

Grammar Cloze 1 (1 mark x 10 = 10 marks)

There are 10 blanks numbered 1 to 10, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) at	(D) but	(G) in	(K) over	(N) who
(B) and	(E) despite	(H) on	(L) through	(P) whom
(C) among	(F) for	(J) of	(M) with	(Q) which

The history of the automobile reflects an evolution that took place worldwide. Being one of the most significant inventions of the 1920s, the automobile drastically changed the lives of the Americans (1) _____ the better. It helped improve America's and other countries' mode (2) _____ transportation.

The first automobile developed (3) _____ a combustion engine was invented by Henry Ford. Henry Ford later founded the Ford Motor Company, (4) _____ was known for its achievements in bringing America its first affordable car, the Model-T. The first automobile was created much earlier, in 1866 by Richard Dudgeon of New York City. This first car was made with a steam engine.

(5) _____ the first few years of the 1920s, the automobile became a hit with everyone. It was highly popular especially (6) _____ young people who wanted freedom and excitement. Soon, almost every household in America owned one. Parents drove to work (7) _____ their automobiles. Families visited friends and families (8) _____ lived far away. Young people found a whole new way to have fun.

Many people found it hard to drive (9) _____ the poor dirt roads. To deal with this, nationwide road construction took place, which created more jobs (10) _____ strengthened the economy even further.

Yet around 1900, electric land vehicles in America was invented. Several years later, a new type of vehicle powered by gasoline came to dominate the market.

Answers:

1) F	2) J	3) M	4) Q	5) K
6) C	7) G	8) N	9) H	10) B

Tips to tackle Grammar cloze.

1- Read the whole passage without filling in the blanks

2- Read the passage again and begin filling in the blanks with the correct letter and word (in pencil) first. This is for easy reading while checking.

Eg: (1) F (for)Remember to cross out the options that you have used

3- Locate the clues in the passage to help you with the answer.

Eg:

Henry Ford later founded the Ford Motor Company,
(4) _____ was known for its achievements in bringing America its first affordable car, the Model-T.

A common mistake students make would be to write the answer as 'who', as they think the sentence is focusing on Henry Ford. However, the focus of the sentence is actually about the Model-T car. Hence the answer should be which and not who.

4 - Read the passage again after you have filled in all your answers.

This is to check whether the answers make sense and are logical with the rest of the passage. Make sure to check the tenses (Present/ Past) and agreement (Singular/Plural) for answers that require such clues e.g. is, are, was, were, have, etc.