

Grammar_Cleft sentences with It, What and All_2

For questions 1–8, decide whether sentence **A** or sentence **B** is the most appropriate continuation. Choose **A** or **B**.

1 Night after night, indecipherable tags and secret codes are scrawled on railway sidings and pedestrian bridges, while silver paint smears every other shop.

A Most passers-by are immune to its message.

B It is the passers-by that are immune to its message.

2 The Ford Mustang is a car that needs no introduction. Its popularity has pretty much been on track since 1964,

A but things started to get interesting for the model in 1965.

B but it wasn't until 1965 that things started to get interesting for the model.

3 My brother had never shown any particular interest in cars, and his latest acquisition suggested that he had not spent a great deal of time making up his mind.

A It was from the local garage that he had simply bought it.

B He had simply bought it from his local garage.

4 There were a number of attempts at reform in Egypt in the early part of the 19th century, but there seemed to be little enthusiasm for them.

A It was not until Ismail became Sultan in 1863 that there was another major drive towards modernization.

B There was another major drive towards modernization after Ismail became Sultan in 1863.

5 The precise nature of the biological make-up of these pre-historic creatures is still a matter of conjecture.

A Several commentators theorise that dinosaurs may have had hearts like crocodilians, perhaps because they are the closest living relatives to the archosaur.

B What is theorised by several commentators is that dinosaurs may have had hearts like crocodilians, perhaps because they are the closest living relatives to the archosaur.

6 This legislation was brought into force in England and Wales in 1967, although its scope was limited geographically for a considerable amount of time.

A It was introduced in Scotland in 1998.

B It wasn't until 1998 that it was introduced in Scotland.

7 His writing is not the most outstanding series of dramatic works: characters are, at times, poorly developed and one-dimensional, and the plot slow.

A However, what he managed to do was to bring about the transition from crude medieval plays to the more sustained literary achievement of the Renaissance.

B However, he brought about the transition from crude medieval plays to the more sustained literary achievement of the Renaissance.

8 Newspaper proprietors had shied away from computerization because of the costs involved, but then these started falling rapidly.

A What happened next was to so profoundly influence the way the typesetting market operated that it still hasn't fully come to terms with the consequences.

B The next event so profoundly influenced the way the typesetting market operated that it still hasn't fully come to terms with the consequences.