

I. Read the text and accomplish the post-reading tasks.

Who Is a Pretty Plant Then?

1. Plants are named after the great and the good, the worthy and the wealthy. Indeed, one of the greatest honours that can be bestowed upon anyone is to have a plant named after them. Sometimes a person is famous and the naming of a plant is the natural succession to popularity and public acclaim. Actors, singers, dancers, royalty and latterly even a television news-reader, have all been honoured by having a plant named after them. On occasion, an individual has had no public profile, but the plant has become popular so that we feel we know them. Few people are likely to recognize the name of Maria Ann Smith, but most will have had of an apple named after her, the famous Granny Smith; a case of the plant making the person famous.
2. In years gone by, it was not always easy to determine that a plant had been named in honour of a person, because the name became Latinized. This was, however considered to be very chic, but surely only a socialite or an academic would have known that the *Lilium mackliniae* immortalized Jean Macklin, the wife of a famous botanist.
3. In recent times, this practice has died out and now when a plant is named after a person it is clear for everyone to see. The beautiful patio rose Anna Ford, for example is a fitting tribute to the broadcaster, while former Nottingham Forest football manager, Brian Clough, is feted with a luminous salmon-orange exhibition sweet pea.
4. So who decides upon those who should be honoured in such a way? There are no hard and fast rules. But for the most part, plants are named by their breeders or originators, either as an honour to someone near and dear, or as a mark of respect for the famous. But there are commercial undertones. If you can launch a new rose named after a really popular celebrity at a flower show and get that person to attend, then the press coverage received is enormous. On the other hand, if you decide to name your sweet pea after Barry Dare, the former Managing Director of your company, as Unwins Seeds of Cambridge did recently, then the commercial value is little. However, the honour for the person concerned is great, recognizing as it does strong leadership, hard work and the affection of the staff.
5. If nobody is interested in naming a plant after you, then it is always possible to buy a new variety and have it named yourself. This is common practice amongst commercial companies, especially with roses, where names like, "Typhoo Tea", "Benson and Hedges Gold" and "Yorkshire Bank" serve as good advertisements. If you can come up with the cash, then you can buy the name rights to a new unnamed variety and name it after yourself or a member of your family.
6. However, while some varieties like peony Sarah Bernhardt live on for a century or more and seemed destined to last forever, others disappear within a couple of years, never to be seen again even if they bear a famous name. If the plant proves inferior to those already on the market, then it generally takes more than a famous name to save it.

Nr.	Item	Points	
1.	Answer the question. <i>How can people immortalize themselves?</i> _____ _____	A 0 1 2	A 0 1 2
2.	Answer the question. <i>Why was it difficult to determine that a plant had been named after a person?</i> _____ _____	A 0 2 3	A 0 2 3
3.	Find in the text the synonyms for the words given below. Make up two sentences using the identified words. Approval _____ Recently _____ 1. _____ _____ 2. _____ _____	A 0 1 2 3 4	A 0 1 2 3 4
4.	Find in the text the antonyms for the words given below. Superior – _____ Sell – _____	A 0 1 2	A 0 1 2
5.	Circle the correct variant (True/False). Justify your choice. 1. Sometimes naming a plant after a celebrity can have a commercial implication. T F _____ _____ 2. If you have money, you can buy a new type of plant and name it in your honour. T F _____ _____	A 0 1 2 3 4 5 6	A 0 1 2 3 4 5 6
6.	Entitle the paragraphs: <i>Paragraph 1.</i> _____ <i>Paragraph 4.</i> _____	A 0 1 2 3 4	A 0 1 2 3 4
7.	Ask 2 questions to the text. 1. _____ _____ 2. _____ _____	A 0 1 2 3 4	A 0 1 2 3 4
8.	In your own words, explain what the writer means by the sentence: <i>On occasion, an individual has had no public profile, but the plant has become popular so that we feel we know them.</i> _____ _____ _____	A 0 3 4 5	A 0 3 4 5

II.	Grammar. Underline the correct variant using the words in bold. Insert the articles and the suitable preposition where necessary. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form. Choose the correct words in brackets to make the sentences complete.	(20 points)	
1.	Something _____ (go) wrong with our computer. Customers _____ (ring) up all morning complaining. The mechanic is in the office and _____ (work) on it. I hope he will find out what is wrong.	A 0 1 2 3	A 0 1 2 3
2.	_____ society which they set out to create was based on _____ mutual trust.	4	4
3.	_____ ordinary and white chocolate are made from cocoa butter. There are very few people who like _____ of them. I have no particular preference: I eat _____ (all, whole, neither, none, both, either)	5 6 7 8	5 6 7 8
4.	Nobody knows where the jewels have/has gone. They _____ _____ (might/have to/ought to/ steal).	9 10	9 10
5.	The evacuation of the building/ The building's evacuation took only 10 minutes.	11	11
6.	All of us were lucky. We _____ (crash) if Jack _____ (not/see) the rock in time.	12 13 14	12 13 14
7.	What/How was the journey like? – It was wonderful!	15	15
8.	The miners dug deep/deeply to find coal.	16	16
9.	The first draft resolution _____ (not discuss) yesterday, it _____ (withdraw) long before the beginning of the meeting.	17 18 19 20	17 18 19 20
10.	Do you know where was Shakespeare born/Shakespeare was born?		
11.	Get your children feel/felt/to feel responsible for their studies.		
12.	Her salary's decreased _____ two hundred dollars this year and she can't afford anything.		
III.	Civilization topic. How do changes in society influence people's culture? What can slow down or speed up cultural development? (15 lines)	(20 points)	
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IV. **Outline in writing your opinion on the subject:** **(30 points)**
“Work keeps us from three great evils: boredom, vice and need”. Voltaire
(20 lines)

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