

3 – Point Questions

Read the text. For each question (1-5), choose the correct answer.



VALENTINO ROSSI - The Doctor's Farewell

One of the most recognisable figures in the world of motorsport, Valentino Rossi, also known as 'The Doctor', has announced his retirement last year. At the age of 42, after a career spanning 26 seasons, the Italian motorcycle road racer decided it was high time he hung up his helmet and focused on administering his own team, 'VR46'.

Undoubtedly a legend of the sport, Rossi is often praised by many for having raised MotoGP's popularity to a whole new level, especially during the 2000s. His image is often associated with that of motorcycle road racing, and even those who are unfamiliar with the world of motorsport might have heard of Rossi.

What most people don't know, however, is that the young kid born in Urbino, in the Marche region of Italy, first fell in love with karting. He participated in multiple tournaments, both locally and internationally, finishing fifth at the national kart championships in Parma in 1991. His desire was to slowly build a career towards the big stage, Formula 1, but because of the great costs that were involved and the fact that his family couldn't afford them, he made a surprising switch to minimoto. At first he struggled a bit, but later on he began to dominate each and every division and category he raced in. When he first made his debut in the higher echelon and graduated to the premier class in 2000, he raced for the factory Honda team, to which he brought 2 world back to back titles in 2002 and 2003. Later, he joined Yamaha with whom he enjoyed a successful spell from 2004 to 2010, before coming back in 2013 for the

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remainder of his career but failing to win any more titles. In between he raced for the Ducati manufacturer for a year.

The Doctor's career has not only been long, but also the most illustrious of any rider to have ever graced the sport. With 7 world championships, 89 wins, 199 podiums and 372 starts under his belt in MotoGP alone (not counting his wins in the lower divisions), he can successfully call himself 'the G.O.A.T.' (Greatest of All Time).

His charisma, style and driving skills might be second to none and his legacy will forever remain embedded in the minds of those who were lucky enough to see him in action. 'Grazie, Il Dottore'!

1. According to the text, Valentino Rossi decided to

- A) continue his racing career for another 26 years after initially announcing his retirement.
- B) end a lengthy motorcycle racing career at the age of 42.
- C) take off his helmet and withdraw from his VR46 team.
- D) end his motorcycle road racer career and become a doctor.
- E) start a motorcycle selling business.

2. 'The Doctor' is held in high regard because

- A) he ensured a massive growth in the popularity of MotoGP during the 2000s.
- B) he set up a motorsport fan club.
- C) he was undoubtedly a most popular figure amongst the entire motorsport world.
- D) he won multiple kart tournaments.
- E) he was the most famous Formula 1 racer.

3. According to the writer, Rossi

- A) did not consider Formula 1 an attractive career option.
- B) lost interest to karting because he didn't have success.
- C) wanted to have a Formula 1 career at all costs.
- D) couldn't pursue Formula 1 career for health reasons.
- E) switched from karting to minimoto because Formula 1 was too expensive.

4. After he graduated to the premier class of the motorsport, 'The Doctor'

- A) raced for Ducati for one year after he left the Honda team in 2003.
- B) left Honda and joined Yamaha to enjoy a few very successful years.
- C) went on to win most of his titles between 2013 and his retirement.
- D) won two world titles for Yamaha in 2002 and 2003.
- E) joined Ducati with whom he had the biggest success in his career.

5. The Doctor's career in MotoGP

- A) has been deplorable from the very beginning.
- B) has been short lived and devoid of prestigious titles.
- C) has been long but severely affected by his lack of charm.
- D) is yet to be equaled by another rider.
- E) has been very bright in spite of being short lived.

Read the first sentence. For the second sentence, choose the best answer for each gap (6-10) so that the meaning stays the same.

6. We did not have a tent, so we had to manage without and sleep in a sleeping bag.

We did not have a tent, so we had to a sleeping bag.

- A) do without
- B) make do with
- C) do make with
- D) do out of
- E) make out of

7. That chair is so old. I think we should get rid of it.

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- A) do away with
- B) do off with
- C) take off with
- D) take of with
- E) make away of

8. We pride ourselves on our accomplishments.

We our accomplishments.

- A) are proud in
- B) put pride to
- C) take pride in
- D) give pride out of
- E) are proud from

9. Since we are best friends, I of course assumed he would back me up.

Since we are best friends, I that he would back me up.

- A) had doubts
- B) went without saying
- E) was dubious
- C) was easily understood
- D) took it for granted

10. I had to dismantle the phone to see what was wrong with it.

I had to to see what was wrong with it.

- A) dispose of the phone
- B) take the phone in
- E) decrypt the phone
- C) take the phone apart
- D) shatter the phone

4 – Point Questions

For each question (11-15), read and choose the best answer.

11. **We are still short of three papers.**

- A) Let's have them lengthened.
- B) Should we extend the deadline?
- C) I think we actually don't.
- D) No, they are long enough.
- E) No problem, we can skip them.

12. **I will tell you something but mum's the word!**

- A) Definitely, be sure I will tell her.
- B) Poor mum. Is it serious?
- C) Of course. I promise I will call everyone as soon as you tell me.
- D) No, thank you, there is no need.
- E) Please don't. You know I can't keep secrets.

13. **I was so naive. I can't believe I was taken in by his innocent smile.**

- A) You are not the only one he has deceived.
- B) That's because you are such a good judge of character.
- C) I am glad you worked out what his true intentions were and didn't believe him.
- D) That's true, he is innocent indeed.
- E) Don't worry, his home is comfortable enough.

14. **Please just cut to the chase.**

- A) Ok, I am coming to cut it.
- B) It is hard to do it with this blunt knife you have given me.
- C) It is too hard to cut through.
- D) Ok, I will be brief.
- E) Never mind, we will chase them anyway.

15. **I think you are making a mountain out of a molehill.**

- A) Yes. The situation is actually much worse.
- B) Yes. I am understating the facts.
- C) Yes. I am overreacting a bit.
- D) You are right, it is hopeless.
- E) Don't worry, it is easy.

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For each sentence (16-20), choose the correctly-spelled word to complete each gap.

16. You will have to renew your membership

A) annually
D) anualy

B) anually
E) anuelly

C) annualy

17. You must be really to your project.

A) cometted
D) comited

B) committed
E) comitted

C) comitted

18. He is a most student.

A) consciencious
D) conscientious

B) constientious
E) concientious

C) constiencious

19. This bookcase just isn't the right



A) hight
D) hyite

B) heiht
E) height

C) heigh

20. For this model will be very expensive?

A) maintainance
D) mentenance

B) maintenance
E) maintanance

C) maintenance

5 – Point Questions

Read the text. For each space (21-30), choose the best answer.

Liar Liar Pants on Fire



We've all had our (21) share of experiences when we decided a lie was the best thing to tell. Whether it was about some homework we didn't do or a date we might have forgotten about, or even something more meaningful that could (22) hurt somebody, lies have been constantly orbiting our existence. And there is probably not a single one of us this doesn't apply to.

More often (23) not, lies have consequences, and they usually tend to be bad. Sooner or later, someone will find out the truth and if you are the one who was lying for all that time . then you might be in a bit of a pickle.

But what if I told you there is a place where lies are rewarded? The (24) complex, elaborate and personal the lie, the better. 'World's Biggest Liar' is a competition that is held annually in Cumbria, England, which invites people from all over the world to participate. The rules are simple: you have five minutes to tell the most convincing lie you can by coming (25) with a story that will impress the judges. Yes, there are judges who give certain grades, based on some carefully selected criteria. The competition takes place at an inn, in memory of Santon Bridge, a pub landlord who was famous (26) his tales and for making people believe every word he said.

The variety of the stories that have won the grand prize since the first edition is nothing (27) of sensation. From stealing lakes and mountains to betting on a snail race with Prince Charles, people's minds have come up with things so over the top and incredible that it makes people think: "how on Earth could that NOT be real?". On one occasion, a

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bishop from Carlisle is thought to have come up with the shortest lie of all to win him the big award: 'I have never told a lie in my life'.

The rules are also quite strict when it comes to those who are (28) to take part. For instance, politicians and lawyers are forbidden to enter the competition due to the fact that they are considered of being 'too skilled', lying being part and (29) of their professional lives. Well, that certainly does say something.

In the end, if you believe you have some incredible lies (30) in your wardrobe and believe they are too good to just fool some of your peers, maybe winning the 'World's Biggest Liar' title should be your next big goal.

21.

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| A) fear | B) fare | C) fair |
| D) fire | E) far | |

22.

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| A) of | B) have | C) had |
| D) having | E) may | |

23.

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| A) that | B) than | C) then |
| D) this | E) though | |

24.

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| A) much | B) most | C) least |
| D) last | E) more | |

25.

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| A) up | B) in | C) across |
| D) off | E) out | |

26.

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| A) for | B) about | C) from |
| D) after | E) of | |

27.

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| A) sure | B) smart | C) short |
| D) small | E) most | |

28.

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| A) elitist | B) eligible | C) elective |
| D) elaborate | E) elite | |

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29.

- A) parcel
- D) gift

- B) box
- E) park

C) package

30.

- A) swotted
- D) stored

- B) stripped
- E) stoked

C) stopped

