#### TARGET:

#### ENGLISH INTENSIVE CLASS

50 teste pentru admiterea în clasa cu profil intensiv

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#### INTRODUCTION

The book follows the syllabus for the 8th grade and aims at the 8th grade students who intend to take a high school English language admittance test for the intensive class.

It is divided in three sections and can be used both in class and self-study activities:

- I. Written examination consists of 15 tests. Each test (70 points) has got different types of items;
- II. Oral examination consists of 35 tests. Each test (30 points) requires the student to read a first-sight text and to give the appropriate answer to four questions;
- III. Answer Key provides complete answers for all the 15 tests from Section I and one suggested answer for the 1st oral test from Section II.

#### I. WRITTEN EXAMINATION





1. She on her essay all evening
and she needs a break.
a) has been working b) is working c) works d) have
worked
2. We rap music when we were
young.
a) used to listen b) was listening c) listened d) were
listening
3. Your English is better than
a) mine's b) mine c) my d) me
4. When primary school?
a) did he finished b) did he finish c) he finished d) he
did finish
5. You visit your grandparents.
a) could b) should c) shouldn't d) may
6. People usually movies in the
evening.
a) watching b) watch c) are watching d) will watch
7. This French teacher has been in our highschool
2002.
a) past b) for c) since d) ago
8. Let's visit Amara resort,we?
a) will b) shall c) do d) can

been published in the school magazine.` a) had b) has c) did d) is 10. Look out! That van
a) will crash b) is going to crash c) is crashing d) crashes
II. Use the words in capitals at the end of each of the following sentences in order to form a new word that fits suitably in the blank space. (10 points)
1. Herdid not surprise anybody. <b>REACT</b>
2. Climbing this mountain might be very <b>DANGER</b>
3. Entering the cave, the scientists made an extraordinary <b>DISCOVER</b>
4. Thistries to save endangered species.  ORGANISE
5. I don't like to judge people on first <b>IMPRESS</b>
III. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. (10 points)
I remember watching TV many hours each day when I was a child. One (1) the programmes that I liked very

much was "Candid Camera". There, ordinary people (2) ... tricked into doing ridiculous things (3) ... sometimes they were very funny. But as I grew older, things changed. The European television introduced what we

9. `Why is Vivien so happy?` `Her poem

just

call today "reality shows". They turn common people into "stars" by putting them in unusual situations. Some of them are locked in a small house with cameras running 24 hours a day. Others are filmed in a hostile environment (4) ... they have to find food and shelter or they have to face the thing that they are most afraid (5) ... . In all these cases the viewers are those who decide who should leave or stay.

#### IV. There is a mistake in each sentence. Find it and correct it. (10 points)

- 1. Water is boiling at 100°C.
- 2. I'm afraid from earthquakes.
- 3. She has been lived in Brighton for seven years.
- 4. We need extra informations to end our presentation.
- 5. 'Eat Responsibly' it's an international school project.

#### V. Look carefully at each line. Find the extra word in each sentence. (10 points)

1. Grace has been to living in Cardiff for the last 5
/ears
2. I am visiting my aunt at in the weekend
3. He doesn't want to study the German
4. We do live in a small town, called Slobozia.
5. You can not definitely succeed in this intensive class
rest

# VI. Put the dialogue in the correct order. The dialogue starts with the bolded sentence. There is one extra sentence. (10 points)

- a) Two parties. That's a good idea!
- b) I want to have a birthday party on Wednesday evening.
  - c) Do I have to?
- d) You'd better ring your friends and tell them the news.
- e) Mmm. Why not have a small party on Wednesday and a big party later with your friends?
  - f) I think you should wait until the weekend.
  - g) Is Grandpa going to be here?

TOATE SUBIECTELE SUNT OBLIGATORII. TIMP DE LUCRU: 1 ORĂ. SE ACORDĂ 10 PUNCTE DIN OFICIU.

**TOTAL: 70 PUNCTE** 



1. David	on	his	proje	ect	all
afternoon.	. 011	1113	proje	ΣCι	an
a) has been working b) is working	a c)	wor	ke ć	1) h	21/6
	g c)	WOI	X5 C	1) 11	ave
worked					
2. They cla	assic	mus	ic wi	en	we
were young.			<u>.</u> .	•.	
a) used to listen b) was listening	c) ]	isten	ed d	l) w	ere
listening					
3. Your handwriting is better than _					
a) mine's b) mine c) my d) me					
4. When se	cond	ary so	chool	?	
4. When se a) did she finished b) did she finished	sh c	she	finish	ed	d)
she did finish					,
5. You li	isten	to vo	ur par	ents	s.
a) could b) should c) shouldn't			. I		
6. Children usually		-	oons	in	the
evening.					
a) watching b) watch c) are watch	hino	d) u	ıill wa	itch	
7. That history teacher has been in	_				
2010.	our s	CHOO	1		
a) past b) for c) since d) ago					
8. Let's visit the National Mus	seum	of	Agric	culti	are,
we?					
a) will b) shall c) do d) can					

storyjust been published.`
a) had b) has c) did d) is
10. Watch out! That pillar
someone.
a) will hit b) is going to hit c) is hitting d) hits
II. Use the words in capitals at the end of each of the following sentences in order to form a new word that fits suitably in the blank space. (10 points)
1. The surgeon operated with great PRECISE
2. To myyou lied to me again.
2. To myyou lied to me again. <b>DISAPPOINT</b>
DISAPPOINT
<b>DISAPPOINT</b> 3. I have to talk to you <b>IMMEDIATE</b> 4. I don't like to judge people on first <b>IMPRESS</b>
<b>DISAPPOINT</b> 3. I have to talk to you <b>IMMEDIATE</b>

The British businessman, Richard Branson, has had an amazing (1)...... He was born in 1950 and it was always his (2)..... to be successful. He opened a record shop in 1972 and also (3)..... up a record label, *Virgin Records*. This made him very rich and brought him (4)..... He then started other businesses and today he is the (5)..... of a huge business empire.

#### IV. There is a mistake in each sentence. Find it and correct it. (10 points)

- 1. I want to visit all the city in Europe.
- 2. How often do you listens to music.
- 3. She is afraid by terrorists.

modelling.

- 4. If I would see him, I would tell him the news.
- 5. She has been lived in Scotland for ten years.

#### V. Look carefully at each line. Find the extra word in each sentence. (10 points)

1. Many of young teenagers dream about a career in

. They can help you feel like good about yourself
. Garry hasn't never bought an Italian dictionary
. How did the lady test on him?
. Helen can not definitely succeed in this intensive class
est
71. Rephrase the second sentence so that it has the ame meaning to the first sentence. Use the word iven, without changing it in any way. (10 points)
ame meaning to the first sentence. Use the word iven, without changing it in any way. (10 points)  . We won't go out if the weather is bad.
ame meaning to the first sentence. Use the word iven, without changing it in any way. (10 points)

When
3. Excuse me, is somebody serving you, sir?
being
Excuse me,, sir?
4. 'Don't forget to buy some bread, Mum,' said
Elizabeth.
reminded
Elizabethbuy
some bread.
5. I think you should sell the car.
were
If Ithe car.

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**TOTAL: 70 PUNCTE** 



1. I am older than you,?
A. isn't it? B. am I C. aren't I D. don't I?
2. Hardly the room, when the telephone rang.
A. had I entered B. I entered C. I have entered
3. "Why is Nancy so happy?" "Her bookjust been
published.
A. has B. had C. is D. did
4Anna yesterday?
A. have you met B. did you meet C. do you
meet D. did you met
5. Ion my project all morning and I need a
break.
A. have worked B. have been working C. am
working D. work
6. If you have money, you a new CD.
A. buy B. are buying C. will buy D. bought
7. In my opinion, her situation is similar mine
A. with B. to C. of D. at
8. It happenedwe were asleep last Friday
night.
A. during B. for C. while D. since
9. Icakes and sweets all the time when I was
young.

A. us	ed to eat	B. was	eating (	C. eaten	D. am
eating			U		
10. She	for Ror	ne last V	Wednesda	2 <b>V</b>	
					D harra
	ve B. l	еπ	C. are lea	aving	D. nave
left					
II. Use the w	ords in ca	anitals s	at the en	d of eacl	h of the
following sen		_			
					ли шаі
fits suitably i	n the bian	k space	. (10 poi	nts)	
4 551 1.1					
1. The old ma	an looked v	very	,	so we ra	n away.
ANGRY					
2. We never fe	ound out tl	ne	st	ory. TRU	JTH
3. It's not eas	y to be			<b>FAME</b>	
4. The children	•				e game.
NOISE		- 5			8
5. I like her. S	he's very			REALITY	V
J. I like liel. S	one s very.			DEAUI	1
		_			
III. Read the					
best fits each	space. Us	se only	one wor	d in eacl	n space.
(10 points)					
_					
Last Monday,	Tom (1).	a	wallet o	n a lonel	y street.
He picked up					
noticed the					
(3) tha					•
competition.					
didn't (6)		•			
ticket back to	bio orrenos				
the money an				•	_
	nd at once	gave To	om a mi	llion doll	ars as a
(8)	nd at once	gave To	om a mi	llion doll	ars as a

competition", he told the reporters. "Now I am (10)...... and I want to reward honesty."

#### IV. There is a mistake in each sentence. Find it and correct it. (10 points)

- 1. Nature is the art of Good.
- 2. Our success depends by ourselves.
- 3. She has been worked in Rome for 10 years.
- 4. She needs times to end her activity.
- 5. They likes working in groups.

# V. Look carefully at each line. Some of the lines are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. Tick each correct line. If a line has a word which should not be there, write the word in the space. (10 points)

Last 1	sum	mer it	was	so l	ot	and h	umid	in t	the I	Lond	lon
that 2	by	Augu	ıst I	felt	I	reall	у со	ouldn	't t	ear	it
any 3	far	longe	r. I	had	bee	en pl	annin	g to	tal	ke	my
holida 4	ay ir	n Sept	embe	r bec	ause	e of v	ve we	ere v	ery l	busy	' at
work, 5	, bu	t I wa	as so	tired	out	t of t	he h	eat tl	hat I	asl	ced
for a 6	co	uple	of da	ays c	off,	threw	SOI	ne c	lothe	es i	nto

a suitcase and took off the train to Cromer
7which is on the coast of Norfolk. Many people think 8
about that Cromer is too touristy to be attractive 9
but I found out it full of beauty and charm 10
VI. Complete each second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words in each gap, including the word given. (10 points)
1. Take my advice and talk to your sister WERE
Iftalk to my sister.  2. Sarah bought the vase from Germany WAS
Theby Sarah.  3. What's the price of the camera?  MUCH
Howcost? 4. They've never been to Italy before.
TIME This is theto Italy.  5. Gerard said: "Mary is working now."
WAS Gerard said thatmoment



8. Let's visit The Peleş Castle,	we?
a) will b) shall c) do d) can	
9. `Why is Kate so tired?` `She	just arrived in
town after a long journey.`	-
a) had b) has c) did d) is	
10. Watch out! That painting	
a) will collapse b) is going to collapse	c) is collapsing
d)collapses	, 1 2
II. Use the words in capitals at the e	nd of each of the
following sentences in order to form	
fits suitably in the blank space. (10 po	
nts suitusty in the slaim space. (10 po	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
1. Athens isfor	its ancient
buidings. FAME	
2. Thelooked dark and there	were hardly any
other guests. <b>ENTER</b>	, ,
3. What is thebetween city and to	own?
DIFFERENT	
4. Thisgirl impressed ex	vervbody
BEAUTY	or yoody.
5. It is to tell always the truth.	POSSIRI F
3. It is to ten aiways the truth.	IOSSIBLE
III. Read the text below and think of	f the word which
best fits each space. Use only one wo	
(10 points)	ru in cuen spuce.
What is the (1) recognizable obj	iect in the world?
Could it be a football? Or a Big-Mac? N	
Coca-Cola (2) The famous Co	
almost 100 years old! Footballs an	
annost 100 jeans old. 100touns un	a org made are

certainly part of life for lots (3) people; but Coca-Cola is now a permanent part of world culture. People know (4) drink Coca-Cola all over the world.  It is said that the Coca-Cola bottle is the most recognised object in the world. Hundreds of millions of people (5) recognise a Coke bottle by its shape, even if they cannot see it!
IV. There is a mistake in each sentence. Find it and correct it. (10 points)
<ol> <li>I can speak English correctly when I was twelve.</li> <li>They insisted about being part of the activity.</li> <li>It has been rained for 2 hours.</li> <li>Two Spanish womens visited the city.</li> <li>Europe Day is a annual celebration of peace and unity in Europe.</li> </ol>
V. Look carefully at each line. Find the extra word in each sentence. (10 points)
<ol> <li>I will visit it the British Library</li> <li>Her brother will have come here</li> <li>Billy, the farmer, has been brought the cows in the barn</li> <li>This family is made up of for four people</li> <li>Last year the government decided to be increase the tax on profit</li> </ol>

#### VI. Put the dialogue in the correct order. The dialogue ends in the bolded sentence. (10 points)

- A. Why are you so late?
- B. What happened?
- C. I could not find my car keys.
- D. I left the keys in the car.
- E. How did you get the door open?
- F. Fortunately, my girlfriend has a spare key!

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SE ACORDĂ 10 PUNCTE DIN OFICIU.

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1. Wethe movie was a power cut.	when, suddenly, there
a. watched	c. had watched
b. were watching	d. had been watching
2. Unless he eat become ill.	ing healthily, he will
a. don't start	c. doesn't start
b. starts	d. start
3. He was a great musician by musicians were influenced.	7many
a. which	c. whom
b. where	d. who
4. I'm afraidany pape	er left for the printer.
a. it isn't	c. they aren't
b. there is	d. there isn't
5. The children are having a g	good time,?
a. isn't it	c. are they
b. aren't they	d. aren't the children
6. If I were you, I	cut down on salt.

a. would	c. will
b. could	d. might
7. I need	information for my project.
a. many	c. several
b. a great deal	d. a lot of
8. The party was a disaste	er. There there!
a. was somebody	c. was nobody
b. was anybody	d. was everybody
9. I wish I	to the beach, but I have to
stay at home and study.	
a. could go	c. can go
b. could have gone	_
10 We can	watch TV or go to
the cinema.	watch i v of go to
	11
a. either	c. whether
b. neither	d. nor

#### II. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap. (10 points)

Mountaineering is an almost unique sport, as the climber is in (1)............(COMPETE) with nature itself rather than with other humans. For this reason it is an extremely (2)............. (DANGER) activity. Nature does not follow any rules or (3)................(REGULATE), and can often play very (4).............(FAIR).

(5).................(PROFESSION) mountaineers are quite aware of the risks involved in their sport. Although they

# III. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. (10 points)

Many people like to see celebrities; but celebrities don't
usually like being looked (1) at least, not all
day every day! There (2), however, one place in
England where you can look at celebrities - lots of them -
every day: this is Madame Tussaud's, the most (3)
tourist attraction in London.
On most days of the year, queues of visitors (4) be
seen outside Madame Tussaud's, all wanting to get in and
see some of the most famous people in the world - kings
(5) queens, politicians, stars, and even famous
criminals. They are all inside, just waiting to be looked
at, or talked to.

#### IV. There is a mistake in each sentence. Find it and correct it. (10 points)

- 1. How many children do you got?
- 2. My sister is old than me.
- 3. I'm to old to go to nightclubs.

4.	Did	you	heard	that	noise?
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5.	Europe Day	y is an	annual	celebration	for	peace	and
u	nity in Euro	pe.					

V. Look careful	ly at	each	line.	Find	the	extra	word	in
each sentence. (	10 pc	oints)						

1. She is always wear an orange hat
2. Children in America must to go to school until they are
16
3 The shops in this street are all so much
expensive
4. The Thames is one England's most famous river.
5. The first book was printed it over 500 years ago
VI. Rephrase the following sentences so that the meaning stays the same. (10 points)
1. They are going to rebuild the Town Hall. (REBUILT)
The Town Hall
2. Jane is too short to reach the top shelf. (TALL)
Jane

3. It's two weeks since I visited my grandmother. (FOR)

I	_
4. In your position, I think I'd try to find a new apartment. (WERE)	
If	
5. It started to rain at two o'clock. (SINCE)	
Ĭt	

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1. Where	you	live	when	you
were a child.				
a) did b) do c) have d) were				
2. Would you like to go		_ wi	th me	this
afternoon?				
a) swim b) a swim c) swimming	d) to	swin	1	
3. You to listen careful	lly to	your	teachei	•
a) should b) must c) ought d) ha	ad bet	ter		
4. Two men in the acci	ident.			
a) dead b) dies c) dying d) died				
5. I'd like to change 100 dollars	s		e	uros,
please.				
a) with b) by c) into d) from				
6. My aunt on the ice a	and br	oke h	er leg.	
a) fallen b) fell c) felled d) felt				
7. This Romanian history teach	er ha	as be	en in	our
highschool 2000.				
a) past b) for c) since d) ago				
8. Let's visit Mamaia resort,	v	ve?		
a) will b) shall c) do d) can				
9. `Why is Caesar so unhappy?` `Hi	s bike	·		just
been stolen.`				
a) had b) has c) did d) is				
10 car is that green on	e ther	e?		

a) Who's b) Whose c) Which d) Who

# II. Use the words in capitals at the end of each of the following sentences in order to form a new word that fits suitably in the blank space. (10 points)

1. The w	as very nervous. <b>SING</b>
	s bring HAPPY
	when I'm older. SCIENCE
4. We need	to finish the task. <b>INFORM</b>
5. One of the most famou	usin the world is the
Eiffel Tower. CONSTR	UCT
	w and think of the word which
-	se only one word in each space.
(10 points)	
London is the (1)	city of England situated on
the bank of the River 7	Thames. It is an old and historic
city with many famous	(2), parks and places
	any tourists go to Buckingham
Palace, where the (3)	lives, as it is one of the
most recognisable places	
There are also many mu	seums and galleries and many of
them include (4)	entry. Some of the world's
	exhibit their artwork in
London's galleries.	

## IV. There is a mistake in each sentence. Find it and correct it. (10 points)

- 1. Helen's son had eat the delicious cake.
- 2. Jill has ever been to China.
- 3. The suspect have stolen the painting from museum.
- 4. The childs were part of an international programme.
- 5. I use to eat many lemons every day.

#### V. Look carefully at each line. Find the extra word in each sentence. (10 points)

<ol> <li>Let us to know if you have any problems and we'll see</li> </ol>
what we can do
2. I am afraid I will be unable to meet with you
3. If you need any more information, you feel free to
contact me
4. He's going to go to a conference in the Warsaw next
month
5. I can not definitely succeed in this Cambridge
examination

# VI. Put the following sentences into the correct order to tell the story. The first one is no. 1 and the last one is no.7 (10 points)

#### 1. It was just after midnight on July 17th last year.

- 2. The police officers weren't surprised when James told them the story.
- 3. The road was clear and he was driving carefully.
- 4. He was still looking under the car when the police car pulled up.
- 5. She was wearing a dark coat and a blue scarf.

- 6. He got out and looked under the car but, to his surprise, there was nothing there.
- 7. "Since then several people have seen her ghost there".
- 8. James tried to stop but it was too late.
- 9. While he was looking under the car, he felt a cold wind on his face and he shivered. Everything felt strange.
- 10. "A girl was killed in a car crash on this road in July 1971".
- 11. James was driving home from work.
- 12. Suddenly a young girl stepped out into the road in front of him.

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1. I did my homework when I television.
a) had watched b) was watch c) was watching
2. I a letter tomorrow.
a) write b) will write c) have written
3. They are not afraid humans.
a) by b) for c) of
4. I in this school for ten years.
a) has been studying b) have been studying c)
studied
5. I my grandmother next week.
a) would visit b) should visit c) visiting
6. I my work now. Do not disturb me.
a) were doing b) was doing c) am doing
7. I the pen before she did.
a) had taken b) is taking c) took
8. If I the address, I would have gone there.
a) know b) had known c) knew
9. If she asks for money, I her.
a) will give b) given c) gave
10. London a lot since 1975.
a) changed b) has changed c) will change

II. U	se the	words	in capita	ıls at	the en	nd of e	ach of	f the
follo	wing s	entence	s in ord	er to	form	a new	word	that
fits s	uitabl	y in the	blank sp	ace.	(10 po	ints)		

1. He is a well-known	BUSINESS
2. Laureen was an excellent	
3. They have got an impressive cars	COLLECT
4. The student got	in studying Russian.
INTEREST	, ,
5. Robin Williams was a famous	COMEDY
III. Read the text below and think best fits each space. Use only one (10 points)	
Charles Dickens was one of the gre	atest novelists of the
nineteenth (1) His father v	vas put in prison for
debt, so Dickens had to start work (2	) he was very
young. He began writing (3)	_ popular magazines
and became famous with The Pick	kwick Papers(1837),
(4) collection of amusing	stories. A Christmas
Carol (1843) only took a mon	th for Dickens to
(5)	
IV. There is a mistake in each se correct it. (10 points)	ntence. Find it and

1. Matthew want to be a professional footballer.

- 2. I does not like the bright colours.
- 3. Next mouth we are recording our new album.
- 4. Dolwyn Bay is a smaller fishing town.
- 5. Simona Halep is a romanian professional tennis player.

#### V. Look carefully at each line. Find the extra word in each line of the text. (10 points)

1. New Zealand has a beautiful landscapes. In North
2. Island, the Bay of Islands has have lovely old forests
and
3. beautiful beaches and the Coromandel is more
perfect
4. for sailing and watersports. Rotorua is in the centre of
5. the Maori culture and has wonderful hot springs.

# VI. Put the following paragraphs into the correct order to tell the story. The story ends with no.5 (10 points)

- 1. So one day he started out, and the good-wife filled his bag and slung his bottle on his back, that he might have meat and drink in the forest.
- 2. Once upon a time, and be sure it was a long time ago, there lived a poor woodman in a great forest, and every day of his life he went out to fell timber.

- 3. But he had not given one blow, when what should he hear but the pitifullest entreating, and there stood before him a fairy that prayed and beseeched him to spare the tree.
- 4. He had marked out a huge old oak, which, he thought, would furnish many and many a good plank.
- 5. He was dazed, as you may fancy, with wonderment and affright, and he could not open his mouth to utter a word. But he found his tongue at last, and, "Well", he said, "I will do what you wish."
- 6. And when he was come to it, he took his axe in his hand and swung it round his head, as though he were minded to fell the tree at one stroke.

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<ol> <li>"Did you speak to John?" "Yes, hehis homework when I phoned him".</li> <li>A) did B) has done C) was doing</li> <li>She's looking everywhere – she seemssomething.</li> </ol>
A) to have lost B) to lose C) to be losing
3. Despite a lot of money, she's always broke.
A) earn B) of earning C) earning
4. This room really ought
A) to paint B) be painted C) to be painted
5. He'll have to send in his applicationthe end
of May.
A) by B) when C) until
6. If only Ithem my secret.
A) wouldn't tell B) shouldn't tell C) hadn't
told
7. "Can I help you?" "I'd like aof milk,
please."
A) box B) carton C) pot
8. The moneynot enough to pay the bill.
A) are B) were C) was
9. She said that shethe actor several times
before.
A) met B) was meeting C) had met

10. She wanted to know what......A) is her name B) her name had been C) her name was

# II. Use the words in capitals at the end of each of the following sentences in order to form a new word that fits suitably in the blank space. (10 points)

- 1. I don't have much ... of European history. **KNOW**
- 2. Tomorrow I'm going to send off my ... form for the job. **APPLY**
- 3. Her brother works in this factory as an ... . **ENGINE**
- 4. My pencil has broken! Have you got a ...? **SHARP**
- 5. The ... in this city has gone worse. I find it difficult to breathe. **POLLUTE**

# III. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. (10 points)

Hotels are expensive in Britain (1) there are some
cheaper alternatives. "Bed and Breakfast" are private
houses (2) offer accommodation and breakfast.
Many of them give excellent value for money. Youth
hostels are (3) cheaper, if you don't mind sharing
with other people. Hostels vary greatly, but all (4)
belonging to the Youth Hostel Association(YHA)

guarantee	certain	standards	(5)	comfort	and
cleanliness	_				

## IV. Correct the following sentences if necessary. Rewrite all the correct sentences. (10 points)

- 1. I think they enjoyed themself at the party.
- 2. Mobile phone has become a very popular gadget.
- 3. I can do what I wanted.
- 4. I wasn't able to swim across the river.
- 5. We agreed to discuss about the problem in private.

## V. Look carefully at each quote and find the extra word in each of them. (10 points)

1. "Don't criticize it what you can't understand." Bob
Dylan
2. "Be nice to the people on the way up because you'll
meet them on the way down`` Wilson Mizner
3. ``The customer has is always right.``H. Gordon
Selfridge
4. `` A house is a machine for with living in .`` Le
Corbusier
5. ``I just put my feet in the on air and move them
around.`` Fred Astaire

VI. Rephrase the second sentence so that it has the same meaning to the first sentence. Use the word given, without changing it in any way. (10 points)

1. He was too tired to work any more. <b>THAT</b>
He washe couldn't work
any more.
2. I've never been to this shop before. <b>TIME</b>
This isI've been to
this shop.
3. The doctor will only see you if you have an
appointment. <b>NOT</b>
The doctoryou have
an appointment.
4. The bus station is near the new shopping centre.
FROM
The bus station isthe new
shopping centre.
5. We could not take our instruments on the plane.
ALLOWED
We were take our
instruments on the plane.

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### I. Fill in the blanks with one suitable word: (10 points)

The first soaps that we would recognise today were produced by Muslim chemists in the mediaeval Islamic world around 1000 A.D. (7) ......soaps were not only made from similar materials (8) ......also included colouring and perfume in some

cases. But it was not (9) .....the Nineteenth Century that large-scale soap production began making a product that was cheap (10)..... for everybody to afford it.

## II. Choose and underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence: (10 points)

- 1. There were *no/none* people at the bus stop.
- 2. Sorry, but I can't hear *either/neither* of you properly.
- 3. When I got on my bike, I noticed that *both tyres/every tyre* were flat.
- 4. According to the song, *all/each* you need is love.
- 5. I am not making much money these days/so far this year.

## III. Complete each sentence with a word formed from the words in capitals: (10 points)

1. The footballer's injuries were worse than first thought and it's unlikely that he'll ever play ... again.

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- 2. I've been out of work for ages. It's not much fun being **EMPLOY**
- 3. If you go to court you will need a good .... LAW
- 4. Our team is very ... .We've won three international competitions this year. **SUCCEED**
- 5. It is very difficult to live in London on a low ....

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## IV. Correct the following sentences if necessary. Rewrite all the correct sentences. (10 points)

- 1. Brian is siting on his sofa and telling me about his perfect day.
- 2. The road was closing because the river flooded.
- 3. You shouldn't walk alone at night.
- 4. I met Joseph whom mother teaches at our school.
- 5. They aren't going to leave, are they?

D. studies

## V. Identify the right form for each of the blanks. (10 points)

þυ	mis	5)		
	1.	Charles		for five hours.
	A.	is studying	B. studied	C. has been studying

- 2. What song ...... at Eurovision Song Contest last night?
- A. they did sing B. do they sing C. they sang D. did they sing
- 3. If it rains, we .....home.
- A. would stay B. will stay C. stay home D. stayed
- 4. I am not interested .....reading SF books.
- A. in B. on C. at D. for

<b>5.</b>	Anthony could	a motorbike when he	e
	was 16.		

A. sail B. ride C. catch D. drive

# VI. Rephrase the second sentence so that it has the same meaning to the first sentence. Use the word given, without changing it in any way. (10 points)

1. We won't go out if the weather is bad. won't
Wethe weather is good
2. How long have Mary and David been married?  get
Whenmarried?
3. Excuse me, is somebody serving you, sir? being
Excuse me,, sir?
4. 'Don't forget to buy some bread, Mum,' said Martha. <b>reminded</b>
Marthabuy some bread.
5. I think you should sell the house. were
If Ithe house.



## I. Choose the correct form for each of the blanks. (10 points)

1. I'm going I?	g to have a pa	art in the play	,
A. am not	B. don't	C. haven't	D. aren't
2. My MP 3	player is bet	ter	yours!
A. from	B. to	C. than	D. that
3. I wish minutes!	you		be quiet for five
A. must	B. would	C. can	D. should
4. Carol ask	ed me if you		the film.
A. already s D. Has alrea		ready seen (	C. already saw
5. I am own! I'm ni		to g	o on holiday on my
A. so old H	3. such an old	C. too old	D. old enough

6. We were made.	made		up all th	e mess we'd
A. clear B	3. to clear	C. clearing	D. cle	ared
7. Sophie because she		have be to school.	en ill to	oday
A. can't	B. should	C. m	ust	D. would
8. If youhave finished	d on time.	helped	me, I wo	ould never
A. hadn't E	3. haven't	C. don't D	. would	n't
9. I'll send you the bus.	you a text m	essage		I'm
A. before	B. while	C. until		D. as soon
10. We decide the rain.	ded to go for	a walk		of
A. although	B. despite	e C. hov	wever	D. in spite
following se	entences in	pitals at the order to for k space. (10	m a nev	
1. My skin is	s very			SENSE
2. There are	lots of		ency	clopaedias
on the Intern	net. MEDIC	INE		

3. My mum prefers cooking on a gas	COOK
4. What's the best way to lose	? <b>WEIGH</b>
5. I put salt in the coffee by mistake! It wasn! INTEND	't
III. Read the text below and think of the best fits each space. Use only one word in (10 points)	
Oscar Wilde (1) born in Dublin in went to university at Trinity College Dublir and then moved to London. As a young man brilliant (2) eccentric, with his lo extravagant clothes. He began writing poetry famous works are his plays, (3) collected Lady Windermere's Fan (1892) and The In Being Earnest (1895) or the more serious Sc (4) his conversation, his plays were humour, such as: "Nowadays, people know everything and the value (5) nothing."	and Oxford in, Wilde was ing hair and but his most omedies like inportance of alome(1894). full of quick the price of
IV. There is a mistake in each line of the and correct it. (10 points)	text. Find it
<ol> <li>The flag of Wales, with it's red dragon, is oldest in the world. It</li> <li>was brought too Britain by the Romans. The saint of Wales is St</li> <li>David. St. David converted wales to Christ established the Welsh</li> </ol>	he patron

<ul> <li>4. church. The leek is another simbol of Wa According to legend, St. David</li> <li>5. ordered his soldiers to wearing them on the before the Welsh fought</li> <li>a victorious battle over the Saxons.</li> </ul>	
V. Match to make sentences. (10 points)	
1. There's a big difference tickets and give me cash later.	A. for the
2. Use my credit card to pay video games.	B. on playing
3. Jim spent all his money an ordinary radio and a digital radio.	C. between
4. I saw an advertisement power or it won't work.	D. to the
5. You have to connect the computer watch that I heard about.	E. for a
VI. Complete each second sentence us given, so that it has a similar meanin sentence. Write between two and five v gap.(10 points)	g to the first
What you said really surprised me. <b>BY</b> I wl	hat you said.
2. I don't want to play computer games any <b>TIRED</b>	
Icom	iputer games.
3. I didn't do anything wrong! GUILTY I'm	anything!

4. Hurry up or we'll miss the plane! <b>LATE</b>	
Hurry up or we'll th	e plane!
5. The exam started at nine and we wrote for thruntil twelve. <b>WRITING</b>	ee hours
When the exam finished at twelve, we	
for three hours.	

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# I. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. (10 points)

Throughout history people have	e used maps, (1)
these maps have not (2) b	
fact, some of the earliest maps (3	3) made on pieces
of stone or sometimes simply by ground to show travellers the way that we still (4) today date A map is basically a kind of pidesigned to (5) people fin place to another.	y drawing a map on the y to go. The oldest maps back 4,000 years or so. acture of an area and is
II. Use the words in capitals at following sentences in order to fits suitably in the blank space.	form a new word that
following sentences in order to	form a new word that (10 points)
following sentences in order to fits suitably in the blank space.	form a new word that (10 points)
following sentences in order to fits suitably in the blank space.  1. She must have a lot ofideas like that. IMAGINE	form a new word that (10 points) to think of
following sentences in order to fits suitably in the blank space.  1. She must have a lot of	form a new word that (10 points) to think of He loves
following sentences in order to fits suitably in the blank space.  1. She must have a lot ofideas like that. IMAGINE  2. Greg is really	form a new word that (10 points)  to think of He loves ng poetry. ART
following sentences in order to fits suitably in the blank space.  1. She must have a lot ofideas like that. IMAGINE  2. Greg is reallypainting, playing music and writing.	form a new word that (10 points)  to think of He loves ng poetry. ART to

4. Oscar said he love	ed classical music and his favourite
	_ was Mozart. <b>COMPOSE</b>
5. I don't like those t	rousers, no matter how they are.
FASHION	·

## III. Choose the correct form for each of the blanks. (10 points)

1. Did you	to pay to send the
package back?	- 4
a) must	c) can
b) should	d) have
2. Before the exam, I	everything
<ul> <li>except the questions they</li> </ul>	asked!
a) had studied	c) have studied
b) study	d) was studying
3. Aida	to speak Bulgarian
before she met Ivan.	
a) use not	c) wasn't used
b) has not used	d) didn't use
4. Look at the photo	page 100!
a) in	c) at
b) on	d) to
5. When I'm older,	a famous
businessman.	
a) I'm being	c) I'm going to be
b) I be	d) I will be
<i>'</i>	<i>'</i>

o. The money	, o a lent n	ic was
really useful!	•	
a) that	c) who	
b) where	d) whom	
7. Is this Oxford dictionary		_?
a) you	c) your	
b) you're	d) yours	
8. Do you think he shouldjob?		_ for this
a) to apply	<ul><li>c) applying</li></ul>	g
b) applies	d) apply	
9. Peopleand get a little exercise.	_ happier if the	ey eat well
a) would be	c) were	
b) are	d) would h	ave been
10. David is completely fed job and is thinking of leaving. a) up b) over	c) out d) off	with his
<ul><li>IV. One of the words in each storm. Write the correct word.</li><li>1. My grandma had no idea that value.</li></ul>	(10 points) her old necklad	
<ul><li>2. Credit cards are really use.</li><li>3. The serve in this restaurant is</li></ul>		

you lent me was

6 The money



### I. Make the right choice. (10 points)

- 1. She walked / was walking down the street when it started to rain.
- 2. I haven't been / didn't go to school since yesterday.
- 3. I usually wake up at 7 but today I wake / am waking up at 10 because it's Sunday.
- 4. What time have you finished / did you finish your homework?
- 5. I am living / have been living in this city for two years.
- 6. Now the wind blows / is blowing very hard.
- 7. I talked / was talking while she was listening to me.
- 8. Her mother isn't at home because she didn't finish / hasn't finished work yet.
- 9. During the last school holidays she worked / has worked in her father's shop.
- 10. Jane got / has got home from school at 4.30.

# II. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. (10 points)

Electra Gillies has set up (1)\_\_\_\_\_ own eco-tourism company. To ensure that her holidays really are green she

goes out and visits (2) the best things as far		
that most of the p	places she (4)	_ chosen use
renewable energy, en		d therefore re-
invest in the (5)	economy.	
III. Complete using a given. (10 points)	word formed fron	the letters
1. She thinks we should	ld all go in the same	car and save
petrol. That's the most	t	_ idea.
BLESSINE		
2. Do not be so	11,	m sure
everything will be fine		in sure
3. I think this is the	1	olace to camp –
it's dry and flat and ha		
LADEI		
4. Jessie has got a		problem with
her motorbike. R E S		1
5. Your teachers said l	lots of	things
about you. <b>S E P T I C</b>		
IV. Choose the corr (10 points)	ect form for each	of the blanks.
1. You may come if yo	ou like but vou	
A) don't have		•
B) needn't	D) mustn't	
,	,	

2. If I	so tired, I would have helped you.
A) wouldn't	C) wouldn't have been
B) wasn't	
3. Each of their sor	ns has
A) a room of his ov	wn C) a room of their own
B) an own room	D) own rooms
4. Don't touch any	thing until the police
A) will arrive	C) shall arive
B) arrive	D) arrives
5. Would you mind	l if I joined you?
A) No, I don't.	C) No, not at all.
B) Yes, why not.	D) Yes, please do.
6. Sorry to bother y	/ou
A) So am I.	C) Yes, of course.
B) No, you can't.	D) That`s all right.
	st eleven.
A) hit B) beaten	C) struck
B) beaten	D) knocked
8. The fish you're	eating only six hours ago
A) was caught	C) had been caught
B) has been caught	
9. Give me the dict	ionary for a moment,?
A) will you	
B) can't you	
10. The bomb migh	nt explode moment.
A) every B) all	C) each
B) all	D) any

## V. Arrange these words so as to form correct sentences. (10 points)

1. their / fear / worst / that / they / was / had / her / for / mistaken / somebody else.
2. ironing / had / he / when / came / she / finished.
3. hadn't / the / before / town / and / she / she / excited / was / left.
4. hadn't / entrance / remembered / he / left / house / that / locked / the / door / after / the / he / he.
5. old / the / said / that / lady / she / seen / before / such / an / hadn't / odd / thing.
VI. Complete each second sentence, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. (10 points)  1. I lost my keys because I was not careful.  If
2. That girl is less beautiful than you are.
That girl is not
3. The teacher graded the papers.
The papers
4. It's not pleasant when you have to take a test.
Taking
5. If you don't hurry you will miss the plane.
Unless



### I. Make the right choice. (10 points)

- 1. Joanna went/has been to Rome four times.
- 2. I last saw/have seen them two years ago.
- 3. They're/Their continuously talking.
- 4. I'm writing/writting a letter to my pen friend.
- 5. The book whose/which covers are all dirty is hers.
- 6. The last person that/which I saw yesterday was my uncle.
- 7. Portugal has been visited/was being visited by many tourists this year.
- 8. The team is supported/supports by the local community.
- 9. I think you should/could go home now. It is getting darker.
- 10. Milk/ The milk is the best drink for children.

# II. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. (10 points)

Take a dog for a stroll and you'll discover it involves a lot more (1)\_\_\_\_\_ walking. Dogs experience the world in a million different ways. They track a scent with their nose. Follow the flight of a bird with (2)\_\_\_\_ eyes. Lift their legs to mark territory. Use their paws to dig into the

earth. Roll their fur around in tall grass. Dogs are some of the most experiential creatures on earth, and humans (3) learn a lot from them. We tend to be jaded by the world around us, but if we see the world as a dog does, we can be reborn. Next time you step outside, try to capture the world with all of your (4) Sniff the air. Feel the ground under your feet. Savor the texture of the air on your cheeks. (5) exploring each day like a dog, you can see the world in a thousand new ways every single day.
III. Arrange these words so as to form correct sentences. (10 points)
1. the sun / in the East / rises / and / in the West / sets.
2. so far / have / pages / many / how / read / you ?
3. me / Ashley / that / to / advised / not / do.
4. could / ski / Deborah / young / was / she / when.
5. repaint / best / the / is / walls / to / solution / the.
IV. Use the words in capitals at the end of each of the following sentences in order to form a new word that fits suitably in the blank space. (10 points)
1. My with Clarice lasted for over three years. <b>RELATION</b>

2. She is asking for your	!
FORGIVE	
3. My brother is	but that doesn't
stop him from doing lots of sport. A	BLE
4. I think astronomy is absolutely	
FASCINATE	
5. Her sister is studying	at
university. CHEMIST	
V. Circle the correct word. (10 po	ints)
1. I'm going to get/become rid of th 2. Jimmy does not believe/belive in	
3. Our president insists in/on talking	•
minister.	g to the prime
4. I wish I were/was you.	
5. If she studied/studyed more, she	would get the first
prize.	0 010 800 010 11100
p-120.	
VI. Complete each second sente given, so that it has a similar r sentence. Write between two and gap. (10 points)	neaning to the first
1. I wish I'd gone on holiday with m I on ho friends.	
2. Elena asked the waitress for anoth	ner knife. COULD

Elena said: ", please?"
3. It was such a long journey that they were exhausted when they arrived. <b>SO</b>
The journey they were
exhausted when they arrived.
4. A famous designer made my clothes. <b>HAD</b> Iby a famous designer.
5. Graham is said to be very generous. <b>THAT</b> Everyone very generous.

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# I. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. (10 points)

Reflexology is (1) ancient alternative therapy that was (2) in ancient Egypt, Greece and China.
Reflexology involves putting pressure on parts of the feet
(3) hands and a gentle movement, a little bit like
massage.
Acupuncture involves using needles and inserting
(4) into selected points on the body. (5)
belief is that by placing needles at particular points the
flow of energy (6) be changed so that particular
parts of the body are affected. Scientists (7) that by
using the needles endorphins are released into the brain
and (8) it is this that makes acupuncture work.
Research shows that acupuncture (9) effective at
helping relieve pain and headaches, as (10) as
helping with asthma and high blood pressure.

## II. Use the words in capitals to form a new word that fits suitably in the blank space. (10 points)

## III. There is a mistake in each sentence. Find it and correct it. (10 points)

- 1. Marie is my best friend. She always gives me very good advices.
- 2. They are afraid from losing their jobs.
- 3. She has been lived in Ireland for seven years.
- 4. I need extra informations to speak the truth.
- 5. Elizabeth II is the world's old reigning monarch as well as Britain's longest-lived.

## IV. Choose A, B, C or D for each of the blanks: (10 points)

A. closes B. closed C. has closed D. had closed

2. The man succeeded the lake in record time.
A. in crossing B. to cross C. crossing D. cross
3. She will believe you if you her the truth.  A. will tell B. would tell C. tell D. told
4. Who can give me information about the trip?
A. many B. much C. more D. a few
5. It is getting because summer is coming. A. very hot B. warm C. warmer and warmer D. hoter
6 the bedroom and the bathroom are painted white. A. Both B. And C. Neither D. None
A. Both B. And C. Petitler B. Polic
7. World War II broke in 1939. A. out B. down C. up D. in
8. I would like tennis with you soon. A. played B. playing C. to play D. to have played
9. They live from school than I do. A. more far than B. farther as C. further as D. farther

- 10. ..... to wear uniforms at school?
- A. Do you have B. Have you C. Must you D. Can you

## V. Put the following phrases into the correct order to form a coherent text. (10 points)

- C. Many Americans and international tourists make a special visit to Washington, D.C., in the spring to see the blooming pink and white Japanese cherry trees that circle the Tidal Basin and the Jefferson Memorial.
- A. When you think about the things that attract millions of visitors to Washington, D.C., each year, you probably think about the monuments, the White House, the Capitol, the Library of Congress.
- D. The trees were originally planted as a gift from the people of Tokyo, Japan, in 1912. In 1910, a previous donation of 2,000 cherry trees had to be destroyed after they were infested with insects.
- B. But have you ever thought about the living things that are also a major tourist attraction?
- E. Each spring, the National Cherry Blossom Festival, a two-week-long celebration, attracts tens of thousands of visitors from around the world to see the magnificent trees in full bloom.

VI. Complete each second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write between two and five words in each gap. (10 points)

1. Both my sister and my brot Not only my pl	1 1
2. You broke my window, To Mr. Brown accused	
3. They always serve lunch at Lunch 2 p.r	-
4. Maybe grannie is making a Grannie	
5. She tried not to look at him	LOOKING

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TOTAL: 70 PUNCTE



# I. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. (10 points)

They are perhaps the best (1) icons of Britain, and
if you've ever been (2) London, you've probably
seen (3) They are the soldiers in bright red jackets
or shining helmets, (4) stand outside Buckingham
Palace, or in Whitehall. They are men who can stand
absolutely still, even when tourists tell them jokes, touch
them, push them, or try to (5) them move. They
look identical, and they march like robots.
But who are (6) soldiers? Are they an army of
clones, or actors? Or are they (7) soldiers? Some
people are surprised to learn that they are real soldiers;
and the guns that they carry are very real (8) The
guns are not just for show; they are loaded!
The men who stand guard (9) Buckingham Palace
and certain other royal palaces are in fact some
(10) the best-trained soldiers in the British army.
They belong to a number of historic regiments, such as
the Grenadier Guards or the Scots Guards.

## II. Use the words in capitals to form a new word that fits suitably in the blank space. (10 points)

1. Athens is <b>FAME</b>	for its ancient buildings.
2. She is alwaysRESPECT	towards her teachers.
3. The hospital has the bast ambulances. <b>EQUI</b>	pest medical and P
4. My greatestsecondary school. <b>ACH</b>	was finishing the
5PERSONAL	speaking, I didn't like the movie.
III. Look carefully at e	each line. Find the extra word in nts)
2. The lady had forgotte	finished in Septemberen it her umbrella in the hallanuscript, I would give it to you.
behaviour  5. Kate Middleton bed style and has been b	coffee can affect your mood and came prominent for her fashion eing placed on numerous "best

## IV. Choose a), b), c) or d) for each of the blanks. (10 points)

1. Whenever we met	hands.
a) are shaking	c) shake
b) shook	d) were shaking
2. After they reached the o	cottage they realized someone
else there.	
a) was	c) had been
b) were	d) be
3. Three people	when the two cars collided.
a) were killed	c) have been killed
b) killed	d) are killed
4. You cross	the street on the red light.
a) cannot	c) may not
b) mustn't	d) shouldn't
5. Your boss finally agree	d with your solution,
he?	
a) did	c) didn't
b) was	d) wasn't

## V. Put the following phrases into the correct order to form a coherent text. (10 points)

E. When they part with their pocket money, kids across Europe are most likely to purchase toys and the latest electronic equipment. Clothing is close in importance, with sweets and electronic games also being important to them.

A. Children in Europe generally start receiving pocket money when they reach six years old, often coinciding with their entry into primary school.

C. In the other southern countries surveyed (France, Italy, Greece and Portugal), the average rises to seven years of age. Parents in Northern Europe are more likely than any other Europeans to buy kids the things they ask for.

- B. Six years old is the average age when a regular allowance begins in northern European countries (Belgium, Sweden, the Netherlands and Germany), and also Spain.
- D. When given money for holidays and birthdays, most children (58%) choose to save it though the survey found that many don't manage to keep it for long -44% say they end up spending it within two months.
- VI. Complete each second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write between two and five words in each gap. (10 points)

1. `I want to learn how t	to paint,` Janet said. <b>SAID</b>		
Janet	to learn how to paint.		
2. We finally succeeded in cheering Garett up.			
MANAGED	-		
We finally	Garett up.		
3. The students complain	ned the classroom was too cold		
WARM			

The students com	plained	enoug	n.
4. I could never ha	ave passed that ex	am without you	ır help
YOU			
I could never have	e passed that exan	n	me.
5. Stop interrupting	ig me all the time	! WOULD	
I wish	all the	time.	

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**TOTAL: 70 PUNCTE** 

### II. ORAL EXAMINATION





## Read the text below and answer the questions that follow: 30points

It was already late when we set out for the next town, which according to the map was about fifteen miles away on the other side of the hills. There we felt sure that we would find a bed for the night. Darkness fell soon after we left the village, but luckily we met no one as we drove swiftly along the narrow winding road that led to the hills. As we climbed higher, it became colder and the rain began to fall, making it difficult at times to see the road. I asked John, my companion, to drive more slowly. After we had traveled for about twenty miles, there was still no sign of the town which was marked on the map. We were beginning to get worried. Then, without warning, the car stopped. A quick examination showed that we had run out of petrol. Although we had little food with us, only a few biscuits and some chocolate, we decided to spend the night in the car.



- 1. What is the text about?
- 2. What did the travelers expect to find in the next town?
- 3. Why did John ask his companion to drive more slowly?
- 4. Do you think that the car is the ideal means of transport? (give arguments to support your opinion)

VOCABULAR SI ELEMENTE DE COSTRUCTIE A COMUNICARII – 10 PUNCTE INTELEGEREA CONTEXTULUI SI FLUENTA EXPRIMARII – 10 PUNCTE PRONUNTIA SI INTONATIA – 10 PUNCTE





Dr. Chen, a doctor living in Beijing, decided one morning to give her cat away. Dr. Chen thought that it was much better for the animal to live in the country. So she put Wei Wei in the car and drove 100 kilometres out of the city to her brother's house and left the cat with him. A month later she was shocked to hear that Wei Wei was no longer there! Then one night Dr. Chen heard a noise at her bedroom window. Unable to sleep she got out of bed and was surprised to see a thin cat looking in. She chased the cat away and went back to bed. Then, just as she was about to fall asleep, something landed on her bed. "It gave me a real fright and then I realized it was the cat and the cat was Wei Wei!" Now Dr. Chen says she will never give Wei Wei away again.

- 1. What is the text about?
- 2. Why did Dr. Chen take the cat to the countryside?

- 3. Why was Dr. Chen unable to recognize the cat in the first place?
- 4. Do you think that keeping pets is the ideal hobby? (give arguments to support your opinion).

TOATE SUBIECTELE SUNT OBLIGATORII.
TIMP DE LUCRU: 15 MINUTE.





Mr. Ndobe left his house one morning and there, as usual, was his cat Zulu, sitting on his car. Mr. Ndobe, a South African businessman, chased the cat away and then got in his car and drove to work. Heavy traffic in the morning meant that Mr. Ndobe was unable to drive very fast so he was surprised to see a police car behind him flashing its lights. As Mr. Ndobe slowed down to pull over, he was surprised to see something large and grey slide down the windscreen. "It gave me a real fright and then I realized it was Zulu and was terrified." The policeman got out of his car and told the owner that he saw the cat and thought it was a toy being carried on the roof as a joke. Now Mr. Ndobe always checks Zulu is not near the car when he drives to work.

- 1. What is the text about?
- 2. What happened when Mr. Ndobe stopped the car?
- 3. Why did the policeman stop him?
- 4. Do you think cats make perfect pets? (give arguments to support your opinion)

TOATE SUBIECTELE SUNT OBLIGATORII.
TIMP DE LUCRU: 15 MINUTE.



Samhain was the end of the Celtic year, and like all good new-year's-eves, a good excuse for a party. However, this was more than just a good time together. It was of major importance to the Celts. Samhain marked the end of summer and the start of the cold, dark winter and was a day when the druidic priests of the Celts believed that the dead could come back to the earth and cause trouble for the living. To counter this, the druids built large, sacred fires to chase away the dead. It was also believed that if you lit a new fire in your house, from the embers of the sacred fire, no evil could enter your house, while the fire stayed lit. When the Romans invaded the British Isles, they added their own customs and traditions to those of the Celts.



- 1. What is the text about?
- 2. What did the druids believe?

- 3. What did the druids build?
- 4. What could the fire do?

TOATE SUBIECTELE SUNT OBLIGATORII. TIMP DE LUCRU: 15 MINUTE.



Vicente Cabrera is a farmer. His farm is in Mexico, near the United States-Mexican border. He works in the field every day, where he also takes his three-year old son, Tomas. Vicente works, while Tomas plays, One day, as Vicente was working, he realized that he no longer heard his son playing. He looked for Tomas, but couldn't find him. As there were holes in the fence separating the borders of the two countries, he thought that maybe Tomas crawled through a hole. The Mexican police phoned the American Border Patrol. The officers started looking for Tomas in the United States. They were worried, because the land near the border is a desert. It is hot in the daytime and cold at night. Finally, they found Tomas under a bush. He was cold, hungry and thirsty. He had cuts on his feet and face, but he was alive. He was 24 kilometers away from his home.



- 1. What is the text about?
- 2. What happened one day?
- 3. Is there a hole in Vicente's field or in the fence?
- 4. Where was Tomas found?



Normal, healthy people can improve their memories very easily. First of all, learn to relax if you're trying to memorise something. You may miss important items if your mind is on something else, or if you weren't paying attention because of anxiety – you retain information best when you are alert and concentrating. If you're having trouble concentrating, increase the flow of oxygenated blood to the brain. Despite its small size, the brain uses 20% of the body's oxygen requirement. So try to combine study with exercise, particularly the kind of exercise that gets you breathing faster. Keep your mind fit as well as your body by doing mental workouts. Crosswords, scrabble and quizzes all help to keep your mind in shape.



- 1. What is the text about?
- 2. What kind of physical exercise is the most efficient in boosting your memory and why?
- 3. When do people learn best?
- 4. What examples of mental workouts does the writer give?

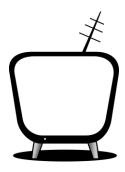
TOATE SUBIECTELE SUNT OBLIGATORII. TIMP DE LUCRU: 15 MINUTE.



A lot of people in my country think that television has improved over the last few years, others think it has got worse.

If you like a lot of choice, and want to be entertained more than anything else, you would probably say that television has improved. There are a lot more movies, game shows, sports programmes and the so-called reality shows in which real people talk about dramatic things that have happened to them.

However, if you thought of television as an educational aid, you are probably very disappointed with what is on offer. Despite the large number of channels, there are definitely fewer documentary programmes. In addition, the documentaries that are shown are of poorer quality than they were a few years ago. There are also fewer programmes about art and music because advertisers have found out that these programmes attract only a small audience.



- 1. What is the text about?
- 2. What makes the author think that television has got worse?
- 3. Has the number of television channels increased or decreased?
- 4. Which are the programmes which, according to the advertisers, attract fewer viewers?



When I first went to live in Spain I couldn't speak any Spanish. I had to learn to speak quickly because of my job. Some friends suggested buying a television and this turned out to be a good idea. At first, I didn't really understand anything at all, but little by little I began to pick up the main ideas. I would read an English newspaper the same day, so I knew what was happening around the world and could understand the news. But the best programmes for learning Spanish were the game shows. I must have watched hundreds of them in the first few months after I came to live here. Because the same patterns are repeated again and again, you learn the rules of the language almost automatically. Although they were not the types of programmes I would normally have watched, I began to quite enjoy them. I speak Spanish well now, but I still watch them sometimes.



- 1. What is the text about?
- 2. What was the role the English newspapers played in the process of learning Spanish?
- 3. How did the writer learn the rules of the language?
- 4. Which TV programmes did the writer start enjoying?



The British are generally regarded as the most untidily dressed people in Europe, but I have often thought that the opposite is true. Take, for example, the wearing of jeans. In many southern European countries it seems perfectly acceptable for both teachers and office staff to wear jeans, whereas in Britain jeans are considered far too casual and are only acceptable if work is dirty or unskilled. Office workers in Britain must follow a very strict dress code. Even in the hottest weather, male employees are required to wear a suit and a tie and female employees must be dressed in a skirt and tights. In schools, the dress code is not quite so formal, but staff still tend to wear shirts and smartish trousers or skirts. The British may not be as stylish as their European counterparts, but a dress code still exists.



- 1. What is the writer's opinion about the way the British dress?
- 2. How are jeans regarded in different parts of Europe?
- 3. What do British male and female employees wear at work?
- 4. What do school staff wear in Britain?



It's March 2050. As they watch the screen, Frank and Mary take their usual weight control pills, and order one of the household robots to make coffee. Frank disappears into the study to join a live video conference with his colleagues around the world. He is a computer programmer working for several companies on a contract basis. Mary has a quick look at the shopping channels before picking up the video phone to talk to a colleague. She also has a job, which she shares with several others. They are doing research into genetic engineering, which has become a major industry. Both she and Frank used to have an office desk in London, but in 2014 they decided to move to the seaside and work from home.



- 1. What is the text about?
- 2. What is Mary's job?
- 3. What are the differences between working life in 2050 and the present day?
- 4. What will make all these changes possible?

TOATE SUBIECTELE SUNT OBLIGATORII. TIMP DE LUCRU: 15 MINUTE.



The young man in this story was very lazy. To make time pass, he used to think of funny things, maybe in order to forget he was so hungry. He was thinking of funny mice particularly, of some mice that would bring him some food.

But one day his dream turned into reality. A mouse came to the young man and dropped some money at his feet. The money was four ten dollar bills which the mouse carried in its mouth. The mouse had carried the money so delicately that no teeth marks had been left on the money. The young man picked up the money, and studied the mouse, which stood in perfect harmony with everything. "Well", he said, "This is delightful."

He looked at the mouse thoughtfully.

"Stealing, hey?" he said.

The mouse nodded the way a clown nods in a funny way.



- 1) What is the text about?
- 2) What animal was the young man thinking of?

- 3) How had the mouse carried the money?
- 4) Did the mouse work for the money?

TOATE SUBIECTELE SUNT OBLIGATORII. TIMP DE LUCRU: 15 MINUTE.



As a hotel manager, I have some interesting stories about our guests. Well, people steal anything. For example, one couple stole sheets and blankets from their beds, but one of the maids saw them do it. So, the porter who carried their luggage down, took the sheets and blankets out and replaced them with a set of telephone directories.

We also get some unreasonable requests. At a hotel in London, one couple wanted to have dinner on their own in the hotel ballroom with a gypsy violinist and a palm tree. And they also wanted to be able to see the moon! Other people completely destroy their rooms. One couple

Other people completely destroy their rooms. One couple managed to spill coffee over an area of nine metres square. It was everywhere – on the TV, across the floor and on the bedclothes.



- 1) What is the text about?
- 2) What trick did the members of the hotel staff play on the couple who stole sheets and blankets from their beds?
- 3) What example of unusual request does the manager give?
- 4) Which, according to the hotel manager, are the three categories of incredible things that happen in hotels?



The first job interview I ever had was for a position as a clerk at one of the oldest universities in the city. I bought a new outfit especially for the interview including a pair of lovely leather shoes and a handbag to match. I was not particularly nervous then until I went in and saw that there were four people who were going to interview me rather than one. They asked me a few questions about my university degree and about why I wanted the job. One of the people was a very pleasant, smiling woman, who nodded encouragingly every time I answered a question. Towards the end, one of the men asked me if I had experience with computers. I had to admit I had only used one once. Despite this I got the job. The pleasant, smiling woman, who turned out to be my boss, told me she had argued I should be given the job because she liked my shoes so much. I was glad I had bought them.



- 1) What is the text about?
- 2) What other things were the interviewers interested in?
- 3) Why did the writer become nervous when she went in?
- 4) Who turned out to be one of the people who interviewed her?



It is not surprising that training shoes have become such big business. Sporting activities of all kinds have become popular, particularly inexpensive sports like running, where equipment is unnecessary apart from shoes. Runners suffer more injuries than many other athletes. The runner repeatedly strikes the ground with his feet, which can have disastrous effects. Research has led to the development of running shoes and a considerable reduction in problems with the feet and ankles. A combination of padding and air cushions provide protection from hitting the pavement with a force twice your weight.



- 1. What are the two reasons the writer mentions in connection with the success of training shoes?
- 2. What, according to the writer, is the benefit of using running shoes?
- 3. Why is running considered an inexpensive sport?
- 4. Which is the force with which we hit the ground?



Plastics are a victim of their own success. The same properties that make them so popular, such as the ability to resist moisture and last a long time, mean they are very hard to get rid of. The difficulty is making them into a source of food for bacteria.

There are about 80 different types of plastics and about 100 million tonnes of plastic produced worldwide each year. An ordinary plastic bottle could take hundreds of years to disappear, if it disappears at all.

Recently, one company has developed what they describe as the "perfect plastic", which will disappear completely very quickly. It is made from sugar and once it is buried in the soil it is digested by bacteria. Most environmentalists argue, however, that this is missing the point. They say the only solution is recycling our resources. So, when you are about to put a plastic container in the rubbish bin, think twice. Could you use it again for another purpose?



- 1) What is the text about?
- 2) What problem does plastic pose and what are the solutions suggested in the article?
- 3) How many different types of plastics are there in the world?
- 4) What is the "perfect plastic" made from?



How do we select our partners from all the thousands of possible people? People are often attracted to others who have a lot in common with them — even if we don't always realise that they have anything in common. We give out unspoken messages about ourselves every day from the way we walk, talk and hold ourselves. It's not just the way we dress, but our posture, facial expressions, movements, tone of voice, accent and so on. If you put a group of people who don't know each other in a room together and ask them to pair up, they will naturally choose partners who are of similar family background, social class and upbringing. We are all looking for something familiar, though we may not be aware of exactly what it is.



- 1. What is the text about?
- 2. What, according to the writer, helps the others realise what we are like?
- 3. Is the choice of our partners a conscious process? Give evidence from the text.
- 4. Give examples of body language that help us select our partners.



Tattooing is an old art. In ancient Greece, people who had tattoos were considered to be members of the upper classes. On the other hand, tattooing was banned in Europe by the early Christians who considered it to be a sinful thing. It was not until the late 18th century, when Captain Cook saw South Sea Islanders decorating their bodies with tattoos, that attitudes began to change. Sailors came back from this islands with pictures of Christ on their backs and from then on, tattooing gained in popularity. A survey by the French army in 1881 showed that among the 378 men questioned, there were 1,333 designs.

Nowadays, not everybody finds tattoos acceptable. Some people think that getting one is silly because tattoos are more or less permanent. There is also some concern about catching blood diseases from unsterilised needles. Even for those who do want a tattoo, the process of getting one is not painless, but the final result, in their eyes, is worth the pain.



- 1. What does the article tell us about the history of tattooing?
- 2. What are the disadvantages of tattooing mentioned by the writer?
- 3. When did Captain Cook visit the South Sea Islands?
- 4. What did a survey by the French army in 1881 reveal?

TOATE SUBIECTELE SUNT OBLIGATORII. TIMP DE LUCRU: 15 MINUTE.



Loneliness is a disease of modern living, a result of people being more mobile and having more opportunities. With the break-up of family units, there is little stability on which to build good relationships. Loneliness isn't something that can be solved simply by seeing a counsellor, speaking to someone on the telephone or being in the company of a lot of people. Advice often given includes: joining clubs, taking up a sociable hobby or even trying a part-time job.

To ease the feeling of emptiness takes time. Friendships have to be allowed to grow and deep bonds can't be formed with just anyone. Anyone might be a victim of loneliness at some time or another in their lives. If you change jobs, get married or move, you too might have problems in a new environment.

#### Loneliness

1. What is the text about?

- 2. What could turn out to be useful solutions for lonely people?
- 3. Why does it take time to reduce the feeling of loneliness?
- 4. Which factors could contribute to our feeling lonely?

TOATE SUBIECTELE SUNT OBLIGATORII. TIMP DE LUCRU: 15 MINUTE.



We think of democracy as a modern invention, but in fact the world's most perfect democracy probably existed in Ancient Athens in 55 BC – if you were not a woman or a slave, that is! All decisions were made by citizens collectively, and crimes were tried by juries of between 101 and 1001 citizens!

Ancient Rome had many of the same urban problems as cities today. Crime was an acute problem – few people dared even to go out after dark for fear of robbers and cut-throats. Traffic congestion is not a new problem either – in the centre of Ancient Rome it was so bad that Julius Caesar had to ban all wheeled vehicles during daylight hours.



- 1. How many people were juries in Ancient Athens made up of?
- 2. Why were the citizens of Ancient Rome afraid to go out after dark?
- 3. What were the limits of Greek democracy?
- 4. Are there any similarities between ancient and modern cities?

TOATE SUBIECTELE SUNT OBLIGATORII. TIMP DE LUCRU: 15 MINUTE.



What you need for an invention to be a success.

The Frenchman Denis Papin (1647-1712) had the idea for a steam engine almost a hundred years before the better remembered Scotsman James Watt was even born ... but he never had enough money to build one.

You also need to be patient (it took scientists nearly eighty years to develop a light bulb which actually worked) ... but not too patient. In the 1870's, Elisha Gray, a professional inventor from Chicago, developed plans for a telephone. Gray saw it as no more than a "toy", however. When he finally sent details of his invention to the Patent Office on February 14th 1876, it was too late; almost identical designs had arrived just two hours earlier ... and the young man who sent them, Alexander Graham Bell, will always be remembered as the inventor of the telephone.



- 1. Who designed the first steam engine?
- 2. Why does the story of the light bulb show that inventors need to be patient?
- 3. How can you be a successful inventor?
- 4. What was Gray's mistake?

TOATE SUBIECTELE SUNT OBLIGATORII. TIMP DE LUCRU: 15 MINUTE.



The Scots celebrate Hogmany on the night of December 31<sup>st</sup>. It is a time for people to welcome the coming of the New Year. Preparations for Hogmany begin at the end of November when Christmas trees are decorated with colourful ornaments and lights. On New Year's people dress smartly and gather in town squares and wait till midnight. At midnight, the clock strikes twelve and people cheer, shout and sing. They kiss one another and drink a glass of Scotch whisky. Then people go to visit their friends to wish them a Happy New Year. It is believed that it is good luck if the first foot to enter someone's house in the New Year belongs to a tall, dark, handsome man. Visitors carry a piece of coal with them as a good luck present.

Hogmany is a great time for everyone. It's the best time of the year to have fun and enjoy yourself.



- 1. What is the text about?
- 2. When do the preparations for Hogmany begin?
- 3. What is believed to be good luck in Scotland, according to the text?
- 4. When do people gather in town squares?

TOATE SUBIECTELE SUNT OBLIGATORII. TIMP DE LUCRU: 15 MINUTE. TOTAL: 30 PUNCTE



Visiting a supermarket is like taking a trip around the world. Over here is a mountain of oranges from sunny Israel. Over there are heads of lettuce from Turkey and wonderful vegetables from Romania. The frozen fish comes all the way from various oceans of the world, the mustard from France and the chicken from the States. What happened to the old farm where you could find almost all of these things? People still think that it was better old way, but there is no way back. It seems as if it is on the verge of disappearing and of being replaced by the huge supermarket.



- 1. What is the text about?
- 2. What does the modernization of agriculture mean?
- 3. Why isn't everyone happy with the modernization of agriculture?
- 4. How are fruits and vegetables grown today?

TOATE SUBIECTELE SUNT OBLIGATORII. TIMP DE LUCRU: 15 MINUTE. TOTAL: 30 PUNCTE

The jumper I had been given for my birthday was too small for me, and one day while showing some friends around London, I thought it would be sensible to dash into the large department store where it had been bought and exchange it for a larger one. I told my friends to wait in the car and rushed into the store. The girl I spoke to at the counter was extremely helpful but unfortunately they had no others in my size, so I left with the original gift after putting it and the receipt for it back in my bag.

I dashed out of the store to rejoin my friends, who were still waiting in the car.

"Excuse me. Stop right there! You'd better come with us."

Suddenly, my arms were grabbed viciously by a stern, bearded man and a surprisingly similar woman. They refused to tell me who they were or what I was accused of. I demanded to know what I had done wrong, but this was met with silence as they marched me through a side entrance to the store and to a small room upstairs.



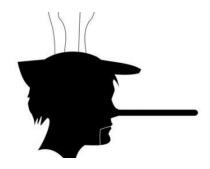
- 1.Did the character enter the shop slowly or quickly?
- 2.Did the character exchange the gift?
- 3.Do you generally like the gifts you receive?
- 4. What things do you take into consideration when buying gifts?

TOATE SUBIECTELE SUNT OBLIGATORII. TIMP DE LUCRU: 15 MINUTE.



What exactly is a lie? Is it anything we say which we know is untrue? Or is it something more than that? For example, suppose a friend wants to borrow some money from you. You say, 'I wish I could help you but I'm short of money myself.' In fact, you are not short of money but your friend is in the habit of not paying his debts and you don't want to hurt his feelings by reminding him of this. Is this really a lie?

According to a specialist, women are better liars than men, particularly when telling a "white lie", such as when a woman at a party tells another woman that she likes her dress when she really thinks it looks awful. However, this is only one side of the story. Other researches say that men are more likely to tell more serious lies, such as making a promise which they have no intention of fulfilling. This is the kind of lie politicians and businessmen are supposed to be particularly skilled at: the lie from which the liar hopes to profit or gain in some way.



- 1.Is the friend really short of money?
- 2. What is a `white lie`?
- 3. When do you lie?
- 4. Can people always tell the truth?

TOATE SUBIECTELE SUNT OBLIGATORII. TIMP DE LUCRU: 15 MINUTE. TOTAL: 30 PUNCTE



Making a film is a very complicated process. Most films start as an idea. It might be in the director smind, or in the writer smind, but wherever it comes from, it sthe producer who needs convincing. The producer is a businessman who finds the money to make the film. He decides who is going to be responsible for making the film: the director. This is an important decision, since the director is the person who will be in charge of the whole cast and crew. People feel strongly about actors and a film has to have the right ones if it is to draw people in the cinemas. Auditions and screen tests might be held to make the final decisions and rehearsals will begin. The locations are also important, so they have to be chosen carefully. The film will be storyboarded and special effects planned. Then, the actual shooting may start.



- 1. What is the main idea of the text?
- 2. Why do actors have to be selected carefully?
- 3. What do you think happens during the actual shooting?
- 4. What kind of films do you enjoy watching?

TOATE SUBIECTELE SUNT OBLIGATORII. TIMP DE LUCRU: 15 MINUTE.



worked in a children's park.

# Read the text below and answer the questions that follow: 30points

The *Eco - Challenge* Race takes place once a year, usually in a different country each year. The competitors travel for six to twelve days, sometimes for 24 hours a day, so they don't get much sleep. They walk through rainforests. They ride horses across the desert. They travel across the sea. They go up the mountains on mountain bikes. They go down rivers and across lakes. The teams must not put their tents on top of plants and they must not leave rubbish. Before the race the competitors do something to help the local people. For example in Morocco, they cleaned the beaches. In Fiji,



they collected books for local schools. In the US, they

- 1. What is *Eco-Challenge*?
- 2. What do the competitors have to do?
- 3. What mustn't the competitors do?
- 4. Have you ever taken part in such a competition? Would you like to? Why?

TOATE SUBIECTELE SUNT OBLIGATORII. TIMP DE LUCRU: 15 MINUTE. TOTAL: 30 PUNCTE



Thirty thousand years ago the first Americans travelled across the ice from Asia to Alaska. Some of them stayed in Alaska and became the Inuit people. Others went to different parts of Canada and North and South America. Some were fishermen, some were farmers and some were hunters. When Columbus arrived in the Caribbean in 1492, he thought he was in India, so he called the Native Americans *Indians*.

When the first Europeans went to live in North America, there were already a million people there. There were about 300 Indian Tribes. Each tribe had a different language and way of life, but they also had a sign language that everyone could understand.



- 1. How did Columbus come to call Native Americans *Indians*?
- 2. How many Indian Tribes were there when the first Europeans came to North America?
- 3. How did the tribes manage to understand among themselves?
- 4. Have you ever been to USA? Would you like to? Why?

TOATE SUBIECTELE SUNT OBLIGATORII. TIMP DE LUCRU: 15 MINUTE. TOTAL: 30 PUNCTE



The Adventures of Robinson Crusoe is the story of life on a desert island nearly three hundred years ago. Richie Sowa, from Liddlesbrough in the UK, is a 21st century Robinson Crusoe. His home is an island near Cancun in Mexico. But Richie's island is different. He built it himself – with 250,000 plastic bottles!

The house has got a living room, a simple kitchen and two bedrooms. The weather is hot, dry and sunny so Richie uses solar power. He's got a solar cooker, a shower, electric lights and a CD player. He shares the island with his dogs, two ducks and four cats. A lot of tourists visit the island and last year, and ecology student stayed there and studied Richie's way of life. "It's paradise!" he said.

# ISLAND

1. What did Richie use to build his house?

- 2. How many rooms has his house got?
- 3. Who does Richie share the island with?
- 4. Would you like to live like Richie? Why?

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When you think of pancakes you might think of the kind served in America, hot with melted butter and maple syrup. But in reality, people around the world love pancakes. As a result, there are lots of different kinds. In America, pancakes are made with buttermilk and served for breakfast. In Russia, pancakes are called *blinis*, and are made from buckwheat flour and often served with caviar and sour cream. The Chinese use wheat flour and hot water to make pancakes in dozens of ways. In France, pancakes come in the form of a lacy crepe. In India, there's the *Gujarati* pancake. Crispy and wafer-thin, it comes stuffed with spicy potatoes and yogurt. Did you know there were so many ways to make and serve pancakes?

In 1986, an event that bills itself as the World's Largest Pancake Breakfast was revived for the 350th anniversary of Springfield, Massachusetts. The breakfast has been held every year since then. Hundreds of volunteers help with the event. In 1999, more than 71,233 servings of pancakes were served to more than 40,000 people. If you stacked up all those pancakes, they'd be more than 2 miles high!



- 1. How many ways to serve pancakes does the text mention?
- 2. What are the main ingredients of American pancakes?
- 3. Why was the World's largest Pancake Breakfast revived in 1986?
- 4. What kind of food do you eat for breakfast?

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Do you love hamburgers? Do you know how they were created? The first hamburgers in U.S. history were served in New Haven. Connecticut. at Louis' Lunch sandwich shop in 1895. Louis Lassen, founder of Louis' Lunch, ran a small lunch wagon selling steak sandwiches to local factory workers. Because he didn't like to waste the excess beef from his daily lunch rush, he ground it up, grilled it, and served it between two slices of bread -- and America's first hamburger was created. The small Crown Street luncheonette is still owned and operated by third and fourth generations of the Lassen family. Hamburgers are still the specialty of the house, where steak is ground fresh each day and hand moulded, slow cooked, broiled vertically, and served between two slices of toast with your choice of only three "acceptable" garnishes: cheese, tomato, and onion. Want ketchup or mustard? Forget it. You will be told "no" in no uncertain terms. This is the home of the greatest hamburger in the world, claim the owners, who are perhaps best known for allowing their customers to have a burger the Lassen way or not at all.



- 1. Where were the first hamburgers in the U.S. history served?
- 2. Why did Louis Lassen start making hamburgers?
- 3. Which garnish is not available for customers to choose from at Louis` Lunch?
- 4. What do you think of fast food?

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Kansas is known for many things - wheat, sunflowers ... and tornadoes! The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, by L. Frank Baum, tells the story of Dorothy, who gets caught in a Kansas tornado and lands in the imaginary Land of Oz. This story has been dramatized on stage and film. You might have seen the movie version, which stars Judy Garland as Dorothy. Tornadoes are storms with rapidly rotating winds that form a funnel cloud. Also known as "twisters," they extend downward from the huge clouds of a severe thunderstorm. The winds that rotate within a tornado usually reach a speed of almost 300 miles per hour! A tornado often sweeps through an area quickly, but it can cause considerable destruction. There have been a number of remarkable reports of tornadoes. In one instance, a schoolhouse was demolished while the 85 students originally inside it were carried more than 400 feet with none killed. There was also a case of five railway coaches, each weighing 70 tons, lifted from their tracks.



- 1. What is Kansas famous for?
- 2. What famous story set in Kansas features a tornado?
- 3. How fast do the winds rotate within a tornado?
- 4. What other natural disasters are people sometimes confronted with?

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Benjamin Banneker was a self-educated scientist at a time when most African Americans were slaves. Born a free black man in the British Colony of Maryland in 1731, he received some formal education, but he mostly borrowed books and taught himself science mathematics. At 22, he borrowed a pocket watch, and without any training, figured out how to carve a working wooden clock that chimed each hour. Because of this clock, he became well known and people would visit him just to see his creation. Banneker ran his family farm for many years, but when he was in his late 50s, a neighbour's son lent him a telescope. He became interested in astronomy, the study of the planets and stars, and again taught himself a new science. He made calculations of tides, sunrises and sunsets, and even predicted an eclipse. For several years he published an almanac of these calculations. Today, he is best known for publishing six almanacs, called "Benjamin Banneker's Almanac," between 1792 and 1797.In the Banneker also helped survey and lay out the land for Washington, D.C., which became the nation's capital. For a look at Banneker's amazing life, visit the Benjamin Banneker Historical Park & Museum in Ellicott City, Maryland.

# NEVER ABANDON YOUR VISION. KEEP REACHING TO FURTHER YOUR DREAMS. BENIAMIN BANNEKER

- 1. Who was Benjamin Banneker?
- 2. What subjects did he teach himself?
- 3. What is he famous for?
- 4. Who is the personality you admire the most?

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Think about all the emotions expressed in the music you listen to: joy, happiness, loneliness, nervousness, and, of course, sadness. Music with sad themes is often called the "blues". Blues music developed in the United States among Southern blacks after the Civil War. When slaves were brought to America from Africa, they brought their musical traditions with them. Blended with folk and popular music of whites, these African musical traditions developed into the blues. The blues is believed to have originated in the Mississippi Delta, a wedge-shaped region in northern Mississippi between the Mississippi and Yazoo rivers. This is a rural area where the poorest and most disadvantaged black people lived - this lifestyle created a need for the expression of sadness that is so often sung in the blues. The conditions in this area poverty, racism, and inhumane working situations - led many blacks to go north, to cities such as Memphis, Chicago, St. Louis and Detroit. The blues did not vanish from the Mississippi countryside, however, and in 1978, the Mississippi Delta Blues and Heritage Festival was founded to celebrate and promote the blues and the culture of the Mississippi Delta people. What started out on the back of a flatbed truck is now the oldest and largest blues festival in the South, with 20,000 visitors and performances on three festival stages.



- 1. Whose musical traditions formed the foundations for blues?
- 2. Where is the blues believed to have its origins?
- 3. What were the conditions in the place where the blues originated?
- 4. What is your favourite type of music?

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Learning parkour as an alternative, fun form of exercise is an attractive prospect but there is some confusion over what parkour actually means, especially compared to the more recentcraze of free-running. Parkour is a sport of French origin that started in the 1980s. The initial purpose was for people to develop the safest and fastest way to propel themselves around an obstacle course using natural movements like vaults, jumps, climbing and running. These days these obstacle courses are everyday urban landscapes. Parkouris an evolving discipline and, by the turn of the century, it had spawned the very similar art of free-running. Despite the clear similarities in movements, they are not exactly the same. The main difference is mental not physical; there is a different attitude and philosophy tofree-runningwhich sees the form as a means of self-expression and allows for the competition and showmanship that parkour discourages. If you see somebody vault a wall, only to disappear in the blink of an eye, they are probably using parkour but if they finish with an extravagant back flip off the top then they are more likely to be free-runners. It all comes down to the differences of visual arts vs physical skills, competitive running vs personal improvement obstacles vs apparatus.



- 1. Where and when was parkour invented?
- 2. What was the original aim of parkour?
- 3. What is the difference between parkour and free running?
- 4. Are you or any of the people you know fans/practitioners of parkour? If not, what other sports are you keen on?

TOATE SUBIECTELE SUNT OBLIGATORII. TIMP DE LUCRU: 15 MINUTE.



Today, millions of people want to learn or improve their English but it is difficult to find the best method. Is it better to study in Britain or America or to study in your own country? The advantages of going to Britain seem obvious. Firstly, you will be able to listen to the language all the time you are in the country. You will be surrounded completely by the language wherever you go. Another advantage is that you have to speak the language if you are with other people. In Italy, it is always possible, in the class, to speak Italian if you want to and the learning is slower. On the other hand, there are also advantages to staying at home to study. You don't have to make big changes to your life. As well as this, it is also a lot cheaper than going to Britain but it is never possible to achieve the results of living in the UK. If you have a good teacher in Italy, I think you can learn in a more concentrated way than being in Britain without going to a school.

So, in conclusion, I think that if you have enough time and enough money, the best choice is to spend some time in the UK. This is simply not possible for most people, so being here in Italy is the only viable option. The most important thing to do in this situation is to maximize your

opportunities: to speak only English in class and to try to use English whenever possible outside the class.



- 1. What is the text about?
- 2. What are the advantages of going to the U.K. to learn English?
- 3. What are the advantages of staying in your country to learn English?
- 4. Explain your own method of learning foreign languages.

TOATE SUBIECTELE SUNT OBLIGATORII. TIMP DE LUCRU: 15 MINUTE.

## III. ANSWER KEY



# WRITTEN TEST 1

#### I.

1.a) 2.a) 3.b) 4.b) 5.b) 6.b) 7.c) 8.b) 9.b) 10.b)

## II.

- 1. REACTION
- 2. DANGEROUS
- 3. DISCOVERY
- 4. ORGANISATION/ORGANIZATION
- 5. IMPRESSION

## III.

1. of 2. were 3. and 4. where 5. of

## IV.

- 1. Water **boils** at 100°C.
- 2. I'm afraid of earthquakes.
- 3. She has been **living** in Brighton for seven years.
- 4. We need extra **information** to end our presentation.
- 5. `Eat Responsibly` is an international school project.

## V.

1. to 2. in 3. the 4. do 5. not

## VI.

f-2

c-3

e-4

a-5

d-6

# WRITTEN TEST 2

### I.

1.a) 2.a) 3.b) 4.b) 5.b) 6.b) 7.c) 8.b) 9.b) 10.b)

## II.

- 1. PRECISION
- 2. DISAPPOINTMENT
- 3. IMMEDIATELY
- 4. IMPRESSION
- 5. EXCLAMATION

## III.

1. career 2. ambition 3. set 4. fame 5. boss

## IV.

1. cities 2. listen 3. of 4. saw. 5. living.

## V.

1.of 2.like 3.never 4.on 5. not

## VI.

- 1. won't go out/ unless
- 2. did Helen and Robert /get
- 3. are you being /served
- 4. reminded her mum /to
- 5. were you/ I would sell

#### I.

1.C) 2.A) 3.A) 4.B) 5.B) 6.C) 7.B) 8.C) 9.A) 10.B)

# II.

1. angrily 2. true 3. famous 4. noisy 5. beautiful

#### III.

found
 need
 saw
 gave
 thought
 reward
 it
 won
 prize
 generous

# IV.

1. God 2. on 3. working 4. time 5. like

# V.

- 1. the 2. correct 3. far 4. of 5. out 6. correct 7. correct
- 8. correct 9. about 10. out

- 1. I were you I would
- 2. vase was bought
- 3. much does the camera
- 4. first time they went/go
- 5. Mary was working at the

# I.

1.a) 2.a) 3.b) 4.b) 5.a / b / c / d / d / b / c / d /

# II.

- 1. famous
- 2. entrance
- 3. difference
- 4. beautiful
- 5. impossible

# III.

1. most 2. bottle 3. of 4. and 5. can

# IV.

1. could 2. on 3. raining 4. women 5. an

# V.

1. it 2. have 3. been 4. for 5. be

- 1 A
- 2 C
- 3 B
- 4 D
- 5 E

#### I.

1.b) 2.b) 3.c) 4.a) 5.b) 6.a) 7.d) 8.c) 9.a) 10.a)

#### II.

1. COMPETITION; 6. ADVENTUROUS; 2. DANGEROUS; 7. UNDERSTANDING;

3. REGULATIONS;4. UNFAIRLY;8. SAFETY;9. NEEDLESS;

5. PROFESSIONAL; 10. ACHIEVEMENT

# III.

1. at 2. is 3. popular 4. can 5. and

#### IV.

1. have 2. older 3. too 4. hear 5. of

#### V.

1. is 2. to 3. much 4. one 5. it

- 1. The Town Hall is going to be rebuilt.
- 2. Jane isn't tall enough to reach the top shelf.
- 3. I haven't visited my grandmother for two weeks.
- 4. If I were you, I think I'd try to find a new apartment.
- 5. It has been raining since two o'clock.



#### T.

1.a) 2.c) 3.c) 4.d) 5.c) 6.b) 7.c) 8.b) 9.b) 10.b)

#### II.

- 1. SINGER 2. HAPPINESS 3. SCIENTIST 4. INFORMATION
- 5. CONSTRUCTIONS

#### III.

1. CAPITAL 2. BUILDINGS 3. QUEEN 4. FREE 5. ARTISTS

#### IV.

1. eaten 2. never 3. has 4. children 5. used

#### V.

1.to 2.with 3.more 4.the 5.not

- 1. It was just after midnight on July 17th last year.
- 11. James was driving home from work.
- 3. The road was clear and he was driving carefully.
- 12. Suddenly a young girl stepped out into the road in front of him.
- 5. She was wearing a dark coat and a blue scarf.
- 8. James tried to stop but it was too late.
- 6. He got out and looked under the car but, to his surprise, there was nothing there.
- 9. While he was looking under the car, he felt a cold wind on his face and he shivered. Everything felt strange.
- 4. He was still looking under the car when the police car pulled up.
- 2. The police officers weren't surprised when James told them the story.
- 10. "A girl was killed in a car crash on this road in July 1971".
- 7. "Since then several people have seen her ghost there".

# I.

1.c) 2.b) 3.c) 4.b) 5.b) 6.c) 7.a) 8.b) 9.a) 10.b)

# II.

- 1. businessman
- 2. dancer
- 3. collection
- 4. interested
- 5. comedian

# III.

1. century 2. when 3. for 4. a 5. write

# IV.

- 1. wants
- 2. do
- 3. month
- 4. small
- 5. Romanian

# V.

1. a 2. have 3. more 4. in 5. the

# VI.

The order is: 2, 1, 4, 6, 3

# I.

1.C) 2.A) 3.C) 4.C) 5.A) 6.C) 7.B) 8.C) 9.C) 10.C)

#### II.

- 1. KNOWLEDGE
- 2. APPLICATION
- 3. ENGINEER
- 4. SHARPENER
- 5. POLLUTION

#### III.

1. but 2. which 3. even 4. those 5. of

# IV.

- 1. themselves
- 2. The
- 3. could
- 4. correct sentence
- 5. about

# V.

1. it 2. the 3. has 4. with 5. on

- 1. so tired that
- 2. the first time
- 3. will not see you unless
- 4. not far from
- 5. not allowed to

#### I.

1. have; 6. manner/ way; 2. which; 7. such/ these;

3. Although; 8. but; 4. it; 9. until; 5. for; 10.enough;

#### II.

- 1. There were <u>no</u>/none people at the bus stop.
- 2. Sorry, but I can't hear either/neither of you properly.
- 3. When I got on my bike, I noticed that <u>both tyres</u>/every tyre were flat.
- 4. According to the song, <u>all</u>/each you need is love.
- 5. I am not making much money these days/so far this year.

#### III.

1.professionally 2.unemployed 3.lawyer 4.successful 5.income

# IV.

1. sitting 2. closed 3. correct sentence 4. whose 5. correct sentence

#### V.

1. C 2. D 3. B 4. A 5. B

- 1. won't go out/ unless
- 2. did Mary and David /get
- 3. are you being /served
- 4. reminded her mum /to
- 5. were you/ I would sell

# I.

1.D) 2.C) 3.B) 4.B) 5.D) 6.B) 7.C) 8.A) 9.B) 10.D)

# II.

- 1. SENSITIVE
- 2. MEDICAL
- 3. COOKER
- 4. WEIGHT
- 5. INTENTIONAL

#### III.

1. was 2. and 3. especially 4. Like 5. of

# IV.

1. its 2. to 3. Wales 4. symbol 5. wear

# V.

1. C 2. A 3. B 4. E 5. D

- 1. was really surprised by
- 2. am tired of playing
- 3. not guilty of
- 4. be late for
- 5. had been writing

# I.

- 1. but
- 2. always
- 3. were
- 4. have
- 5. help

#### II.

- 1. IMAGINATION
- 2. ARTISTIC
- 3. FREEDOM
- 4. COMPOSER
- 5. FASHIONABLE

#### III.

1.d) 2.a) 3.d) 4.b) 5.c) 6.a) 7.d) 8.d) 9.b) 10.a)

# IV.

1. valuable 2. useful 3. service 4. in 5. who/that

#### V.

1. B 2. A 3. C 4. D 5. E

- 1. old enough to be appointed prime minister
- 2. am accused of lying by my teacher
- 3. needn't deliver the project today
- 4. you don't have a passport you cannot leave Romania
- 5. swim in the sea because the pool water is too chlorinated.



#### T.

1. was walking 2. haven't been 3. am waking 4. did you finish 5. have been living 6. is blowing 7. was talking 8. hasn't finished 9. worked 10. got

#### II.

1. her 2. every 3. is 4. has 5. local

#### III.

1.sensible 2.negative 3.ideal 4.serious 5.positive

# IV.

1 B; 2 D; 3 A; 4 B; 5 C; 6 D; 7 C; 8 A; 9 A; 10 D.

#### V.

- 1. Their worst fear was that they had mistaken her for somebody else.
- 2. He/She had finished ironing when he/she came.
- 3. She hadn't left the town before and she was excited.
- 4. He remembered that he hadn't locked the entrance door after he left the house.
- 5. The old lady said that she hadn't seen before such an odd thing.

- 1. If I had been (more) careful I wouldn't have lost my keys.
- 2. That girl is not as beautiful as you (are).
- 3. The papers were graded by the teacher.
- 4. Taking a test is not pleasant/ is unpleasant.
- 5. Unless you hurry you will miss the plane.

#### T.

- 1. has been 2. saw 3. They're 4. writing 5. whose 6. that
- 7. has been visited 8. supported 9. should 10. Milk

#### II.

1.than 2.their 3.can 4.senses 5.By

# III.

- 1. The sun rises in the East and sets in the West.
- 2. How many pages have you read so far?
- 3. Ashley advised me not to do that.
- 4. Deborah could ski when she was young.
- 5. The best solution is to repaint the walls.

#### IV.

- 1. RELATIONSHIP
- 2. FORGIVENESS
- 3. DISABLED
- 4. FASCINATING
- 5. CHEMISTRY

# V.

1. get 2. believe 3. on 4. were 5. studied

- 1. regret not going
- 2. Could I have another knife
- 3. was so long that
- 4. had my clothes made
- 5. says that Graham is

#### I.

- $1.\ an\ 2.\ used\ 3.\ or\ 4.\ them\ 5.\ the\ 6.\ can\ 7.\ believe\ 8.\ that$
- 9. is 10. well

#### II.

1.communication 2.careful 3.decision 4.spoken 5.personality

#### III.

1.advice 2.of 3.living 4.information 5.oldest

# IV.

- 1. D 6. A
- 2. A 7. A
- 3. C 8. C
- 4. C 9. D
- 5. C 10. A

# V.

1A, 2B. 3C, 4D, 5E

- 1. sister but also my brother
- 2. Tom of having broken
- 3. is always served at 2 p.m.
- 4. may be making a cake.
- 5. avoided looking at him.



#### I.

- 1. known 2. to 3. them 4. who 5. make 6. these 7. real
- 8. too 9. outside 10. of

# II.

1.famous 2.respectful 3.equipment 4.achievement 5.Personally

#### III.

1. been 2. it 3. have 4. the 5. being

# IV.

- 1. c)
- 2. c)
- 3. a)
- 4. b)
- 5. c)

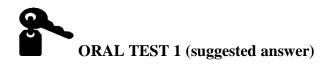
# V.

1A, 2B. 3C, 4D, 5E

#### VI.

- 1. said she wanted
- 2. managed to cheer
- 3. the classroom was not warm
- 4. if you hadn't helped
- 5. you wouldn't interupt me

# Any other correct variant will be accepted.



1. What is the text about?

The text is about two companions whose car ran out of petrol and decided to spend the night in the car.

2. What did the travelers expect to find in the next town?

The travelers expected to find a bed for the night in the next town.

3. Why did John ask his companion to drive more slowly?

John asked his companion to drive more slowly because it was difficult to see the road due to the weather conditions.

4. Do you think that the car is the ideal means of transport? (give arguments to support your opinion)

I truly believe that a car represents the ideal means of transport providing you flexibility and comfort everywhere, anytime.

However, it is a fact that cars cause pollution and kill thousands of people each year.

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