

(MOUSE). Medieval books contain recipes for food which is (3) _____ (HEAVY) spiced, as well as unfamiliar (4) _____ (COMBINE) of fruit and meat. The taste of the meat, which could have been almost (5) _____ (ROT), was disguised – we hope! – by the (6) _____ (ADD) of strong flavourings. In the nineteenth century, books such as *Mrs Beeton's Book of Household* (7) _____ (MANAGE) became popular. It is still in print today, but with (8) _____ (REVISE) to bring it up to date. Modern writers make (9) _____ (APPEAR) on television in order to give demonstrations of their recipes and offer (10) _____ (ADVISE) on cooking techniques.

3. Use the correct form of the verbs in brackets together with the suitable preposition (up or down) to create the meaning of the words in bold. The first one has been done for you.

(2.5 marks)

a. You should open up (open) about your problems and not bottle things up.

Talk to someone

b. You need to have a holiday in order to _____ (wind).

Relax completely

c. I'm so sorry I _____ (let) yesterday. I promise not to do it again.

disappointed

d. Why don't you try to _____ (ease) and not get so stressed?

Work less intensely

e. Nothing I said could _____ (cheer) him _____.

Make him feel better

4. Put the correct word in each blank to complete the text.

(3 marks)

- a) were - where The boys _____ tired after the game.
I had no idea _____ I had left my keys.
- b) accept - We had no option but to _____ their offer.
except
- Everyone came to the party _____ Francesca.
- c) then - than First, Sarah came late to class, and _____ she fell
asleep on her desk!
Ruth is taller _____ Ritianne.

5. Put the verb into the ing or infinitive form to complete the text.

(2.5 marks)

- If you walk in these mountains, you risk _____ (get) lost.
- Jack suggested _____ (buy) a new car.
- 'I don't remember ever _____ (sign) this document,' said the chairman.
- The farmer warned us _____ (not enter) the field.
- Tom always remembered _____ (pick up) his briefcase before he left for work.

6. Rewrite these sentences in reported speech, including the word in bold. Use between two and five words.

(3 marks)

- a) "I can help you with your homework if you like," Amy said to Christine.

offered Amy _____
her homework.

b) “Can you drive a mini-bus?” he asked her.

could He asked _____
a mini-bus.

c) “Do you know what time the party starts?” Leanne asked Katrina.

if Leanne asked Katrina _____ the
party started.

7. Choose a word from the box below to complete the sentences.

(4 marks)

hot	pet	soft	rough	fast
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a. There is a hard and _____ rule here that visitors are not allowed after 11pm.

b. We really got into _____ water when we used the school DVD player without asking.

c. My uncle has always had a _____ spot for Ireland.

d. John is a bit of a _____ diamond, but he has a heart of gold!

SECTION TWO: COMPOSITION

(20 marks)

Write between **320-350 words** on **one** of the following. Do **not** skip lines. Do **not** go over the word limit.

1. You are about to visit a friend in another country and you are not sure what clothes to take with you or how to get to his/her house. Write him/her an **EMAIL** in which you ask for his/her for answers.
2. You have recently started volunteering at a youth club. The manager wants to make the club more popular with 10-14 year-olds and has asked you to write a **REPORT** making your suggestions.
3. A popular magazine is holding a short **STORY** competition and you have decided to enter. Your story must end with the words: "*It was the best day of my life.*"

[USE THIS SPACE TO PLAN YOUR COMPOSITION]

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SECTION THREE: COMPREHENSION

(25 marks)

Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions that follow.

After Slumdog: How the smash movie changed the lives of its actors – and the slums of Mumbai.

A poor orphan from the slums of Mumbai gets the chance to compete on the Indian TV version of *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?* He goes on to win the game show, and overnight, this underdog becomes a national hero. (The word *slumdog* combines slum+underdog). But then the police arrest him for cheating. Does this idea sound like a box-office smash to you?

It didn't sound like a hit idea to *Slumdog* director Danny Boyle. He had directed edgy British 5
films like *Trainspotting*. He didn't like the TV show and never imagined making a movie in India. The producers wanted to capture the fast-action flavour of Indian 'Bollywood' movies – the world's largest film industry – that aren't often seen on western screens. And the tiny budget was \$15 million – peanuts by Hollywood standards. So in his wildest dreams, Boyle couldn't imagine that *Slumdog Millionaire* would become the biggest smash hit in years. The two stars were almost total 10
unknowns before *Slumdog*– now they're showered with fame and fortune. And the Mumbai slums are a must-see tourist attraction.

The movie is based on a novel called *Q & A* by Vikas Swarup, who was fascinated by the Indian success of *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?* But when Danny Boyle was asked by the producers to direct the movie, he nearly turned down the offer, until he discovered the script had been written 15
by one of his favourite writers, Simon Beaufoy.

The movie raked in more than \$300 million worldwide. It's scooped 80 international awards, including 8 Hollywood Oscars (two for Best Picture and Director). And reviewers have raved: "This is a breathless, exciting story, heart breaking and exhilarating at the same time," writes American 20
critic Roger Egbert.

With his Oscar, Danny Boyle can write his own ticket. "I'd love to go back to India and direct a thriller," he says. And the novel has been translated into 37 languages: "I was a first time novelist who has not been rejected," says Vikas Swarup. "I'm the luckiest writer in the world."

Dev Patel, 19, grew up in Harrow, England; his parents are from Kenya. An actor since childhood, Patel appeared in the British TV teen drama, *Skins*. When Danny Boyle's daughter 25
spotted him on the show, she suggested Patel for *Slumdog's* leading male role. Boyle had tried out dozens of young Bollywood actors, mostly muscular hero-types. But Boyle finally picked Dev because of his slim physique and steely acting quality.

Freida Pinto, 24, grew up in Mumbai, but enjoyed a better life than her *Slumdog* character. Before the film, Freida had modelled and presented an Asian TV travel show, *Full Circle*. But she was 30
still unknown in India, and hadn't achieved her dream – to act: "This industry is for fighters and those who do not give up!" Pinto says. "Even when a hundred people rejected me, I did not lose hope

and finally Danny Boyle believed in me.”

Dev Patel, a martial arts fan, has landed a Hollywood role in the fantasy movie adventure *The Last Airbender*. Of his new world fame, Patel says, “It’s surreal.” 35

Frieda Pinto has been flooded with film offers – from American director Woody Allen to the James Bond producers. She’s made the cover of Vogue and been named the new advertising ‘face’ of cosmetic giant L’Oreal. Superstar Angelina Jolie gave Pinto some advice on fame: “Love it, embrace it, but never let yourself get affected by all this.” Will Frieda take it? 40

Perhaps the biggest *Slumdog* effect for Patel and Pinto: rumours have it they’re an item! Will it last? 40

More than 13 million people live in Mumbai, and more than one million pack the slum of Dharavi, where some *Slumdog* scenes are set. It’s full of dirty alleys, sewage and mountains of garbage. “Of course things are bad here,” says Kristina Poojari of Reality Tours. “But there is a lot of energy and an amazing sense of community.” Residents melt plastic over raging fires to earn recycling money. They melt shavings of soap to make new bars, and make pots, biscuits or clothes to sell anything they can. 45

When *Slumdog* swept to glory at the Oscars, the world watched as residents partied in the Mumbai slums. Now, Dharavi is a top spot for film fans: Kristina Poojari says business is up by 15 percent: “We want to show on the tour what they didn’t show in the movie.” Some residents think the tours help to bring in income; others think the tours exploit the poor. 50

Danny Boyle himself has been criticised for not helping two poor child actors in the movie – their houses were recently torn down. But now he’s bought them both new homes. One thing most Dharavi residents agree on: after *Slumdog* life will never be the same.

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Questions:

1. This passage is about: (1 mark)
 - i. The TV show ‘Who wants to be a Millionaire?’
 - ii. A successful Hollywood movie.
 - iii. The terrible conditions in Indian slums.
2. What is the world’s largest film industry called, and where is it found? (2 marks)

3. In your own words, explain the phrase 'peanuts by Hollywood standards' (line 9). (1 mark)

4. In lines 5-12, find two separate sentences which show that Danny Boyle did not think it would be a very successful film. (2 marks)

- i. _____
- ii. _____

5. Who suggested Dev Patel for the leading male role? (1 mark)

6. What does the word 'pack' tell us in the phrase 'more than a million pack the slum'? (1 mark)

7. Find words from the passage with the following meanings: (2 marks)

- a. exciting _____
- b. determined, strong _____
- c. give up _____
- d. strange, but fantastic _____

8. Explain the meaning of the following words, as used in the passage. (3 marks)

- i. Underdog (line 3) _____
- ii. Raked in (line 17) _____
- iii. Scooped (line 17) _____

iv. Rejected (line 32) _____

v. Raging (line 45) _____

vi. Exploit (line 51) _____

9. State whether the following are TRUE or FALSE by circling the correct option and give a reason for your answer. (5 marks)

a. Bollywood movies are very popular in Europe and America (TRUE/FALSE) because _____

b. Vikas Swarup wrote a novel called Q&A after watching the movie. (TRUE/FALSE) because _____

c. Film reviewers did not like the movie 'Slumdog Millionaire' (TRUE/FALSE) because _____

d. The movie has been translated into 37 languages (TRUE/FALSE) because _____

e. Frieda Pinto has received several film offers. (TRUE/FALSE) because _____

10. Name six things that the residents of Dharavi do to earn money. (3 marks)

i. _____

ii. _____

iii. _____

iv. _____

v. _____

vi. _____

11. There are contrasting opinions about the slum tours. Find two phrases, one positive, one negative, which express these opinions. (2 marks)

i. _____

ii. _____

12. What do the following refer to in the passage: (1 mark)

i. his (line 16) _____

ii. it (line 39) _____

13. Find examples of the following from the passage: (1 mark)

i. A verb in the present perfect: _____

ii. A phrasal verb: _____

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