

A. Reading comprehension

Read the text carefully and answer the questions that follow.

GLASGOW BOY'S AMAZING WIN

One Saturday evening, Kelvin and his father were watching the National Lottery on television. When the first three numbers matched his numbers, Kelvin was thrilled. He thought he'd won £10. But then the fourth, the fifth and finally the sixth numbers all matched his.

The next day Kelvin found out that he had won £1.7 million. His father laughed when Kelvin had to borrow £40 for the coach fare in order to go to London and collect his cheque! He returned home in the back of a stretch limousine.

But when Kelvin's mother, Dawn, heard the news, she was worried. 'As soon as I heard he had won the jackpot, I cried. Don't get me wrong – I don't want him to give the money back! But it's easier to manage a smaller sum. I'm frightened that people are going to take advantage of him.'

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1. Find words or phrases in the text that mean the same as the following:
excited, very happy (1st par.) =
the money we pay for a ticket (2nd par.) =
luxurious car (2nd par.) =
don't misunderstand me (3rd par.) =
2. How many numbers did Kelvin need to match in order to win the lottery?
3. Why did Kelvin borrow £40 from his father?
4. What is Kelvin's mother afraid that will happen now that her son has won so much money?
(8 points)

B. Exercises

(1a) Put the verbs in brackets in the appropriate tense (Present Simple, Present Continuous, Past Simple, Past Continuous, Present Perfect Simple, Present Perfect Continuous, Past Perfect Simple). (1 point)

1. Susan Miles is a surgeon who in her free time (read) books. These days, she (organise) a party for the children's ward (=θάλαμος).
2. It (snow) all day. I wonder when it will stop.
3. Martin (walk) towards his car when he (remember) that he (leave) some important documents at home.
4. any of you (ever / think) of living in the countryside?

(1b) 1st and 2nd conditional: Rewrite the following sentences without changing the meaning. Start with the words given. (1 point)

1. I don't know how to change a tyre (=λάστιχο), otherwise I would do it myself.
If
2. Finish your homework and then you can come with us tonight.
If

(2a) Fill in the blanks with: **although, however, in spite of / despite**. (1 point)

1. the heavy traffic, I got to the airport on time.
2. he is over 65, he hasn't retired yet.
3. She works for a fashion magazine., she is never well-dressed.
4. having a terrible cold, I still went to the party.

(2b) Fill in the gaps with: **who – which – where – whose**. (1 point)

1. This man in the corner, nose is so red, is my uncle Tom.
2. The woman called this morning is the boss's personal secretary.
3. That's the tree her father planted the year she was born.
4. My neighbours are so secretive (=μυστικοπαθείς); they haven't told me the name of the hotel they are staying.

(3) Turn the following sentences into the **Causative Form** (*have something done*). (2 points)

1. Someone broke Gary's front tooth while he was playing football.
Gary while he was playing football.
2. They deliver his newspaper to his house every morning.
He
3. An optician must test your eyesight before you take your driving test.
Youbefore you take your driving test.
4. A travel agency will organise our trip.
We

(4a) Fill in the blanks with the *comparative* or the *superlative* form of the adjectives. (1 point)

1. English is (easy) to learn than any other language.
2. Spring is (nice) than any other season.
3. The weather will get even (bad) than it has been for the last few days.
4. Melanie is (successful) person in her family.
5. Sue is (fit) than Helen.

(4b) Complete using **the** or **-**. (1 point)

1. Canary Islands are a group of volcanic islands in Atlantic Ocean.
2. Grand Canyon is a great tourist attraction in America.
3. According to press reports the famous film star is staying at Plaza Hotel.
4. Greeks are very friendly and so are French.
5. lion is a fierce and proud animal.

C. Dictation (4 points)

Good luck!!!