



## I. Reading Section (15 marks)

Read the newspaper article.

### Wife's sweet tone hid alleged murder plot

SANTA FE, N.M. Wednesday July 22 (Reuters) - Robert Sumser says he knew **something was up** when his wife started treating him nicely, even cooking him dinner.

But **he could barely believe it** when police in the northern New Mexico town of Los Lunas told him his wife, Vickie Gillmore, had offered an undercover agent \$750 to have him killed.

"I knew something was up, but not murder," Sumser told a television station late on Tuesday.

"She wanted me shot, to suffer? For me to die slow or what?" he asked. "That's not right. **To squeal like a pig?**"

Gillmore was arrested last weekend and faces charges of attempted murder and conspiracy.

Sumser said he and his wife have had some rough times and that he became suspicious in the last few weeks when she started treating him well and fixing him dinner.

Police allege Gillmore had been looking for someone to kill her husband when she met an undercover detective and offered him \$750 **to carry out the hit**, handing over a \$250 down payment.

Thinking the man had carried out the hit, 33-year-old Gillmore allegedly asked if her husband had "squealed like a pig" in his final moments.

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Are the following statements true or false? If they are false, re-write them so that they are true. (5 marks)

1. Vickie Gillmore had always cooked her husband dinner.
2. Robert Sumser thought his wife's behaviour was normal.
3. Vickie wanted her husband to suffer.
4. The undercover agent didn't kill her husband.
5. Vickie has been convicted of attempted murder.

What do the following phrases from the article mean? Choose the correct answer. (2 marks)

6. ... he knew **something was up** ... (paragraphs 1 and 3)

- a. things were improving
- b. something was wrong
- c. there was a lot of resentment
- d. she was planning to commit a crime

7. But **he could barely believe it** when ... (paragraph 2)

- a. he thought it was true
- b. he didn't believe it
- c. he found it easy to believe
- d. he found it very difficult to believe

8. **To squeal like a pig?** (paragraph 4)

- a. to make a high-pitched noise
- b. to shout angrily
- c. to laugh out loud
- d. to run away

9. ... she met an undercover detective and offered him \$750 **to carry out the hit** ... (paragraph 7)

- a. to rob her husband
- b. to murder her husband
- c. to kidnap her husband
- d. to mug her husband

Read the newspaper article.

## Village Boy's NASA Claim Crashes to Earth

By Sharat Pradhan

LUCKNOW, India Mon Feb 28 (Reuters) - An Indian teenager appears to have fooled governments, the media and even the president into believing he had topped the world in a NASA science exam.

In a country hungry for international recognition, the boy was named a national hero after announcing he had won NASA's International Scientist Discovery examination, which he said he took at Oxford University.

The Uttar Pradesh state government rewarded him with a 500,000 rupee (\$11,500) prize and more than 100 members of the state's upper house each donated a day's salary to him.

But as he was at the president's official residence awaiting an audience during the week, his story **unraveled**.

An Indian news portal, rediff.com, contacted NASA, which denied any knowledge of the exam.

"Right now, no one knows where this examination comes from," Rediff quoted NASA education official Dwayne Brown saying.

A meeting planned with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was hastily called off and the boy returned to his village of Narhai, where he is now under police investigation.

The boy insists he met President Abdul Kalam, although some Indian newspapers say the meeting was canceled as he waited to go in.

"It was really inspiring," the boy told Reuters by phone. "And let me tell you, he saw my certificate and praised me for the achievement, while you all are asking all kinds of questions and trying to dub me as a fraud."

The certificate, a copy of which was obtained by Reuters, declared "You are the member of NASA" (sic) and is signed by Singh and "Chief of NASA, Cin K. Kif" -- NASA's former administrator was Sean O'Keefe.

The boy says he flew to London on Indian Airlines -- which does not fly to the city -- and took a taxi to Oxford University and back every day for the exam from January 4-8, a round trip of about 230 km (140 miles).

He told Reuters he stayed in a hotel, but told a Hindi language newspaper he stayed at Buckingham Palace.

### Vocabulary:

**claim** - say that something is a fact but not prove that it is  
**unravel** - to collapse

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Complete the following summary of the article with one or two words in each gap. (6 marks)

A boy lied about his achievements when he told people he had got the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ mark in a NASA Science exam at Oxford University. Before the truth was revealed, he had received a huge amount of money from the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and (12) \_\_\_\_\_. He had also had an appointment to meet the President, but according to (13) \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting was cancelled. The dishonest boy also claimed that he had flown to London on an airline that doesn't fly to London, that he had traveled to Oxford every day (14) \_\_\_\_\_ and that he had stayed in Buckingham Palace. NASA says that (15) \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't exist.

Match the verbs from the article (16-19) with the correct definitions (a-d). (2 marks)

16. fool	a. make someone believe a lie
17. reward	b. give a prize/present in return for an achievement
18. deny	c. say good things about someone/something
19. praise	d. say something is not true

## II. Use of English Section (20 marks)

Look at these sentences. Are both verb forms possible? If they are possible, tick the sentence. If not, choose the correct option. (3 marks)

Example: When I was young, I used to be/ 'd be very shy.

20. We *used to go/went* to Spain on holiday last year.  
 21. During the summer we *used to play/'d play* in the woods for hours.  
 22. My mother *is always complaining/always complains* about how much everything costs.  
 23. When Adela was younger, she *used to have/'d have* a pet rabbit.  
 24. Our kids *will play/play* their music too loudly - it drives me crazy!  
 25. My father *didn't use to/used to* like cooking.

Complete these third conditional sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets. (4 marks)

26. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the accident, I \_\_\_\_\_ (call) the police.  
 27. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) late if the car \_\_\_\_\_ (not break down).  
 28. How \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (get) home if Gary \_\_\_\_\_ (not lend) you his car?  
 29. Our journey \_\_\_\_\_ (might be) quicker if we \_\_\_\_\_ (take) the train.

Complete the table with crimes, criminals and verbs. (5 marks)

Crime	Criminal	Verb
looting	<i>looter</i>	loot
30. _____	robber	31. _____
burglary	32. _____	33. _____
34. _____	35. _____	kidnap
36. _____	thief	37. _____
38. _____	mugger	39. _____

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. (3 marks)

Example: She loves going (go) to the cinema.

40. He doesn't mind \_\_\_\_\_ (help) me.  
 41. I'd rather \_\_\_\_\_ (study) at home.  
 42. Could you stop \_\_\_\_\_ (make) that noise?  
 43. I remember \_\_\_\_\_ (take) my driving test.  
 44. I think you'd better \_\_\_\_\_ (get) some sleep.  
 45. Did you remember \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) some milk?

Fill in the gaps in the conversation with these words/phrases. (5 marks)

~~about that~~ be right there wouldn't say  
 got a point there you think so you mean  
 see the point of your point a good point  
 still not convinced argue with that

- SUE I don't think children should eat fast food like burgers.  
 TIM Oh I don't know about that. Surely, if it's not allowed, they'll just want to eat it more, won't they?  
 SUE That's (46) \_\_\_\_\_, but fatty food is so bad for children.  
 TIM I see what (47) \_\_\_\_\_, but not if they only get a little bit now and then.  
 SAM You might (48) \_\_\_\_\_, Tim. I give my kids burgers and pizzas on Saturdays, but they eat healthy food quite happily all the other days, which is what all parents want.  
 SUE Well, I can't (49) \_\_\_\_\_. What about fizzy drinks?  
 SAM I let mine have what they like, you know, lemonade, cola. I can't really (50) \_\_\_\_\_ forcing them to drink water everyday. A bit of sugar gives them energy and it doesn't do any harm.  
 TIM Oh, do (51) \_\_\_\_\_? Sugar makes children fat?  
 SUE I suppose you've (52) \_\_\_\_\_.  
 SAM Well, I'm (53) \_\_\_\_\_. My kids run about all day and they're not overweight.  
 TIM Yes, I see (54) \_\_\_\_\_. But what about all the chemicals they put in those drinks? Some of them are bad for you, I think.  
 SUE Oh, I (55) \_\_\_\_\_ that. Most of the stuff is harmless.

