

Reading

1 Read the text. Are the sentences true or false?

A family affair?

People can be united by the family bond to achieve great things. However, this same bond can also link family members in notorious achievements and there is an element of romanticism attached to the way their escapades are perceived. The stories of the exploits of family criminals sometimes capture the public imagination in a way that other criminal gangs do not. These legendary anti-heroes often engender cult followings and even campaigns for their release from custodial sentences.

One such notorious family was the Krays. The Kray twins, Ronnie and Reggie, controlled organised crime in the East End of London in the mid-twentieth century and they were villains on a very grand scale. They were a violent pair and were responsible for intimidation and murder. However, in spite of the terrible crimes they committed and the suffering they caused, they are remembered with fondness by some because they were part of a close-knit East End family. What people remember is that they adored their mother and supported her all her life. The fact that she ruled both hard men with a rod of iron only adds to the charm of their story!

Another family of criminals that has hit the headlines more recently and for different reasons is the Johnson family, travellers based in the south of England. The Johnsons were not involved in intimidation and murder in order to acquire their fortune – they were highly organised and sophisticated burglars. Like the Krays they kept everything in the family and their team comprised a father, two sons, a cousin and a son-in-law. This ensured secrecy and for over 20 years the system worked. The police had no idea who was behind the planning and execution of some of the most daring and profitable raids on country mansions they had ever seen. Indeed, one of their burglaries is in the record books as the UK's biggest ever private house burglary. In this one raid the Johnsons stole millions of pounds worth of antiques.

The Johnsons were professionals in the full sense of the word. They targeted the wealthiest people in the area and they would stake out their mansions for weeks beforehand to pinpoint strengths and weaknesses in the security systems. Then they would raid the house and be

in and out within a matter of minutes. They left no trace and sometimes even burgled houses while the owners were sitting in another room, completely unaware! Over the years they amassed over 80 million pounds.

The stories of criminal families like the Krays and the Johnsons read like fiction and in fact both sets of criminals have featured in films. So, why are we so fascinated by people like this? Whatever the reason, people continue to treat them as celebrities. Ronnie and Reggie Kray's paintings, done in prison, can fetch enormous sums of money, and no doubt the Johnsons' story will shortly be available in hardback!

- 1 The public do not always appreciate the seriousness of what some criminals do. T / F
- 2 The Kray twins were supported by many East End families. T / F
- 3 The Johnsons were pursued by the police for over 20 years. T / F
- 4 The Johnsons required a lot of preparation time. T / F
- 5 All the criminals mentioned in this text were also artistic. T / F

Mark /10

Vocabulary

2 Complete the sentences with set phrases.

- 1 Shaun is _____ idle and needs to find himself a job!
- 2 It was a shame to have to wake her. She was _____ asleep.
- 3 Where does he get his money from? That's another _____ new car he's got!
- 4 Leo can't complain. He walked into this deal with his eyes _____ open.
- 5 After the accident I had to lay off the exercise but I'm _____ fit again now.

Mark /5

3 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 I've _____ some good friendships at college and I hope they'll continue when we all leave.
A attracted B formed C developed
- 2 It's sometimes difficult to _____ attention in lectures when you're really sleepy.
A make B maintain C pay
- 3 Pete and Diana have fallen _____ again! This time over who's the better cook!
A off B out C down
- 4 If you can give me a lift today, I'll _____ the favour next week.
A return B pay C do
- 5 You have to _____ control of the situation now, otherwise it's just going to get worse.
A make B take C hold
- 6 Mark doesn't usually _____ an opinion in meetings, but today he was really talkative.
A speak B say C voice
- 7 The company is working hard to _____ the dispute between the workers and management.
A answer B dissolve C resolve
- 8 Do you mind if we _____ a detour and drive along the coast for a few kilometres?
A do B make C go
- 9 Luckily, the police decided not to _____ charges, but let him off with a warning.
A address B record C file
- 10 Emma won't talk to me, but she usually opens _____ to her cousin.
A up B in C out

Mark /10

Grammar

4 Decide which of the sentences are incorrect. Circle I (incorrect) or C (correct). Then correct the incorrect ones.

- 1 I know I've been putting on weight. I've been eating too much fast food recently! I / C

- 2 Since I've been a food critic I've eaten some very strange food. I / C

- 3 He's been learning a lot through living in different countries. I / C

- 4 He's been smoking too much recently. I think he needs to cut down. I / C

- 5 Have you fixed the tap in the bathroom? I'd like to have a bath soon. I / C

- 6 We've been knowing the Andersons for at least ten years. I / C

- 7 He's coughed a lot lately and I really think it's time he saw a consultant. I / C

- 8 What does this mean? I've tried to decipher his handwriting for the last hour! I / C

Mark /8


5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box. There are three more words than you need.

attend change criticise do go happen
invest move spend start

- 1 I can't face _____ to the party tonight. I'm not feeling a hundred per cent.
- 2 The company simply can't risk _____ all the money in one venture.
- 3 What do you expect _____ if we don't agree to his terms?
- 4 We can't afford _____ to the city just yet.
- 5 Surely you're not contemplating _____ your job again, are you?
- 6 I resent _____ by someone so inexperienced.
- 7 The driving instructor made me _____ the car halfway up a hill.

Mark /7

Listening

6  **5.03** Listen to five people talking about marriage. Complete the sentences with the correct speaker A, B, C, D or E.

- 1 Speaker ___ had expectations that weren't realised.
- 2 Speaker ___ believes it is important to change and compromise.
- 3 Speaker ___ thinks there needs to be an element of freedom.
- 4 Speaker ___ is not optimistic about the future.
- 5 Speaker ___ used outside help.

Mark /10

Writing

7 Write an article for a holiday magazine comparing two different types of towns you have visited on holiday. Use the writing guide to help you. Write 200–250 words.

Paragraph 1: Introduction. Say where the towns are and why you're writing about them.

Paragraph 2: Describe the first town and say why you like/don't like it.

Paragraph 3: Describe the second town and say why you like/don't like it.

Paragraph 4: Conclusion. Say which you recommend.

Mark /10

Total /60