

## Section 1: Use of English

Tick the most appropriate way to complete each sentence:

1. He was very upset this morning because he \_\_\_ his car on the way to the office.

has crashed

had crashed

2. I asked him when \_\_\_ be back.

would he

he would

3. "Do you have any questions?" "Yes, I \_\_\_."

have

do

4. The \_\_\_ mothers are very upset with the teacher.

girl's

girls'

5. Mary said that she \_\_\_ by 7:00.

would have finished

would have been finishing

6. It's 5:30! You \_\_\_ the train!

will miss

are going to miss

7. "Why are you out of breath?" "I\_\_\_."

was running

have been running

8. The good news \_\_\_ that we'll get our money back!

are

is

9. Here \_\_\_! I've been looking for you everywhere!

are you

you are

10. The principal \_\_\_ Tom's mother four times this week, and it's only Wednesday! He is the most disruptive student in the class.

called

has called

11. The hotel \_\_\_ renovated.

is being

is been

12. Thank you! Your \_\_\_ has helped a lot!

advise

advice

13. "Where's Chris?" "He's not here. \_\_\_ to the shops."

He's been

He's gone

14. When I was a student, I \_\_\_ to bed very early.

was always going

always went

15. "\_\_\_ book is this?" "It's Richard's book, Sir."

Who's

Whose

**15 marks**

**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. The mechanic is repairing the company car. **(by)**

The \_\_\_\_\_ the mechanic.

2. Everybody in the class is more beautiful than Helen. **(the)**

Helen \_\_\_\_\_ of all.

3. We've never taken an exam as easy as this one. **(ever)**

This is \_\_\_\_\_.

4. "Where does your father come from?" the teacher asked Nick. **(wanted)**

The teacher \_\_\_\_\_.

5. I think he must be more careful. **(him)**

If \_\_\_\_\_ more careful.

6. I was not allowed to go out on weekdays when I was young. **(would)**

Mum \_\_\_\_\_ when I was young.

7. I intend to buy a new car next year. **(going)**

I \_\_\_\_\_ next year.

8. I hate bad weather, and my sister hates it too. **(so)**

I hate bad weather, and \_\_\_\_\_.

9. "I replied to all the emails this morning," my secretary said. **(me)**

My secretary \_\_\_\_\_.

10. What a pity I didn't see you at the party! **(wish)**

I \_\_\_\_\_ at the party.

11. If you don't apologize to me right now, I will tell the teacher! **(unless)**

I \_\_\_\_\_.

12. Ann is the shiest girl in the group. **(as)**

No other girl \_\_\_\_\_ Ann.

13. I'm too short to be a basketball player. **(be)**

If \_\_\_\_\_ a basketball player now.

14. "Have you changed the colour of your hair?" I asked my friend. **(whether)**

I asked \_\_\_\_\_ her hair.

15. I didn't call Peter, because I didn't know his number. **(would)**

If I \_\_\_\_\_ him.

**30 marks**

**Fill in the blanks using prepositions:**

1. They are not very familiar \_\_\_\_ the language.
2. They now live \_\_\_\_ a flat \_\_\_\_ the ground floor.
3. "What are you doing \_\_\_\_ New Year's Eve?"
4. My father is away \_\_\_\_ a business trip.
5. Please let me know if I can provide you \_\_\_\_ any further information.
6. "Where's Carol?" "She's waiting for us \_\_\_\_ the bus!"
7. He used to work \_\_\_\_ Panton Street, but now his office is \_\_\_\_ 12, Church Road.
8. "Would you like some more cake?" "No, thank you. I'm \_\_\_\_ a diet."
9. I'm so looking forward \_\_\_\_ meeting you!
10. I'm always invited to a lot of parties \_\_\_\_ Christmas.
11. I always have a big breakfast \_\_\_\_ Sunday morning.
12. "What are you thinking \_\_\_\_?" "Nothing, really! I'm just relaxing!"
13. Most restaurants in my country close \_\_\_\_ midnight.

**15 marks**

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

1. Many historians claim that World War II was **inevitable**.  
(a) preventable      (b) profitable      (c) despicable
2. Mr Brown's new secretary is very **efficient**.  
(a) thoughtless      (b) mean      (c) unproductive
3. Mary's husband is a **compassionate** young man.  
(a) unfit      (b) unkind      (c) unattractive
4. My daughter **loathes** beans.  
(a) hates      (b) likes      (c) grows
5. The police carried out a **thorough** investigation.  
(a) super      (b) superb      (c) superficial
6. All the accusations against him are **absurd**.  
(a) senseless      (b) sensible      (c) sensitive
7. Not many people like him. He's very **aggressive**.  
(a) handsome      (b) friendly      (c) generous
8. "You **can** call me any time this afternoon!"  
(a) are able to      (b) may      (c) must

9. Humans are **optimistic** by nature.

- (a) careless                      (b) negative                      (c) cruel

10. There are **more** people living here nowadays.

- (a) less                      (b) many                      (c) fewer

**20 marks**

**Read Tony’s letter to Sue. Then, using your own words, give the meaning of the words in bold.**

Dear Sue,

I have finally moved into my new flat! It may have **(1) cost an arm and a leg**, but it’s bright and spacious! **(2) I was under the impression** that flats are claustrophobic, and as **(3) I was not used to** living in confined spaces, I was very skeptical about buying it. The flat used to belong to an old lady who had **(4) had enough of** living in chaotic, noisy cities and wanted to move to the countryside. When I had first spoken to her on the phone she claimed that the flat was “paradise on earth” and invited me to have a look around. I did! It was **(5) a far cry from paradise**. But, it was in the centre of the city, near my office, and had amazing views. Well, **(6) to make a long story short**, we agreed on the cost, I signed a handful of legal papers, and I informed my ex-landlord that I would be moving out. Ha! **(7) He didn’t take it very well!** While I was explaining how I had found a better property, I could see **(8) he was getting hot under the collar**. I don’t know why he got so upset, really! I was not the best tenant in the world, I often **(9) fell behind with** my rent payments, and **(10) the flat was a pig sty!** Well, that’s all for now. Please come and visit as soon as you can. I’m dying to show you around!

Take care  
Tony

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**20 marks**

**Total: 100 marks**

## SECTION 2: Reading Comprehension

Read the article carefully, and answer all the questions that follow.

(Source: Daily Mail / adapted)

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### The making of a Norland nanny

Norland College is a prestigious institution famed for providing childcare to royals and rock stars.



With their distinctive brown uniforms, prim manners and old-fashioned sewing skills, they may look like a throwback to a bygone age. But the graduates of elite nanny school Norland College have had to learn to adapt to our more violent times. The prestigious institution – which has supplied childcare to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Mick Jagger – now teaches its students skills that are more often associated with James Bond than with Mary Poppins. From evasive driving to help them escape from ambushes, to martial arts while pushing a pram, it is training a new generation of ninja nannies able to protect the children of the rich and famous.

L10 In March, Norland found itself in the spotlight when it was announced one of its graduates – 43-year-old Maria Teresa Turrion Borrallo – had been hired by Kensington Palace to look after Prince George. She is the latest in a long line of Norland alumni to look after Royal Babies, with Princess Anne and the Duchess of York also among those who have used their services. Sir Mick and his ex-wife Jerry Hall also hired a Norland nanny to look after their children Lizzie, 30, and James, 29.

As well as learning traditional skills like sewing and cooking healthy children's meals, they are given classes in social science, psychology, child health, history and literature. Every student – the school has only had one male graduate – also has to look after a virtual baby for two nights. Fitted with a computer chip, each doll is programmed to cry like a real-life child and must be soothed at all hours.

Each student is drilled in a brand of the Korean martial art Taekwondo that teaches them to fend off would-be kidnappers with a flurry of kicks and punches. The instructors teach them to put the assailant in a headlock while controlling a pram, and give more self-defence basic tips, such as keeping their keys at the ready as a potential weapon when walking at night. Another class sees the students learn extreme driving skills at a racing circuit in Wiltshire. They must learn to drive at high speed in any weather condition, navigate slippery roads without losing control and burst through road-blocks.

As well as first-aid training, the students are also taught life-guard skills in case they need to rescue a child during a beach holiday.

**LEXICAL ANALYSIS**

Explain the meaning of the words below, as used in the passage:

dinstinctive (L1)	
old-fashioned (L1)	
bygone age (L2)	
elite (L3)	
adapt (L3)	
prestigious (L4)	
evasive driving (L7)	
ambushes (L7)	
in the spotlight (L10)	
alumni (L13)	

20 marks

**NOTE TAKING**

Write notes on the following:

- 1. Celebrities and Royals who have hired Norland nannies for the care of their children
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 2. Academic classes attended by Norland College students
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  - \_\_\_\_\_
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- 3. Modern-day training received by Norland College students
  - \_\_\_\_\_
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  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_

30 marks





Imagine you are John Samsonite. Fill in the following form which you must send to Norland Agency, applying to hire a nanny that meets your family's needs.

**The Norland Agency**

**Requirements of employer for permanent post**

Employer's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

**Child / Children**

	1	2	3	4
Name				
Age				
Sex				

**Type of nanny (service) required: (please tick)**

Residential  Live out  Either

**Does the nanny need to be a driver? (please cross out)**

Essential Preferable No

**Do you want the nanny to travel with you on holiday or business? (please circle)**

Business Holiday

Please note any possible destinations: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Preference for special skills / knowledge the nanny should possess: (please underline)**

First Aid Cooking Self-defence life-guarding

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In 15-30 words outline any of the children's special needs / dietary requirements / and / or medical treatment needed.

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