

Complete the sentences with the correct tenses of the verbs given in the brackets. (1.25 marks)

1. While I... **was sitting**.. (sit) in a meeting, my mobile rang.
2. He ... **had not been**... (not/ be) to Cape Town before 1997.
3. ... **Had**...he ... **phoned**...(phone) Angie before he went to see her in London?
4. The guests ... **did not come**.....(not/come) because it was raining.
5. The ghost ... **tells**...(tell) him he has been murdered.

Read the passage below and decide which answer (A, B, C D) best fits each space. (1 mark)

MY MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT

When I was 18, I got a job with a television company. I was in a small office with three other girls and there was a boy working upstairs we all (1) He seemed very cool and sophisticated because, unlike us, he actually got to meet the stars. None of us thought we stood a chance with him but we used to try to chat him up whenever he paid a visit our department. Then one day, quite unexpectedly he invited me to a big charity dinner at an expensive hotel. I couldn't believe my (2) All the big stars were going to be there. So I had to look my best. I ended up spending a fortune on a new dress, shoes and hairstyle.

As we walked into the hotel, cameras were (3) and I felt like a real celebrity. We went up a long, wide flights of stairs just like in a scene from the movies. But as we reached the top, one of my new leather – soled shoes slipped on the red carpet. I fell backwards and went head over heels down the stairs, landing in a heap at the bottom. I was unhurt but badly shaken and extremely embarrassed. My partner took one look at me and decided he had (4) take me home.

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| 1. A. approved | B. appealed | C. regarded | D. fancied |
| 2. A. luck | B. fortune | C. chance | D. break |
| 3. A. glowing | B. flashing | C. shining | D. lighting |
| 4. A. further | B. better | C. sooner | D. rather |

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 17 to 20.

In Britain, greetings cards are sold in chain stores and supermarkets, in newsagents' shops, corner shops and, increasingly, in shops that specialize in the sale of cards and paper for wrapping presents in. The most common cards are birthday and Christmas cards. Many Christmas cards are sold in aid of charity and special 'charity card shops' are often set up in temporary premises in the weeks before Christmas. A wide variety of birthday cards is available to cater for different ages and tastes. **Some**, especially ones for young children or for people celebrating a particular birthday, have the person's age on the front. Many have comic, often risqué, messages printed on them, and cartoon-style illustrations. Others are more sober, with reproductions of famous paintings or attractive original designs. The usual greeting on a birthday card is 'Happy Birthday', 'Many Happy Returns' or 'Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday'. Some people also send special cards for Easter and New Year. Easter cards either portray images of spring, such as chicks, eggs, lambs, spring flowers, etc, or have a religious theme. Cards are produced for every 'milestone' in a person's life. There are special cards for an engagement, a marriage, a new home, a birth, success in an examination, retirement, a death in the family, etc. Some are 'good luck' or 'congratulations' cards. Others, for example 'get well' cards for people who are ill, express sympathy.

(Extracted from *The Oxford Advanced Learner's Encyclopedic Dictionary*)

1. What is the passage mainly about?
A. Greetings Cards B. Birthday Cards C. Christmas Cards D. Easter Cards
2. The word '**some**' in paragraph 2 refers to _____.
A. young children B. ages and tastes C. card shops **D. birthday cards**
3. Which of the following is **NOT** the usual greeting on a birthday card?
A. 'Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday' B. 'Happy Birthday'
C. 'Good luck' D. 'Many Happy Returns'
4. The word '**milestone**' in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to _____.
A. a positive view B. a special gift **C. an important event** D. a convenient