

Section 1: Use of English

A. Circle the most appropriate way to complete each sentence:

1. She is _____ her hair is too short.
 - a) is thinking
 - b) thinks
2. Listen! Everyone _____ shouting your name.
 - a) is
 - b) are
3. They _____ the birth of their son all week.
 - a) have celebrated
 - b) have been celebrating
4. We _____ you several times but there was no answer.
 - a) have rung
 - b) have been ringing
5. I'm sure it _____ be the best holiday ever.
 - a) will
 - b) is going to
6. Alice and I _____ each other for a long time.
 - a) knew
 - b) have known
7. _____ again? You are very sweaty and dirty!
 - a) Have you been gardening
 - b) Have you gardened
8. I _____ up smoking six months ago.
 - a) have given up
 - b) gave up
9. Oh, look! Here _____ the teacher! Let's ask her about the test.
 - a) is coming
 - b) comes
10. She's always _____! I can't stand it anymore.
 - a) lies
 - b) lying
11. Tony _____ to Paris. He's coming back next week.
 - a) has gone
 - b) has been

12. How _____ pasta do we need?
a) many
b) much
13. Has she been crying? She ____ too good.
a) doesn't look
b) isn't looking
14. He _____ leaves the office before 6 pm.
a) rarely
b) once a week
15. _____ such terrible news! I wish things were different!
a) This is
b) They are

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. I'm not as good at English as you. **(than)**
You _____ me.
2. All the exercises in this test are harder than this one. **(the)**
This is _____ in the test.
3. New York is one of the most expensive cities in the world. **(as)**
Very few _____ New York.
4. He said, "I'm very tired" **(that)**
He _____.
5. I last went to London Zoo when I was twelve years old. **(since)**
I haven't _____ twelve years old.
6. The apartment was too small for Carol's family. **(enough)**
The apartment _____ Carol's family.
7. It's been eight months since I saw Joanna. **(for)**
I haven't _____.
8. Jessica cleaned the kitchen and then went to the supermarket. **(after)**
Jessica went to the supermarket _____.
9. He'll be late if he doesn't leave in ten minutes. **(unless)**
He _____ in ten minutes.

10. Mary didn't pass her driving test because she didn't practise enough. **(passed)**
If _____ her driving test.
11. This course is not as good as the other two I've taken. **(the)**
This is _____ I've ever taken.
12. Tom's father wouldn't let him borrow his car. **(allowed)**
Tom _____ his father's car.
13. You'd better study for the test. **(you)**
If _____ for the test.
14. They are going to buy a new car. **(is)**
A new car _____.

28 marks

C. Fill in the blanks with: by / at / with / on / in / to / between / for

1. Tom is an expert _____ computers.
2. The movie was a bit boring _____ the beginning but then it got better.
3. What's the difference _____ these two mobile phones?
4. I'm having difficulties _____ this essay. Can you help me please?
5. There is a big demand _____ the new play station.
6. Last year we went _____ holiday to Thailand.
7. James is _____ the café right now. Why don't we join him?
8. The sheriff is sitting _____ his desk drinking coffee.
9. It was _____ mistake! I didn't mean for it to happen.
10. I've decided to move _____ South Africa.
11. I hate travelling _____ plane.
12. They congratulated me _____ my big success.
13. He paid for his new bicycle _____ cash.
14. I'm really looking forward _____ seeing John in a month.
15. His father was dissatisfied _____ his performance at school.

15 marks

D. Replace the underlined words with an expression from the list below.

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| catch a glimpse | brought up | call it a day |
| look out | rush hour | head over heels |
| took off | a larger than life | get over |
| fell into place | put off | made her day |

1. Receiving a call from her daughter delighted her.
Answer: _____
2. After working for so many hours I suggested to my business partner that we should stop working.
Answer: _____
3. My best friend was raised by her grandmother because her parents worked abroad.
Answer: _____
4. The worst time to take the train is during the time when people travelling to and from work are crowding the trains.
Answer: _____
5. In a special memorial service the dead fighter was described as an outstanding character.
Answer: _____
6. Jane is madly in love with Thomas.
Answer: _____
7. The tour guide informed us that we should be careful for pickpockets.
Answer: _____
8. Last summer we went on a bird watching holiday in Poland and we used to wake up early in the morning to take a quick look at the unusual birds which flew by.
Answer: _____
9. The plane departed at 7 a.m. and arrived in Paris at 11 a.m.
Answer: _____
10. They postponed moving into another apartment until March.
Answer: _____
11. My sister is still in love with her ex-boyfriend and I keep telling her that she should move on and forget him.
Answer: _____
12. The work was difficult at first, but after a few weeks, everything made sense.
Answer: _____

24 marks

E. Read the following paragraph. Then, give the meaning of the expressions in bold using your own words.

I won't go to Susan's party. All that (1) **small talk** is so boring and such a waste of time. Such events (2) **put me off** so I'm most probably going to tell my best friend to (3) **come round** my house to watch a DVD. I'm determined to spend more (4) **quality time** with my true friends.

- (1) _____
(2) _____
(3) _____
(4) _____

8 marks

F. Circle the word which means the opposite of the underlined word:

1. She is the kindest person I've ever met.
a) sweetest b) cruelest c) fairest
2. Kelly is such a sociable person. She loves meeting new people and making new friends.
a) shy b) patient c) snobbish
3. There is a tiny stain on my dress.
a) wide b) round c) big
4. Oh look at that! That's such a wonderful painting.
a) confusing b) terrible c) colourful
5. You can park here.
a) shouldn't b) ought not to c) mustn't
6. The runner broke his leg. That is the worst thing that could have happened to him.
a) good b) better c) best
7. My brother never shares his stuff and he only cares about himself. He is so selfish.
a) happy b) truthful c) generous
8. There are many people in this room.
a) little b) few c) a lot of
9. He lost his dog. He is very depressed right now.
a) loving b) sensitive c) excited
10. George is an optimistic person. He always sees the positive side to everything.
a) down-to-earth b) pessimistic c) caring

10 marks

Section 2: Reading Comprehension

A. Read the following article carefully

The Eiffel Tower

One of the most famous and popular landmarks in Paris is the Eiffel Tower. In 1889, the French government organised an exhibition in which the Eiffel Tower was designed to symbolise this exhibition. There were over 100 entries, and it was Gustave Eiffel's construction that won.



Gustave Eiffel was born in 1832 in Dijon, France. He studied architecture at university and then started a company that designed metal buildings. He was also the designer of the Statue of Liberty framework. The Eiffel Tower, though, was his most famous and latest success which is admired by people from all over the world and he was given the name 'Magician of Iron'.

The Eiffel Tower was a revolution in the technique of building. The idea of creating a 320 metre Tower made of iron amazed lots of people but on the other hand some did not appreciate it. Back in 1889, it was the tallest building in the world which was built quickly and cheaply. The whole tower was completed in the record time of two years, two months and five days. Special elevators were designed that moved in a curve instead of a straight line to transport people up and down the tower. Another special feature is that it weighs 10,100 tonnes.

The Eiffel Tower also has practical uses. The aerial at the top of the tower sends and receives radio signals. Moreover, the meteorologists use the tower to collect data about the weather. But it is mostly known as one of the best landmarks in France. Six million people visit it every year and it has three different levels which are open to the public. Visitors who wish to avoid climbing the 1,665 steps to the third floor of the tower, can reach the upper floor by elevator which is at a height of 274 metres. From there, visitors can experience breathtaking views in all directions across Paris, the city of light and they can enjoy a delicious meal at the luxurious restaurant which is on the first floor.

B. Explain the following words as used in the passage:

- Landmark (L 1) =
- Exhibition (L 3) =
- Construction (L 5) =
- Admired (L 9) =
- Revolution (L 11) =
- Creating (L 11) =
- Aerial (L 18) =
- Meteorologists (L 19) =
- Data (L 20) =
- Elevator (L 23) =
- Breathtaking (L 24) =

11 marks

C. Write notes on the following:

1. Personal details about the creator of the Eiffel Tower:

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2. Reasons the Eiffel Tower was special back in 1889:

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F. Form Filling

Pierre Jardin from Paris, who was born in 1994, was given 50 euros by his grandfather to visit the Eiffel Tower. Pierre has received a leaflet containing details of the different prices and hours he can visit the tower. Although he lives nearby, at 27 Kleber Street, he does not wish to walk there because he hates walking, so he chooses instead to go on a Saturday so that his father, Nicola, and his mother, Mae, can give him a lift, since they work on weekdays. Pierre would also like to have lunch at the Eiffel Tower to enjoy the magnificent view while eating.

Imagine that you are Pierre Jardin. Fill in the following form which you must send with the money.
24 marks

VISITING THE EIFFEL TOWER

SECTION A

(Use Block capitals for this section)

Surname:

First name:

Age:

Name of Closest Female Relative:

Relationship (*circle relevant information*): Grandmother Sister Mother

Address:

SECTION B

Tick the package you want to buy.

Circle access to different levels.

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|----|--------------------------|--|-----------------|
| 1. | <input type="checkbox"/> | First level - night view with dinner
Stairs: 5 euros
Elevator: 10 euros | 50 euros |
| 2. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Second level - day view
Stairs: 10 euros
Elevator: 15 euros | 40 euros |
| 3. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Third level – night view
Elevator: 20 euros | 50 euros |
| 4. | <input type="checkbox"/> | First level - day view with lunch
Stairs: 5 euros
Elevator: 10 euros | 40 euros |

