

COGNOME E NOME: ----- CLASSE: 2^ -----

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A. Fill in the blanks with the right tense of the verbs in brackets. Write your answers in the box below. /20

All his life John (1) ... (always/travel) a lot. In fact, he (2) ... (be) only two years old when he first (3) ... (fly) to the USA. His mother is Italian and his father is American. John was born in France, but his parents (4) ... (meet) in Cologne, Germany, five years before. They met one day while John's father (5) ... (read) a book in a library and his mother (6) ... (just/find) a seat beside him.

John (7) ... (travel) a lot because his parents also do.

As a matter of fact, He (8) ... (visit) his parents in France at the moment. He (9) ... (live) in New York for three years now. He really likes New York, but he also loves (10) ... (come) to Europe to visit his parents at least once a year.

Up to now this year he (11) ... (fly) over 50,000 miles for his job. His next journey (12) ... (be) to Australia. But this time he (13) ... (leave) from Paris-Charles de Gaulle after a meeting with the company's French partner.

John, in fact, (14) ... (talk) with his parents last night when his girlfriend (15) ... (ring) him up from New York to let him (16) ... (know) that "Jackson & Co.", the company he works for, (17) ... (decide) to merge with a business in Australia. But for him it really wasn't much of a surprise. Of course, this (18) ... (mean) that he (19) ... (have) to catch the next plane back to New York. He (20) ... (meet) with his boss late in the evening tomorrow.

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B. Read the text and circle clearly the letter that corresponds to the right word/words for each space. There is an example at the beginning (0). /14

BEAUTIFUL

With 26 million viewers, the soap The Bold and The Beautiful, also **(0) known** as Beautiful, is one of the (1) ... watched soaps in the world. It (2) ... for more than 30 years. The story follows the lives of two families: the rich Forresters and the poor Logans, and is (3) ... in Los Angeles fashion world. The Forresters (4) ... a fashion house business, (5) ... by Eric, the (6) ... fashion designer, and his wife Stephanie, a rich businesswoman. They (7) ... in love when they were studying (8) ... and got married (9) ... when she found (10) ... she was pregnant. The first episode begins with the wedding

of their son, Ridge, (11) ... has finally met the woman of his dreams. But, in a dramatic twist, the wedding never happens. Ex-girlfriend Brooke Logan comes back into Ridge's life. Her family is not rich, but we soon (12) ... that her mother (13) ... date Ridge's father.

Beautiful is a perfect example of a classic soap opera which (14) more than a generation of viewers.

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| 0 | A. known | B. knowed | C. knew | D. shown |
| 1 | A. most | B. more | C. very | D. much |
| 2 | A. is running | B. runs | C. is been run | D. has been running |
| 3 | A. put | B. placed | C. set | D. ambienced |
| 4 | A. has got | B. possede | C. own | D. conduct |
| 5 | A. owned | B. run | C. directed | D. possessed |
| 6 | A. talentuous | B. talented | C. talented | D. talenty |
| 7 | A. fell | B. fall | C. falled | D. filled |
| 8 | A. in the university | B. at university | C. in university | D. at the university |
| 9 | A. quickly | B. fastly | C. speedy | D. early |
| 10 | A. how | B. in | C. off | D. out |
| 11 | A. that | B. who | C. --- | D. which |
| 12 | A. say | B. discover | C. think | D. teach |
| 13 | A. will | B. had | C. used to | D. uses to |
| 13 | A. has liked | B. has enjoyed | C. has pleased | D. has entertained |

C. Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use between two and five words. There is an example at the beginning (0) /10

- 0 My brother can't go out after midnight.
My brother is **not allowed to** go out after midnight.
- 1 She has never written a novel before.
It is the first time she a novel.
- 2 When I arrived I realized I wasn't in love with her.
Before I arrived I I wasn't in love with her.
- 3 Why don't you buy that skirt for the party?
If I, I would buy that skirt for the party.
- 4 Girls buy this brand all over the world.
This brand girls all over the world.
- 5 When my Dad called I was still doing the washing up.
When my Dad called I washing up.

D. There is one mistake in each of the following sentences. Underline it and write its correction (don't write the full sentence). /11

- 1 George was cooking when his girlfriend arrive
- 2 As soon as we got into the house a strange noise is heard
- 3 What about if we go to the seaside?
- 4 If you will paint my fence I would offer you a dinner
- 5 Mark's latest novel have been sold in many bookshops.
- 6 I'm sure that book is Mary's: it mustn't be ours.
- 7 Guess what? We have just received the T-shirt we have ordered last week.
- 8 When I was a child I was used to read comics. Now I don't like them anymore.
- 9 We have food enough for the whole weekend.
- 10 The more you eat, the less fat you become and won't be able to wear your bikini in summer.
- 11 I won't go out unless you don't want me to.

E. What would you say in the following three situations? Refer only to the underlined parts. **..../20**

1. Hai appena incontrato un tuo amico dopo le vacanze estive. Gli dici che non ti sei ancora abituato ad abitare in città perché c'è troppo traffico.

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2. Sei un testimone di una rapina e quando il poliziotto ti interroga gli dici che mentre il rapinatore rubava i soldi hai avuto molta paura e non sei stato in grado di vedere la sua faccia perché quando è entrato hai chiuso gli occhi.

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3. Un tuo compagno ti ha appena detto di avere la copia del compito di domani. Gli rispondi che se l'insegnante lo scopre gli darà un brutto voto e che tu non hai intenzione di copiare.

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F. Read the text carefully, then choose the correct answer from the exercise below.

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The former Soviet military officer credit with averting nuclear Armageddon has died at age 77. It was in the middle of the "Cold War", when relationships between Soviet Union and USA were awfully awesome.

On September 26, 1983, shortly after midnight, Stanislav Petrov, a lieutenant colonel in the Soviet Air Defence Forces, was the duty officer at a Soviet Union's military centre, when the computer signaled that five American nuclear missiles were rushing towards Moscow.

"The machine indicated the information was of the highest certainty," he later recalled. "On the wall big red letters burnt the word: START. That meant missiles had definitely been fired." He had just minutes to decide whether to assess the attack as genuine and inform the Kremlin that the United States was starting World War Three – or tell his commanders that the Soviet Union's early warning system was faulty. The Soviet government's policy, in fact, in the event of a US nuclear attack was to launch an immediate and all-out retaliatory strike. Guessing that an actual American attack would have involved hundreds of missiles, and not just five, he put the alarm down to a technical glitch. Later it was found that it was not exactly a matter of computer glitch. Soviet satellites had mistaken sunlight reflected on clouds for rocket engines.

Lt Col Petrov was fêted by his colleagues and initially praised by superiors for his split-second decision, but he was not rewarded by the government, embarrassed by such a failure of the warning system.

He took early retirement from the armed forces the following year and moved outside Moscow. The incident was only made public in 1998. In 2014 docufilm "the man who saved the world", Mr Petrov said: "All that happened didn't matter to me – it was my job. I was simply doing my job, and I was the right person at the right time, that's all."

1 What is a retaliatory attack?

- A. a sudden attack
- B. an unprovoked attack
- C. a punishment attack

2 What is the meaning of the sentence " He put the alarm down to a technical glitch"

- A. he did not take into consideration the routine instructions
- B. he thought the alarm was caused by a technical problem
- C. he found out that the alarm system had been misused

3 What was wrong with the Soviet satellite warning system?

- A. it had sensed a flight of birds as missiles
- B. it had sensed the sun as a missile
- C. it had sensed as missiles the cloud shapes reflected by the sun.

4 What does it mean that Petrov had to take a "split-second decision?"

- A. he had to make a very quick decision
- B. he had to judge the situation rapidly
- C. he had to change his decision quickly

5 Why was the reaction of the Soviet authorities ambiguous?

- A. they were embarrassed by Petrov's behaviour
- B. they felt vulnerable to attack because of their faulty system
- C. they felt ashamed of their staff incompetence

