

**Select Readings, Second Edition**  
**Upper-intermediate, GEPT-Style Final**

**INCOMPLETE SENTENCES**

Beneath each sentence, you will see four words or phrases, marked A, B, C and D. You are to choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the wealth of information, students don't appear to be eating any healthier than their predecessors.  
A. Moreover  
B. Even though  
C. While  
D. Despite
2. Fathers cannot find time to communicate with their children, and child rearing is largely \_\_\_\_\_ to mothers.  
A. done  
B. left  
C. allowed  
D. asked
3. Yelena Khronina, \_\_\_\_\_ plans to soon wed a man she met via the Internet, says her dream has come true.  
A. who  
B. which  
C. one  
D. that
4. Impoverishing as they are, stereotypes are not easy to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. rid of  
B. get rid  
C. rid ourselves  
D. get rid of
5. What is the true art of reading? The simple answer is to just take up a book and read when the mood \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. comes  
B. will come  
C. is to come  
D. has come
6. There are several million people who still \_\_\_\_\_ astronauts ever walked on the moon.  
A. infer  
B. doubt  
C. report  
D. question

## TEXT COMPLETION

The following passage contains four missing words or phrases. You are to choose the best answer for each missing word or phrase.

May 16

Mr. Gabriel San Marco  
A & K Office Supplies  
2385 West Sumter Street  
Sydney, Australia

Dear Mr. San Marco,

I am writing in response to a request for late payment that I received from your company. The letter stated that I have an outstanding balance of \$436. Please be informed that I sent the invoice (7) a check for the balance over a week ago.

Please do (8) that you have in fact received my payment. If for some reason you are unable to confirm receipt of the payment, please (9) me as soon as possible.

Your attention to this matter is very greatly (10).

Sincerely,  
Rachel Greene

7. A. according to  
B. assigned to  
C. accompanied by  
D. advantage of
8. A. verify  
B. variety  
C. verification  
D. various
9. A. information  
B. informative  
C. inform  
D. informed
10. A. appreciative  
B. appreciated  
C. appreciate  
D. appreciation

## READING COMPREHENSION

The following passage is followed by five questions, each with four choices: A, B, C and D. You are to choose the best answer to each question on the basis of what is stated or implied in the passage.

### Starting Young

Sean Spooner and Louis Porter, two 14-year-old schoolboys, are believed to be the youngest publishers in the world after launching their own magazine. After only six months, the profit-making *Corby Magazine* claimed a readership of over 5,000.

Using only laptops and mobile phones, the teenagers, both students, spend every moment of their spare time working on the magazine from their bedrooms. The free publication, which features local news, events, and competitions, is funded entirely by private advertising.

"It was entirely our idea. We produce it on our own and fund it from advertisements. It is a fantastic feeling seeing the magazine come off the press, and amazing to see people reading it," said Sean.

Sean is the editor-in-chief, dealing with the creative side of things—writing and production. Louis is the sales and business director, convincing local businesses to purchase advertising space.

The boys say that convincing people to pay for ad space was difficult for the first issue, because the magazine was still just an idea. Convincing people to believe that two 14-year-old boys could make the magazine a success was no easy task.

In just a very short time, the boys proved that they were good for their word. Published quarterly, the first magazine had just 12 pages and a print run of 200. By the fourth edition, it had grown to 36 pages and was distributed to 1,000 homes and businesses.

11. The article is mostly about \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. two boys who successfully published their own magazine
  - B. two boys who teach young publishers how to create a magazine
  - C. convincing businesspeople to spend money on advertisements
  - D. how to make money with a free magazine
  
12. Which of the following is NOT part of the contents of the magazine?
  - A. Advertisements
  - B. Local events
  - C. Competitions
  - D. International news
  
13. According to the article, when do the boys write their magazine?
  - A. Before they sleep at night
  - B. Whenever they have their laptops and phones
  - C. During their spare time
  - D. While they're at school
  
14. Which of the following is true, according to the article?
  - A. It was easy to convince people to buy ad space for their first issue.
  - B. The first edition of the magazine had 200 pages.
  - C. After six months, at least 5,000 were reading the magazine.
  - D. The magazine is only available online.

15. In Paragraph 6, in the phrase “it had grown to,” the word *it* refers to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. the readership
  - B. the magazine
  - C. the fourth edition
  - D. the print run