

## Section 1: Use of English

### A. Choose the most appropriate way to complete each sentence:

1. Mathematics \_\_\_ my favourite lesson at school.  
 are  
 is
2. When I was young, my parents and I \_\_\_ to church every Sunday.  
 went  
 were going
3. Stop \_\_\_ to me! Try to be honest for a change!  
 lieing  
 lying
4. The doctor can't see you yet; he \_\_\_ someone else at the moment.  
 sees  
 is seeing
5. She was angry because she realized that the \_\_\_ toys were all over the place.  
 children's  
 childrens'
6. Look out! That dog \_\_\_ bite you!  
 is going to  
 will
7. The old man was \_\_\_ over by car.  
 ran  
 run
8. We \_\_\_ scuba diving lessons five months ago.  
 have started  
 started
9. Here \_\_\_ the train, so hurry up!  
 is coming  
 comes

10. Chris and Brian \_\_\_ be coming with us.
- want
- won't
11. They \_\_\_ French since 2002, so they are quite fluent.
- are studying
- have been studying
12. I understand what you \_\_\_\_, but I cannot agree with you.
- mean
- are meaning
13. His nose was bleeding because he \_\_\_ fighting.
- had been
- has been
14. \_\_\_ cheated in an exam?
- did you ever
- have you ever
15. 'Have you got any American friends?' 'Yes, I \_\_\_'
- have
- do

15 marks

**B. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, using the word given. Do not change the word given.**

1. 'Where do you live?' the teacher asked Andrew. **(wanted)**  
The teacher \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Bernard is more confident than me. **(as)**  
I am \_\_\_\_\_ Bernard.
3. 'I'll see you tomorrow' he said. **(me)**  
He \_\_\_\_\_ after.
4. Whenever I am sad, I eat more and I feel better. **(the)**  
Whenever I am sad \_\_\_\_\_ better I feel.
5. In your position, I would complain. **(you)**  
If \_\_\_\_\_ complain.

6. No one else swims as fast as Richard does. **(the)**

Richard \_\_\_\_\_ of all.

7. Hey, if you don't hurry, we will miss the train. **(unless)**

Hey, \_\_\_\_\_ the train.

8. 'Did Mary tell Tom about the party?' I asked my brother. **(if)**

I asked my brother \_\_\_\_\_ about the party.

9. No one has ever painted this building. **(never)**

This building \_\_\_\_\_ before by anyone.

10. I've never watched a film as bad as this one. **(the)**

This is \_\_\_\_\_ I've ever watched.

11. Helen's mother wouldn't let her borrow any of her make-up. **(allowed)**

Helen \_\_\_\_\_ any of her mother's make-up.

12. Tom didn't pass the exam because he didn't study. **(passed)**

If \_\_\_\_\_ the exam.

13. I'm excited because they are redecorating my room at the moment. **(is)**

I'm excited because my room \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment.

14. I don't have time, so I can't come with you. **(would)**

If \_\_\_\_\_ with you.

15. I don't think your watch is like mine. **(similar)**

I don't think your watch \_\_\_\_\_ .

**30 marks**

**C. Fill in the blanks with: by / of / at / with / on / in / to**

1. Bye Chris. See you \_\_\_ Monday evening.
2. Ladies and gentlemen, \_\_\_ behalf of everyone, I'd like to thank you.
3. Are we allowed to pay \_\_\_ cheque?
4. Her parents do not approve \_\_\_ her new boyfriend.
5. What you are suggesting, is entirely out \_\_\_ the question!
6. They were dressed as policemen, but \_\_\_ reality they were burglars.
7. Your teacher will provide you \_\_\_ all the necessary equipment.
8. Hey! That was an accident – I didn't do it \_\_\_ purpose!
9. Susan got married \_\_\_ her high school sweetheart last week!
10. The house smelt \_\_\_ the wood it had been built from.

11. I'm afraid he can't see you at the moment – he's \_\_\_ the phone.
12. Sorry, but I'm not very good \_\_\_ working out bills.
13. What did you do \_\_\_ Christmas Day?
14. His mother is so proud \_\_\_ him – he has passed all his exams!
15. I congratulate you all \_\_\_ your success.

15 marks

**D. Read the following passages. Then, give the meaning of the expressions in bold using your own words.**



I am very adventurous. I like to live dangerously and **take risks (1)**. I am happy working hard **as long as (2)** I am successful in what I am doing. I feel I am a good leader and others often **look up to me (3)**. With luck, I think I will **get on (4)** very well in life.



I am quite practical. I am honest and I don't like to **show off (5)**. I can **put up with (6)** difficult situations if I think I can be successful in the end. I always **look after (7)** the people I love, and I never **point the finger at (8)** anyone unless I know they are guilty.



I was brought up to be **tough (9)** and not very forgiving. My parents were poor and they had to work extremely hard to **make ends meet (10)**. They have taught me that one **bad apple (11)** can lead an entire group to destruction – these are the people who don't have the courage to be frank so they always **beat around the bush (12)**. However, I know how to **read between the lines (13)** and understand their deceitful plans; of course these plans always **backfire (14)** but we should **keep an eye on (15)** them, anyway!

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15. \_\_\_\_\_

30 marks

**E. Circle the word which means the opposite of the word in bold:**

1. We need **more** chairs. Do you know where I can find some?  
(a) less                      (b) fewer                      (c) few
2. That **old** woman looks like my grandmother.  
(a) new                      (b) young                      (c) next
3. Stop it! You're so **noisy**!  
(a) quite                      (b) quiet                      (c) nosy
4. We'll arrive in London in **approximately** twenty minutes.  
(a) no more than      (b) exactly                      (c) about
5. Mr. Smith is a very **considerate** person.  
(a) selfish                      (b) pessimistic                      (c) impatient
6. You are not being very **straight** with me, are you?  
(a) curly                      (b) deceitful                      (c) curvy
7. He's got a lot of Science books at home.  
(a) isn't                      (b) hasn't                      (c) doesn't
8. Kevin is so arrogant – he thinks too **much** of himself.  
(a) few                      (b) very                      (c) little
9. This restaurant is always **busy** – they must be making a fortune!  
(a) empty                      (b) lazy                      (c) bored
10. Mrs. Thomson is by far the **best** teacher we've ever had!  
(a) bad                      (b) worse                      (c) worst

10 marks

## Section 2: Reading Comprehension

### A. Read the following article carefully



### *Travel experiences*

#### *Cocos Island*

"It is the most beautiful island in the world," said Jacques Cousteau.

When Michael Crichton wrote *Jurassic Park*, he had Cocos Island in mind. Robert Louis Stevenson may have based his classic "Treasure Island" on it, as well.

People who love adventure visit Cocos Island which was discovered less than half a century ago.

L5 Here you can explore the island and its wildlife-rich waters, learn about its legendary history and experience the island's wonders.

Cocos Island is only 375 miles off the Pacific coast of Costa Rica, and is famous for its natural and man-made treasures. The largest uninhabited island in the world, this 10-square-mile tip of an ancient volcano is one of the only underwater volcanoes that was pushed to the surface so far from the

L10 mainland.

The visitors can admire the cliffs over the rocky shoreline, Mt. Iglesias which is the island's highest peak, the luxurious jungles and the sparkling waterfalls where they can swim.

The underwater world of this national park has become famous because divers come from different countries as they believe it is one of the best places in the world to see various species such as

L15 sharks, tuna and dolphins.

Yet it is for buried treasure that Cocos is perhaps, most famous. Many, many years ago, pirates used Cocos to bury their treasures in its inaccessible hillsides. According to the legends, many of these pirates died from disease, battles, or execution before they could ever return to the island to take their

L19 treasure, and it remains there to this day, hidden in natural caves.

**B. Explain the meaning of the following words as used in the passage:**

- explore (L5) = \_\_\_\_\_
- wildlife-rich waters (L5) = \_\_\_\_\_
- legendary (L5) = \_\_\_\_\_
- wonders (L6) = \_\_\_\_\_
- uninhabited (L8) = \_\_\_\_\_
- peak (L12) = \_\_\_\_\_
- national park (L13) = \_\_\_\_\_
- inaccessible (L17) = \_\_\_\_\_
- execution (L18) = \_\_\_\_\_

**9 marks**

**C. Write notes on the following:**

1. Reasons people who love adventure and beauty might want to visit Cocos Island

- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....

2. Geographical features of Cocos Island

- .....
- .....
- .....
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- .....

3. Reasons pirates never returned to find their treasure

- .....
- .....
- .....

**34 marks**

**D. Summary**

Imagine that you have just returned from a visit to Cocos Island. Write a letter to a friend telling him/her why he/she will enjoy visiting the island.

Use the notes you have written above and do not use more than 120 words.

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**F. Form Filling**

James Simpson will be 13 in September and his very rich grandmother has sent him \$1000 to spend on a cruise. He wants to go as early in September as possible, before school starts, and he cannot go longer than 6 days. He wants the cruise to start from his city, New York. In fact, he lives near the harbour, in 367th Avenue. His father, Edward, and mother, Jane, want him to go on a cruise to Norway, but he has decided to go on a cruise to places like Grand Turk, Ocho Rios, and Grand Cayman. He definitely wants a cabin with ocean view because he hates being inside a cabin with no windows. He does not want to spend more than \$600 on the ticket as he wants some pocket money to spend on the cruise.

Imagine that you are James Simpson. Fill in the following form which you must send with the money.



## CHOOSE YOUR DREAM CRUISE

### SECTION A

(Use Block capitals for this section)

Surname: .....

First Name: .....

Age: .....

Name of Closest Male Relative: .....

Relationship (circle relevant information):      Father      Brother      Uncle

Address: .....

### SECTION B

Tick cruise you want to go to

Circle date

Circle cabin

1.  **Carnival Cruise Lines-Carnival Destiny**



San Juan, St. Thomas, Dominica, Barbados, Aruba, San Juan

**5 departure dates:** Sep 3, 10, 17, 24, Oct 1

**Cabins:** Ocean View \$529      Inside \$449

2.  **Royal Caribbean Int.-Rhapsody of the Seas**



Galveston, Key West, Grand Cayman, Cozumel, Galveston

**2 departure dates:** Sep 10, 24

**Cabins:** Inside \$549      Ocean View \$599      Balcony \$999

3.  **Norwegian Cruise Line-Norwegian Spirit**



New York City, Port Canaveral, Nassau, Great Stirrup Cay, New York City

**2 departure dates:** Sep 10, 24

**Cabins:** Inside \$449      Ocean View \$479      Balcony \$549

4.  **Princess Cruises-Crown Princess**



New York City, Grand Turk, Ocho Rios, Grand Cayman, Port Canaveral,  
New York City

**3 departure dates:** Sep 2, 8, 14

**Cabins:** Inside \$519      Ocean View \$564      Balcony \$654

**23 marks**

