

## COMPREHENSION

1) Read the article and complete the sentences with the right alternative.

1. *Balloon Girl* was shredded
  - a. before it was sold.
  - b. by Sotheby's.
  - c. at Sotheby's.
  
2. Banksy shredded *Balloon Girl*
  - a. so it would be worth more money.
  - b. to make a statement.
  - c. to create art live during an auction.
  
3. Underground art is often
  - a. traditional.
  - b. mainstream.
  - c. critical of tradition.
  
4. A street artist works
  - a. indoors.
  - b. outdoors.
  - c. in a studio.
  
5. *Rage, flower Thrower* shows a man throwing
  - a. a bouquet.
  - b. an icon.
  - c. a bomb.
  
6. *Shop Until You Drop* criticizes
  - a. money.
  - b. violence.
  - c. consumerism.
  
7. Banksy's art is often
  - a. funny.
  - b. serious.
  - c. meaningless.
  
8. A major reason why Banksy keeps his identity secret is because
  - a. he doesn't want to tell his parents what he does.
  - b. he risks going to prison.
  - c. he doesn't like being famous.
  
9. Street art is

- a. always illegal.
- b. often illegal.
- c. legal.

10. Westminster Council said that Banksy

- a. behaves like a child.
- b. should be treated like a child drawing graffiti.
- c. should be condoned for his graffiti.

## VOCABULARY

2) Complete the sentences with the following words. Put the verbs and nouns in the right form, if necessary.

canvas \* rioter \* prank \* pseudonym \* humble \* to depict \* greed \* fake \* scribble \* to condone

1. Sometimes artists use \_\_\_\_\_ (pseudonyms) to avoid revealing their true identity.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Greed) is a selfish desire to have such things as money, wealth and power.
3. Another word for 'false' is \_\_\_\_\_ (fake).
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (humble) is a synonym of 'modest'.
5. A \_\_\_\_\_ (canvas) is a cloth on which an artist can paint.
6. A \_\_\_\_\_ (prank) is a practical joke.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ (Rioters) often fight the police during violent protests.
8. Banksy's works often \_\_\_\_\_ (depict) children and animals.
9. I can't read this \_\_\_\_\_ (scribble); you shouldn't write so carelessly.
10. The state does not \_\_\_\_\_ (condone) acts that break the law.

## GRAMMAR – Prepositions of time

3) Complete the following sentences with the correct time preposition (*on, in, at, during, since, until, for*).

1. Banksy draws his street art secretly \_\_\_\_\_ (at) night.
2. One of Banksy's early works, *The Mild Mild West* was painted \_\_\_\_\_ (in) 1997.
3. Banksy played a prank on Sotheby's \_\_\_\_\_ (in) October.
4. Banksy shredded Balloon Girl \_\_\_\_\_ (during) the auction.
5. Banksy's exhibition *Barely Legal* was held \_\_\_\_\_ (on) a weekend of September 2006.
6. The auction started \_\_\_\_\_ (at) seven o'clock.
7. Banksy's film *Exit Through the Gift Shop* premiered \_\_\_\_\_ (on) 24 January 2010.
8. Banksy was probably born \_\_\_\_\_ (in) the 1970s.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ (Since) the beginning of his career, Banksy has held many exhibitions.
10. Probably we won't know who Banksy really is \_\_\_\_\_ (until) he tells us himself or is arrested!
11. Banksy has been doing street art \_\_\_\_\_ (for) almost thirty years.