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Aufgaben	Maximum	Erreicht
Teil 1 Textverständnis	15	
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Teil 3 Grammatik	15	
Teil 4 Textproduktion	15	
Total	60	
Expertinnen/Experten: _____	Note	

Part 1 Reading Comprehension (15 points, 15 minutes recommended)**15 P**

You are going to read an article in which five people talk about running the London Marathon. For questions 1–15, choose the most suitable person (A–E). The people may be chosen more than once. When more than one answer is required, these may be given in any order.

Which person or people ...

didn't like the reactions of the watching crowd?

1.

didn't finish last year's marathon?

2.

began running to accompany a runner?

3.

had an unpleasant experience in his or her first marathon?

4.

is not confident about his or her physical condition?

5.

6.

entered the marathon with a colleague/colleagues from work?

7.

8.

belongs to a sports group?

9.

saw himself or herself on television?

10.

trains under bad weather conditions?

11.

12.

doesn't have to go far for his or her runs?

13.

runs or ran to raise money for charity.

14.

15.

Running for fun

What does running the London Marathon really mean?

We asked five people about their experience.

A Pat Chidsworth

I was always keen on sports. Running a long distance is a bit like life, too. You start with a sense of anticipation, you go through some great highs and terrible lows, but in the end, it seems to be worth it. There is nothing that I enjoy more than a good workout at the gym, or a good one-hour run across the local wildlife reserve. Fortunately, where I live, I can reach the open countryside in just a couple of minutes on foot from my front-door step. In my case, participation in the London Marathon was not about winning, it was about doing the best you possibly can. My first marathon was a disaster. Everything was going fine until the twelfth mile when I started to feel a bit of fatigue kicking in and I hit the wall between the fourteenth and fifteenth mile. Now, I train whatever the weather to harden myself to harsh conditions.

C Randy Waters

Long-distance running is not about how fast you can run, it's about how much pain you can take. It is a good discipline for life itself. I run with my head and my heart, because physically I don't think I've got a great deal of talent or ability. I was always a very energetic sports person, and I have entered the marathon five times so far. Last year I managed to complete a half marathon in 90 minutes, which was quite an accomplishment for someone who did not train systematically. One thing that annoyed me in my last marathon was the attitude of people watching. They took more interest in the fun-runners and celebrities than in the battle of the elite runners chasing qualification times for the Olympic Games. They really should clap for the top athletes as well!

B Rose Mayer

I surprised myself by doing so well, to tell the truth. It all started when a friend of mine was training for the marathon and asked me to join her a few mornings a week. I didn't think I was very fit when I started, although years ago I'd go cycling three times a week and jogging at weekends. I found the experience enjoyable but realised I preferred jogging on my own. Success depends a lot on your mood. Last year, for example, I was feeling very stressed and got tired much more quickly; I didn't even get to the end of the course! This year's been completely different. London was such a success that I've entered the Berlin Marathon next month, along with three mates. My husband thinks I'm mad, but when he saw my face among the crowds on the news, he was still impressed.

D Joana Simms

An old friend of mine has been a member of a jogging club for years, and he finally persuaded me to go along with him one Saturday to see if I would enjoy it. Well, I felt fairly good afterwards, so I joined the club and started thinking seriously about running. I thought that entering for the marathon would give me a unique opportunity to raise some cash for the Red Cross. In fact, four of us from the office decided to do the same thing, and between us we raised over £25,000, which was great! Running wasn't as hard as I expected. Training can be difficult, especially when it means I have to drag myself out of bed on cold winter mornings or go jogging in the pouring rain. I never train with friends because I find it impossible to concentrate on what I'm doing.

E Stella Eagles

Before I fell ill, I was fairly sporty and went to the gym regularly. When I was diagnosed with breast cancer 3 years ago, it came as a huge shock and the treatment meant I lost a lot of energy as well as strength. Now, I'm cancer free and really felt passionate about doing something for others. I started training for the marathon and have now entered together with a woman from work who is also a cancer survivor. We want to raise money for cancer research. I know I'm still quite weak and will struggle especially in the second half, but my finishing time doesn't matter.

Part 2 Vocabulary (15 points, 15 minutes recommended)**15 P**

1. When we arrived at the airport, we had to go through _____ before boarding the plane.
A. reception B. customs C. gate D. border
2. Many people admire the way Rembrandt uses light and shadow to _____ emotions in his paintings.
A. express B. decorate C. describe D. expose
3. The judge decided to _____ the man to five years in prison.
A. arrest B. convict C. punish D. investigate
4. Emma is very _____ as she gets upset easily when people criticize her work.
A. sensible B. selfish C. stressed D. sensitive
5. The Olympic gold medallist Simone Biles is known for her incredible _____ in gymnastics.
A. talent B. power C. potential D. knowledge
6. People's top _____ on Netflix is the famous series *Wednesday*.
A. choose B. chosen C. choosing D. choice
7. The most famous Tiktoker Khaby Lame uses trends and challenges to _____ followers.
A. earn B. grow C. gain D. expand
8. We need to find ways to prevent climate change _____ harming our planet.
A. of B. to C. from D. through
9. Firefighters enter burning buildings in order _____ lives.
A. to save B. by saving C. for saving D. to safely
10. Coca Cola marketing strategies focus _____ creating an emotional connection with its consumers.
A. at B. on C. about D. to
11. Globalization has helped companies to reach new international _____.
A. governments B. markets C. competitors D. policies
12. Online courses have made education more _____ to people around the world.
A. open B. reachable C. available D. accessible
13. The Netflix series "The Perfect Couple" was praised for its ability to connect with the _____.
A. audience B. spectators C. public D. observers
14. Google is a company that helps its employees to _____ new skills for their jobs.
A. manage B. create C. develop D. produce
15. Entrepreneurs often aim to _____ unique solutions to meet the needs of their customers.
A. offer B. recommend C. advise D. imply

Part 3 Grammar (15 points, 15 minutes recommended)**15 P****For questions 1–15, circle the answer (A, B, C or D) which best fits each space.**

1. We all need _____ encouragement from time to time.
A. little B. a little C. few D. a lot
2. I _____ the train at 7.05 at the station near my home every morning.
A. catch B. am catching C. have caught D. have been catching
3. Scientists _____ a new method that could transform renewable energy.
A. discover B. discovered C. have discovered D. had discovered
4. They _____ the project before last week's deadline.
A. finished B. were finishing C. had finished D. had been finishing
5. He solved the puzzle _____ than expected.
A. more easy B. most easy C. more easily D. most easily
6. He forgot to bring his passport, _____ caused a delay in his travel plans.
A. this B. that C. what D. which
7. The event will be cancelled unless it _____ raining.
A. stops B. stopped C. will stop D. will have stopped
8. I wish you _____ more time to finish the project last week.
A. took B. would take C. had taken D. would have taken
9. You _____ the weather forecast before leaving for the trip last week.
A. should read B. should have read C. must read D. must have read
10. If I had more time, I _____ up painting as a hobby.
A. took B. will take C. would take D. would have taken
11. The new software _____ by the IT department on Friday.
A. is installed B. has installed C. will be installed D. would be installed
12. She said she _____ us for dinner the following day.
A. joins B. will join C. joined D. would join
13. He avoided _____ the issue, knowing it would lead to an argument.
A. discuss B. to discuss C. discussing D. having discussed
14. They _____ tennis when suddenly it started to rain heavily.
A. played B. had played C. were playing D. had been playing
15. We _____ leave early to avoid getting stuck in traffic.
A. have better B. had better C. will rather D. would rather

Part 4 Writing (15 points, 15 minutes recommended)**15 P**

Read part of an email which you have recently received from an English-speaking friend, Sandra, who needs some advice on a presentation she's preparing.

[...]

I need to give a presentation about role models that young people have nowadays, and I can't think of any. Can you help me by giving me your views?

Can you tell me about your role model? What qualities does he or she have? What do you particularly admire about him or her? What could you do to be more like him or her?

Do you think it's important for young people to have role models? Why (not)?

I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

Love

Sandra

On the following page, reply to Sandra's email in 100 – 120 words. Do not write any addresses.

Content	/ 6 points
Organisation (paragraphs, logical structure, linking words)	/ 3 points
Grammar	/ 3 points
Vocabulary	/ 3 points

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