applications and were leaving. The landlord told me: "You ⁽⁶⁾ _____ (**can**) still apply." So I did. I tried to fill out the form, but I couldn't answer half of the questions. They ⁽⁷⁾ _____ (**want**) me to include references, but I didn't want to list my previous landlord because I ⁽⁸⁾ _____ (**have**) some problems with him in the past and I knew he wouldn't recommend me. So I decided ⁽⁹⁾ _____ (**list**) my father as a reference. It was total luck that he decided to give me the apartment. It turns out that the landlord and my father ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____ (**go**) to high school together. He decided that I could have the apartment before he looked at my credit report. I was really lucky.

3. Read the text below and fill each blank with only ONE word.

WHAT CAR? WHAT COLOUR?

5 marks []

Be careful about the colour of car ⁽¹⁾ _____ you buy. Experts have said that the value of a second-hand car can vary ⁽²⁾ _____ up to 10% just because of its colour. It seems that today nobody wants white cars, in fact, white is ⁽³⁾ _____ unpopular that it can reduce the value of the car by thousands of euros when the owner decides to sell ⁽⁴⁾ _____. So what's a safe colour to choose? Well, if you go ⁽⁵⁾ _____ silver, you won't have any problems in re-selling.

But why is colour important? "It is mainly down ⁽⁶⁾ _____ fashion," says a car expert. "⁽⁷⁾ _____ the past, red and white were very popular. Now, they are seen as old-fashioned and silver is the best alternative. It looks good on most models of car and buyers want to follow the trend so they don't ⁽⁸⁾ _____ money."

Colour has always ⁽⁹⁾ _____ a factor in making cars. Henry Ford made the Model T only in black – not because it looked better, ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____ because it was the cheapest colour to paint a car at that time. Even as late as the mid-1950s one-third of all cars that were sold in Britain were black.

SECTION B - COMPREHENSION

30 MARKS

Read the following passage and then answer the questions below:

1. Choose the best title for this article.

- a. Body Piercing: The Latest Fashion
- b. The Down Side of Body Piercing
- c. Caring for those Little Holes

1 mark []

2. Say whether the following statements are **True (T)** or **False (F)**.

- a. 20% of piercing leads to infection. _____
- b. Body-piercing among adults is on the increase. _____
- c. Many piercers are aware of the dangers of body piercing. _____
- d. After jewellery is removed, problems will still arise. _____

2 marks []

3. Mention two problems that can occur after a person removes jewellery from a place that has been pierced.

2 marks []

4. Why is alcohol bad for cleaning piercing?

1 mark []

5. Mention three dangers associated with body piercing.

3 marks []

6. Why is Hepatitis C the most serious threat in body piercing?

- i. _____
- ii. _____
- iii. _____

3 marks []

7. What is the author's purpose in writing this article?

_____ **1 mark []**

8. What do the following refer to in the text?

a. *their* (paragraph 1): _____

b. *Those* (paragraph 4): _____

c. *where* (paragraph 5): _____

d. *it* (paragraph 7): _____

4 marks []

9. Find words or phrases in the text that have a similar meaning to the following:

a. in due course (paragraph 1): _____

b. too much (paragraph 3): _____

c. doctors (paragraph 4): _____

d. dangers (paragraph 5): _____

4 marks []

10. Using information found in the text, write about the disadvantages and problems that may arise when piercing parts of the body. Do not write more than 60 words.

9 marks []

