

Resit Examination in Grammar (S1)

Read the following passage carefully then answer the questions thoroughly

Big Ben is the nickname for the Great Bell of the striking clock at the north end of the Palace of Westminster in London; it is often extended to refer to the clock tower as well. In 2012, it was renamed as Elizabeth Tower. It is the third-tallest free-standing clock tower in the world. It celebrated its 161st anniversary last year. In May 2005, the clock tower briefly saw a shut-down attributable to weather conditions.

The idiom of putting a penny on, with the meaning of slowing down, sprang from the fine-tuning of the clock. Above the pendulum is a small stack of penny coins; these are to adjust the time of the clock.



Task 1: Find in the text the following: (5 pts)

1. Three proper nouns,,
2. One compound adjective
3. Three transitive verbs,,
4. Adverb of manner & adverb of frequency
5. One compound noun

Task 2: Complete the table below: (3 pts)

Singular		anniversary		fish		Criterion
Plural	pence		Information		bacteria	

Task 3: Put in "in", "at" or "on" where necessary. (2 pts)

1. There was a long queue of people the bus stop.
2. Nicola was wearing a silver ring her little finger.
3. There was an accident the crossroads this morning.
4. I wasn't sure whether I had come to the right office. There was no name the door.
5. There are some beautiful trees the park.
6. You'll find the sports results the back page of the newspaper.

7. I wouldn't like an office job. I couldn't spend the whole day sitting a computer.

8. The man the police are looking for has a scar his right cheek.

Task 4: Choose the correct option. (5 pts)

Choose the correct form, A, B or C, to complete the text.

When you look into the night sky, you may not be able to tell the difference between stars and planets, but planets are **a** to Earth. However, they are still very far away, and a journey to Mars would be about nine months, **b** than a journey to the Moon (about three days). Even if your future space ship was **c** the simple space probes we have now, it would still take you a couple of years to get to Jupiter, which is **d** Earth – more than 1,300 times, in fact, and it's more than 300 times **e** Jupiter is a giant ball of gas and the atmospheric pressure is **f** it is on Earth. If you could land there, you would be **g** – more than twice as much. The whole planet is **h** Earth as well, and scientists think that the centre of the planet may be as hot as 10,000°C. Interestingly, the day on Jupiter is **i**, and only lasts about ten hours, but a year on Jupiter lasts for 11 Earth years. So when you came back, you would be **j** when you set out!

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|---|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| a | A a lot nearer | B nearer than | C less near than |
| b | A more longer | B as long as | C much longer |
| c | A more fast | B a lot faster than | C not as fast as |
| d | A very much bigger than | B as big as | C less big than |
| e | A as dense as | B more dense | C less dense than |
| f | A a lot greater than | B just as great | C less great |
| g | A more than heavy | B less heavy | C much heavier |
| h | A as hot as | B a lot hotter than | C hotter |
| i | A a lot shorter | B shorter than | C less short |
| j | A more old | B older | C much older than |

Task 5: Most of these sentences are wrong. Correct them where necessary. (5 pts)

- Three years are a long time to be without a job.
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- The government have decided to increase taxes.
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- Susan was wearing a black jeans.
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- I don't like hot weather. Thirty degrees is too hot for me. ..
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- I like Martin and Jane. They're a very nice people.
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