

## Use of English

*Time: 45 minutes*

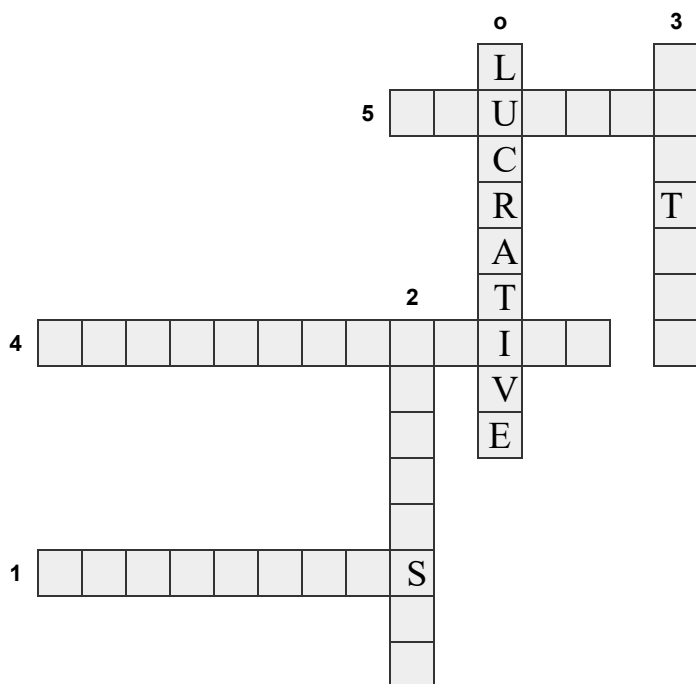
### Task 1

**For items 1-5, solve the crossword using the definitions of the required word given in brackets. The first example (0) is done for you.**

#### **Example: 0. - lucrative**

The buying and selling of art has become a **(0)** ... (*producing a large amount of money; making a large profit*) business, but in a world where fakes and **(1)** ... (*crimes of copying money, documents, etc. in order to cheat people*) are rampant, how do collectors know they are getting the real thing? Recognizing the difference between a fake and an original artwork requires rigorous **(2)** ... (*the detailed study or examination of something in order to understand more about it; the result of the study*) of the artwork in a process called art authentication.

The **(3)** ... (*happening at the beginning; first*) step is to research an artwork's provenance. This is the history of owners from the artist's hand to the present date. The **(4)** ... (*legal papers that are required for something, or that give evidence or proof of something*) must show an interrupted chain of ownership. **(5)** ... (*care that you take in order to avoid danger or mistakes; the fact of not taking any risks*) needs to be taken, though, as to the reliability of the information as this could easily be false along with the artwork.



### Task 2

For items 6-10 you are given the definitions of homonyms. For each number provide the appropriate pair of homonyms. Be careful and mind the spelling! You must write the homonyms in each pair in the correct order. **The first example (0) is done for you.**

**Example: 0. – higher/hire**

0. Greater in altitude; or, to employ someone.
6. A large coffee dispenser; or, to make money.
7. Not working, lazy; or, a person who is greatly admired.
8. A requirement or necessary thing; or, the act of folding and stretching bread dough.
9. The period in which a king or queen rules; or, precipitation.
10. A lodger; or, the line that separates one country from another.

### Task 3

For items 11 -15 choose from the box the appropriate phrasal verb, change its form if necessary so that it fits grammatically and make the joke complete. There are some extra ones that you will not need.

**Example: 0. – drop off**

0. “Doctor, I can’t sleep at night.”  
“Sleep on the edge of the bed and you’ll soon ... .”

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| drop off, dry up, give away, hold up, knock down, look up to, put away, put out,<br>run down, take in, tie up |
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11. “I ... my boss.”  
“What’s he done to earn your admiration?”  
“Nothing. He’s a good foot taller than I’m.”
12. When the vicar asked who was ... the bride, her father replied that he would have preferred to auction her.”
13. “Of course he was ...! Wouldn’t you be, if your wife wrestled you out of the front door and locked it?”
14. “What about this patient, nurse?”  
“..., doctor.”  
“Vitamin deficiency?”  
“No, doctor, a bus.”
15. “He manages to ... a fair amount each week.”  
“Oh, yes. How much do you think he’s worth, then?”  
“I’ve no idea. I was talking about his sugar consumption.”

**Task 4**

Sobriquets, unlike nicknames, are generally used in place of a person's given name and describe their character, skill, strength, personality, achievement, or reputation. Sobriquets are usually used by historians, journalists, press agents, critics, or the public, and can be either an honor or an insult. Sobriquets are not just given to people. **For items 16-20** match the sobriquets (16-20) in the first column with the place or organization to which it refers (A-M) in the second column. There are extra letters in the second column that you will not need. **The first example (0) is done for you.**

**Example: 0. – F**

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| <b>0. The Emerald Isle</b>                     | A. Hollywood                             |
| <b>16. The City of Brotherly Love</b>          | B. The New York Times                    |
| <b>17. The Tinseltown</b>                      | C. Republican Party                      |
| <b>18. The Grand Old Party</b>                 | D. Philadelphia                          |
| <b>19. The Beeb</b>                            | E. The Press                             |
| <b>20. The Old Lady of Threadneedle Street</b> | <b>F. Ireland</b>                        |
|  | G. BBC                                   |
|  | H. Broadway                              |
|  | I. The Central Criminal Court in England |
|  | J. The Bank of England                   |
|  | K. Sacramento                            |
|  | L. Liberal Party                         |
|  | M. Las Vegas                             |

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