

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

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| 1. literacy       | a. The ability to read and write.   |
| 2. tuition        | b. Most extreme; greatest.  |
| 3. pupil          | c. Teaching, especially of individual students or small groups of students. |
| 4. flying colours | d. Having the ability to get others to do something creative or good.       |
| 5. inspirational  | e. A person who is taught by another person.                                |
| 6. utmost         | f. Very successfully.   |
| 7. salute         | g. A gesture of respect made to or by a person.                             |

## Paragraph 2

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| 8. invest      | h. Being able to think quickly; intelligence.                                       |
| 9. endeavour   | i. Appointed by someone.  |
| 10. formal     | j. Put money into financial schemes, shares, property, etc. to get more money back. |
| 11. assigned   | k. Relating to an authority or public body and its activities and responsibilities. |
| 12. sharp      | l. Lots of effort.  |
| 13. official   | m. A reason or reasons for acting or behaving in a particular way.                  |
| 14. motivation | n. Officially recognized.   |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211206-learning-to-read.html>

A 104-year-old woman from Kerala, India has passed a state (1) \_\_\_\_\_ test. Her name is Kuttiyamma and she only learned to read and write last year. Despite having (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a year's tuition and being somewhat older than the average (3) \_\_\_\_\_, Kuttiyamma passed her tests with flying colours. She (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a score of 89 per cent on the Kerala State Literacy Test. Such was her (5) \_\_\_\_\_ achievement, Kerala's education minister congratulated her. He tweeted: "With the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ love and respect, I wish Kuttiyamma...the best." He uploaded a photo of the star student in which she is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ from ear to ear. Another person tweeted: "I salute Kuttiyamma for her dedication. It will (8) \_\_\_\_\_ others for sure."

*utmost*  
*pupil*  
*inspire*  
*literacy*  
*achieved*  
*just*  
*grinning*  
*inspirational*

Kerala state has India's highest (9) \_\_\_\_\_ rate at 96.2 per cent and invests heavily in education. It has a strong (10) \_\_\_\_\_ on adult education, which Kuttiyamma benefited from. Her endeavours (11) \_\_\_\_\_ that age is just a number and that we can achieve anything when we put our minds to it. Kuttiyamma did not have a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ education as she did not go to school. However, her state-assigned tutor called her "a very (13) \_\_\_\_\_ woman". He said his student was "(14) \_\_\_\_\_" after she saw her test results. A state official said: "Kuttiyamma is a role (15) \_\_\_\_\_ and motivation to all women in adult education". Kuttiyamma said she wants to start writing letters and continue her studies to improve her (16) \_\_\_\_\_.

*skills*  
*prove*  
*sharp*  
*literacy*  
*model*  
*focus*  
*overjoyed*  
*formal*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) A 104-year-old woman from Kerala, India has passed a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. state literacy test
  - b. state literally test
  - c. state literati test
  - d. state literacies test
- 2) Despite having just a year's tuition and being somewhat older than \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the average pew pull
  - b. the average pupil
  - c. the average pew pill
  - d. the average pup all
- 3) I wish Kuttியമ്മ...the best." He uploaded a photo of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the stars student
  - b. the start student
  - c. the star student
  - d. the startled student
- 4) He uploaded a photo of the star student in which she is \_\_\_\_\_ to ear
  - a. grin in from ear
  - b. grin infer ear
  - c. greening from ear
  - d. grinning from ear
- 5) I salute Kuttിയമ്മ for her dedication. It \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. willing spire others
  - b. wheeling spire others
  - c. will inspire others
  - d. wheel inspire others
- 6) Kerala state has India's highest literacy rate at 96.2 per cent and invests \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. heavily in education
  - b. heave all in education
  - c. heave ally in education
  - d. heft ally in education
- 7) Kuttിയമ്മ benefited from. Her endeavours prove that age is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. just a number
  - b. justly a number
  - c. adjust a number
  - d. juice a number
- 8) and that we can achieve anything when we put our \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. binds to it
  - b. rinds to it
  - c. kinds to it
  - d. minds to it
- 9) However, her state-assigned tutor called her "a \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. very sharp woman
  - b. very shape woman
  - c. very chirp woman
  - d. very chap woman
- 10) Kuttിയമ്മ said she wants to start writing letters and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. continue her stud is
  - b. continue her students
  - c. continue her studies
  - d. continue her studios

# Adult Education Questions

1. Other than English, have you ever taken any other adult education classes?
2. What have you studied as an adult because it interested you but wasn't taught in school?
3. People often say as you get older, it becomes more difficult to make new friends. What are the best activities you have found to meet people with similar interests?
4. Are there any adult education classes that you wish the city would offer?
5. Would you ever consider taking an online course? What about a course that's partly online and part in person?
6. What's the most you'd be willing to pay for an adult education course, and what would you expect it to offer?
7. What school subject did you learn in junior high or high school that's the most useful to your daily life now?
8. Are there any subjects you learned in school that are completely useless to you now?
9. If you could start your life over, what would be your field of study?