

**READ THE TEXT AND CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER BY CIRCLING THE LETTER IN FRONT OF IT.**  
**(5 x 2 points = 10 points)**

***The Butler Always Knows Best!***

Although the Finches were extremely rich, they were very relaxed. The only way people knew that they were rich was because of their beautiful house and their long-serving butler. 'James was here when we bought the house', Lord Finch always said. 'We can't live without him now. He always knows best!'

One day, Lord and Lady Finch were having a party at their country house. They invited their neighbours, Ambassador Raynor and his wife Lucille, for dinner. First, everyone met in the entrance hall. Then, James served everyone a glass of champagne in the living room. Then, Lucille and Lady Finch stopped at the window to enjoy the view of the garden. Afterwards, they moved to the dining room to sit down for dinner.

Suddenly, halfway through the meal, the ambassador's wife cried, 'Oh, dear! Something terrible has happened. I've lost my necklace!' 'Don't worry. We'll find it!' said Lord Finch. 'James can fix anything. James?' Lord Finch called to the butler. James entered the dining room and turned to Lucille. 'What kind of necklace is it?' he asked. 'Oh, a very special one', she said. 'It was given to my grandmother by Queen Victoria.' After that, James quietly walked out of the room.

Lucille was terribly disappointed with James; but five minutes later, he returned with the necklace. The people in the room reacted with surprise. He then explained how he did it. 'it was actually quite easy, my lord', he said calmly. 'Madam Raynor mentioned that the necklace was received from Queen Victoria. So, I realized that it was very old. Old necklaces can break very easily. It was easy to guess that the necklace fell off somewhere. I only had to find out where it happened. So, I simply followed her steps for the day.'

'See?' cried Lord Finch. 'I told you! The butler always knows best!'

1. The Finches

- a) liked to show how rich they were
- b) had had a butler for a long time
- c) were the richest family in the neighbourhood
- d) hired James only recently

2. Lord and Lady Finch

- a) were once invited to the Ambassador's house
- b) were served champagne in the entrance hall
- c) enjoyed the view of their neighbour's garden
- d) were hosts to the Raynors one day

3. The Ambassador's wife

- a) lost a precious piece of jewelry at dinner time
- b) was Queen Victoria's granddaughter
- c) gave Lady Finch a beautiful necklace
- d) was upset because of something she had

4. Lucille

- a) ordered James to leave the room
- b) got her necklace back after a while
- c) realized that James was a private detective
- d) accused James of stealing something from her

5. James

- a) was very upset because of the situation
- b) realized that he was too old for his job
- c) proved to be a very skillful butler
- d) explained where he had hidden the necklace

**II READ THE TEXT. THEN CIRCLE THE LETTER (a, b, c or d) IN FRONT OF THE ANSWER WHICH YOU THINK BEST FITS EACH SPACE. (20 x 1 point = 20 points)**

In the past, England (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a land of beautiful old country houses, palaces, gardens and afternoon tea. It was also a country where every real (2) \_\_\_\_\_ had servants, especially a butler. Now, things (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Just 70 years ago or so, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ tens of thousands of butlers in England; now just (5) \_\_\_\_\_ are left. So, in modern England, where does one (6) \_\_\_\_\_ a good butler?

They study (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the Ivor Spencer International School for Butler Administrators – of course. The Ivor Spencer School is on (8) \_\_\_\_\_ grounds of a beautiful country house. It specializes in teaching (9) \_\_\_\_\_ how to be butlers.

During the training, the students practice introducing (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to one of the teachers. ‘Good evening, (11) \_\_\_\_\_. My name is Michael. I’m your butler’, says one student (12) \_\_\_\_\_. Another repeats ‘I’m your butler’, (13) \_\_\_\_\_ he gets it just right. One student can’t (14) \_\_\_\_\_ as he says ‘I’m your butler’. A good butler should never (15) \_\_\_\_\_ while talking to his or her (16) \_\_\_\_\_. These future butlers must also learn how to walk with a (17) \_\_\_\_\_ straight back. Students put glasses on their heads and walk. If their heads and backs (18) \_\_\_\_\_ really straight, the glasses won’t be (19) \_\_\_\_\_, and you know what that (20) \_\_\_\_\_ - crash!

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| 1. a) has been     | b) had been   | c) was        | d) being      |
| 2. a) gentlemen    | b) gentle men | c) gentle man | d) gentleman  |
| 3. a) have changed | b) changed    | c) changing   | d) changes    |
| 4. a) it had       | b) they were  | c) it’s been  | d) there were |
| 5. a) a little     | b) little     | c) a few      | d) few        |

- 6.a) finds                      b) find                      c) found                      d) finding
- 7.a) on                      b) at                      c) with                      d) from
- 8.a) the                      b) /                      c) a                      d) an
- 9.a) men and women      b) men and woman's    c) men's and women's d)man's and woman's
- 10.a) their selves      b) them                      c) themselves              d) himself
- 11.a) mister                      b) boss                      c) His Majesty              d) sir
- 12.a) perfectly              b) perfect                      c) perfection              d) in perfect
- 13.a) as soon                      b) until                      c) during                      d) as long
- 14.a) stops laughing    b) stop laugh              c) stop to laugh              d) stop laughing
- 15.a) laughing                      b) laughs                      c) laugh                      d) to laugh
- 16.a) employee                      b) employer                      c) employment              d) employed
- 17.a) completing              b) completed                      c) completely              d) complete
- 18.a) don't                      b) aren't                      c) doesn't                      d) don't be
- 19.a) either                      b) neither                      c) nor                      d) also
- 20.a) meaning                      b) is mean                      c) mean                      d) means

**III READ THE TEXT FIRST. THEN WRITE THE CORRECT FORM OF THE WORD IN BRACKETS IN THE SAME LINE. WRITE ONLY ONE WORD ON EACH LINE. DO NOT WRITE ANY NUMBERS. ( 10 x 1 point = 10 points)**

**Example: He hopes to find the answers by digging under the pyramids. (DIG)**

In the Ivor Spencer School, students are not only (1) \_\_\_\_\_ how to (TEACH)  
welcome guests or serve food and drinks. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the word 'butler' (ORIGINAL)  
comes from French *bouteiller*, which means 'person who (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (CARRY)  
a bottle'. But sometimes, apart from (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to walk around with (HAVE)  
bottles on the trays and glasses on their heads, they learn some other (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (USUAL)  
skills. For example, they might need to deal with (6) \_\_\_\_\_ or other (THIEF)  
kinds of (7) \_\_\_\_\_ guests. That is why this school teaches them how to (WELCOME)

protect (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and their households with a champagne bottle! (THEY)  
Then (9) \_\_\_\_\_, of course, they learn about the best champagne. To do (FINAL)  
so, they visit the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of the most famous wine cellar in town. (OWN)

**IV READ THE TEXT BELOW AND THINK OF THE WORD WHICH BEST FITS EACH GAP. USE ONLY ONE WORD IN EACH GAP. FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE (0).**

**( 15 x 1 point = 15 points)**

Mr. Spencer talks about (0) how difficult the training is. He says (1) \_\_\_\_\_ some people can't even last longer (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the first few days. 'On every course (3) \_\_\_\_\_ are about two people that don't make it past (4) \_\_\_\_\_ first two days,' he reports. This may come true for (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of my students in the new group, David Marceau. He's having trouble saying (6) \_\_\_\_\_ correct phrases for answering the telephone. 'Practice makes perfect', says David, 'so, hopefully, with (7) \_\_\_\_\_ lot of practice, I'll be just as good (8) \_\_\_\_\_ any other butler out there.

The course isn't easy (9) \_\_\_\_\_ all. If you have problems, you have to deal (10) \_\_\_\_\_ them. It's very difficult (11) \_\_\_\_\_ become a good butler. That's why it's important for students (12) \_\_\_\_\_ keep their hopes up. One student says, 'I just hope I'm going to (13) \_\_\_\_\_ the right person for the job'. It seems that (14) \_\_\_\_\_ only way to be sure is (15) \_\_\_\_\_ practise, practise, practise!

**V READ THE TEXT FIRST. THEN FILL IN THE APPROPRIATE FORM / TENSE OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS IN THE ACTIVE OR PASSIVE VOICE. PAY ATTENTION TO THE WORD ORDER. DO NOT ADD ANY OTHER WORDS. (22 x 2 points = 44 points)**

**Example: I have already seen this film before. (already / see)**

These days, if you (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) an average person about butlers, they say things like: 'Butlers? I (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (not see) a butler for a long time.' It's true that there (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) many butlers in England now. Seventy years ago, they could be (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (count) in thousands. But Ivor Spencer (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (promise) it's going to change. He (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to bring back the butler to this land of tradition. People ought (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) how to be polite and act properly. As a rule, when a new group of students (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive), after a warm welcome, the hard work (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (begin).

Over the next five weeks, 13 students from countries such as Spain and Canada (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (have) 86 lessons in the art of (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a butler. If they (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (succeed), they may work for a rich businessman, an important leader, or even a king some day. However, first they have (13) \_\_\_\_\_ (graduate).

These days, things (14) \_\_\_\_\_ (get) better in the training camp. Every day, fewer and fewer glasses (15) \_\_\_\_\_ (drop) by the young trainees. And what (16) \_\_\_\_\_ (happen) with David Marceau? As he proudly (17) \_\_\_\_\_ (repeat) every now and then:

‘Your champagne, my lady’, his glass (18) \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) surely on his head. But David also (19) \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) his friends and family back home every evening. ‘My girlfriend is the best in the world. She (20) \_\_\_\_\_ (give) me support all this time. I (21) \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) to her last night. It (22) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) so nice to be at home now. But I have to graduate first.’

**VI COMPLETE THE SECOND SENTENCE SO AS TO GET THE SAME MEANING AS IN THE FIRST SENTENCE.**  
**(5 x 1 point = 5 points)**

**Example: Hansen hopes that he will find the answers under the pyramids.**  
**Hansen hopes \_\_\_\_\_ to find \_\_\_\_\_ the answers under the pyramids.**

1. We don't see many butlers around here any more.  
We are not used \_\_\_\_\_ many butlers around here any more.
2. Not everybody succeeds in finishing this kind of training.  
Not everybody manages \_\_\_\_\_ this kind of training.
3. They walk carefully so as not to spill the drink.  
They walk carefully to avoid \_\_\_\_\_ the drink.
4. Despite finding the training difficult these days, David has decided to continue.  
Although \_\_\_\_\_ the training difficult, David has decided to continue.
5. David last saw his girlfriend a month ago.  
David \_\_\_\_\_ since last month.

**VII WRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES IN THE PASSIVE VOICE:**  
**(4 x 2 points = 8 points)**

**Example: They will invite you to give a speech.**  
**You will be invited to give a speech.**

1. People still consider butlers to be important.

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2. Butlers choose the best wines and tobacco pipes.

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3.They showed the butlers round an expensive shoe shop.

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4.Did they give David a certificate at the end of the course?

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**VIII WRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING REPORTED SPEECH:**  
**(4 x 2 points = 8 points)**

**Example: I wish you good luck with your test, children!**  
**The author of the test wishes the children good with their test.**

1.How many glasses did they break during the training?

I wonder \_\_\_\_\_

2.Why do they have to iron newspapers?

I don't understand \_\_\_\_\_

3.Shall we have a graduation party?

The students want to know \_\_\_\_\_

4.Don't worry, because everybody will get a certificate.

Mr. Spencer tells the students \_\_\_\_\_

(including David 😊)