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General English

Time :- Three hours

1) Choose A, AN, THE or (/) for "no article" for each blank below and write it on the blank ($\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5$ marks)

- 1) Armadillos are animals which are most active atnight.
Sometimes, you see them duringday, but that's less common.
- 2) Unfortunately,yesterday I had to spendwhole day studying for my biology final. I think I did well on the test, but I won't know untilnext week.
- 3) I really lovedChristmas when I was a kid. My favorite part was getting up in.....Morning and finding all the gifts from Santa under the tree.
- 4) I'm so stressed out at work; I really need to takewhole month off and just relax on a tropical beach somewhere. Maybe I can do that.....next summer.
- 5) When I was a kid, I spentsummer on a beach in Florida. Now, I have to work..... every summer.
- 6) Do you want to meet for dinner on.....Wednesday? Or if you prefer, we could get together..... next Monday.
- 7) My cable television company has terrible customer service! I was on the phone with them for entire hour and nobody could answer my question. I think tomorrow, I'm going to call them up and cancel my service.
- 8) The conference started at noon and didn't finish until late in evening. We spent whole time listening to boring speeches.
- 9) Have you ever heard of Halloween? It's a holiday that Americans celebrate on October 31.
- 10) I didn't sleep at all last night. I spent whole night lying awake. And today, I can barely keep my eyes open.

2) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the given verb. Separate multiple answers with a comma and a space. (½ x 10 = 5 marks)

- 1) If anyone ---- (suffer) from color-blindness, he is not allowed to get driving license due to haphazard situations he may cause in roads.
- 2) If I ---- (make) my own decisions to choose which university to go to, I ---- (not waste) two years going to a faculty I had never been interested in.
- 3) Considering technological advances so far, we can say that if man ---- (have) the determination to succeed, there is nothing he cannot achieve.
- 4) Only if you ---- (follow) a healthy diet with a recommended calorie amount, will you start losing weight.
- 5) You can get a visa to England much more easily if you ---- (claim) an invitation letter in the passport office of the British Embassy.
- 6) If you keep (keep) quiet and try to listen for a moment, you ---- (can understand) what I intend to say.
- 7) Things ---- (be) totally different now from what we expected for our foundation if it weren't for the regular donation given by the charity.
- 8) If it ---- (not be) for your kindness to give me a hand, I ---- (not be able to) give in the project in time.
- 9) But for the negative effects of television on children, many people ---- (consider) it to be a means for educational purposes.
- 10) Nowadays, finding a job is so difficult that you ---- (can not guarantee) to be called for an interview even if you have had a master's degree.

3) Change the following sentences into passive voice (1 x 15 = 15 marks)

- 1) People speak Portuguese in Brazil
- 2) The Government is planning a new road near my house
- 3) My grandfather built this house in 1943
- 4) The cleaner has cleaned the office
- 5) He had written three books before 1867
- 6) John will tell you later
- 7) By this time tomorrow we will have signed the deal
- 8) Somebody should do the work
- 9) The traffic might have delayed Jimmy
- 10) Everybody loves Mr Brown
- 11) They are building a new stadium near the station
- 12) The wolf ate the princess
- 13) At six o'clock someone was telling a story
- 14) Somebody has drunk all the milk!
- 15) I had cleaned all the windows before the storm

4) Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets (1 x 15 = 15 marks)

- 1) I (learn)English for seven years now.
- 2) But while I was doing the language course, I (meet)..... lots of young people from all over the world.
- 3) There I noticed how important it (be)..... to speak foreign languages nowadays.
- 4) Now I (have)..... much more fun learning English than I (have)..... before the course.
- 5) At the moment I (revise)..... English grammar.
- 6) And I (begin / already)..... to read the texts in my English textbooks again.
- 7) I (think)..... I (do)..... one unit every week.
- 8) My exam (be)..... on 15 May, so there (not / be)..... any time to be lost.
- 9) If I (pass)..... my exams successfully, I (start)..... an apprenticeship in September.
- 10) And after my apprenticeship, maybe I (go)..... back to London to work there for a while.
- 11) As you (see / can)....., I (become)..... a real London fan already.

5) Rearrange the jumbled words to make sentences (2 x 8 = 16 marks)

Each set of words is a jumbled sentence with **one** extra word. The corrected sentence, with the words rearranged and punctuation added, is shown beneath each jumbled set.

- 1) writing system telephone am to I about banking your and complain
- 2) I tried four details this week to system access feel to account my times have use the
- 3) crashed on I the system been that each informed this computer has have occasion
- 4) branch day person unable to working I a am I bank my as during the visit
- 5) I access do addition service have so internet use cannot great the to in your not online
- 6) advertise use convenient have telephone you as to banking your service and easy
- 7) afraid not of work evidence have I features seen am I either yet these of
- 8) grateful will problems I as would that be soon finished for have I described an the possible as assurance out be sorted

6) Change the following to indirect speech

(1 x 14 = 14 marks)

- a) He says, "Switzerland is the heaven on earth."
- b) The Shopkeeper says, "Prices are shooting up alarmingly."
- c) She said, "Nobody can solve the problem."
- d) Antony said, "Martin has gone home."
- e) She said, "I shall be taking a test."
- f) The man said, "Is your father at home?"
- g) The clerk asked his manager, "Shall I email this letter again, Sir?"
- h) She said, "Will you tell me what it means, David?"
- i) She said to me, "How have you done this sum?"
- j) The policeman said to the stranger, "Who are you? Where do you come from?"
- k) The old man said, "Thief! Thief! Catch him!"
- l) The accused said to the judge, "Let me meet my family before I die, sir".
- m) The on-lookers said, "Bravo! Good hit, Jehan!"

7) Read the following paragraph on making changes in your personality. Fill in the blanks with a particle to complete the phrasal verbs. (First two have been done for you)

(½ x 10 = 5 marks)

Do you think it is possible to change fundamental parts of your personality? Do you have any personality traits that you would love to (1) get rid of, but instead you just (2) put up with? Perhaps you are painfully shy, or you have problems getting (3) _____ people. Perhaps you are a control freak, (4) taking _____ everything and everyone that you are involved with. Perhaps you never finish things, (5) giving _____ whenever you (6) run _____ problems. Everybody has at least one personality characteristic that is (7) holding them _____ either personally or professionally. Psychologists say it is possible to make personality changes, but it can be very difficult. The first thing they are quick to (8) point _____ is that you must be very motivated to (9) bring _____ successful changes. For anxiety problems, some doctors report that they have seen changes (10) come _____ in group therapy where they are able to develop confidence in being with others. For anger issues, some doctors recommend (11) writing _____ their feelings in a journal, taking walks as needed, and especially learning to forgive themselves. Whatever change you want to make, permanent changes take time, so remember to have patience and to (12) keep _____ trying.

8) Fill in the blanks in the following part of the dialogue appropriately. (½ x 10 = 5 marks)

While Mr. Liyanage was on his way to Matara in his car, he was attacked by a group of unidentified persons. He was admitted to the Karapittya hospital. The Inspector the Matara Police questions him at the hospital.

Inspector : Good morning. Mr. Liyanage

Mr. Liyanage :

Inspector : Now Mr. Liyanage, I hope you feel well enough to answer a few questions.

Mr. Liyanage :

Inspector : Good. First of all we have to establish your identity.

Mr. Liyanage : My identity Don't you even know who I am? How long in? hospital

Inspector : Three days. But we find no papers on you at all. Whoever attacked you also has stolen your wallet.

Mr. Liyanage : But what about ? Surely you could find out my identity from that.

Inspector : Your car was stolen too. So, you see, we are completely in dark.

Mr. Liyanage : Oh, is that so. Inspector? Anyway did after this incident?

Inspector : No she didn't speak to me at all. In fact, we don't know who your wife is.

9) Select one of the situations given below and write a complaint letter (10 marks)

- ❖ **You have bought a new laptop computer and in a few days of purchase discovered a major flaw. Write a letter to the company. In your letter**
 - introduce yourself
 - explain the situation
 - say what action you would like the company to take.
- ❖ **You have bought a new mobile phone and in a few days after purchase it has stopped working. You spoke to the company representative a week ago but the phone has still not been repaired.**
- ❖ **Write a letter to the company. In your letter**
 - introduce yourself
 - explain the situation
 - say what action you would like the company to take.

