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**Section 1 Language Exercises**

**Ex. A.** Put one of the following words in the spaces. **who, what, where, when, why.**

Example. .... Who..... can tell me the answer to this problem? (8 points)

1. .... were you doing when I phoned you?
2. .... did you come late from school today?
3. .... is going to the excursion on Sunday?
4. .... did you put the things that we bought today?
5. .... are you going to do the homework?
6. .... came first in the test of physics?
7. .... is she shouting with those boys?
8. .... have you done when you went to the park?
9. .... can we put all these clothes?
10. .... is that man that was talking to you?
11. .... did you send him your last e-mail?
12. .... do you think of this painting?

**Ex. B.** Write questions for the following answers. (6 points)

Example: Because she has a toothache. Answer: Why did she go to the dentist?

1. Because I have been working all day in the garden. ....
2. Because he wanted to take away my new mobile phone. ....
3. Because I think it is going to rain today. ....
4. Because she is making so much noise while I am studying. ....
5. Because I have to buy the tickets for the theatre today? ....
6. Because he has to start work early tomorrow morning. ....
7. He went to his friend's to play a new computer game. ....

Ex. C. Write the plural of the following nouns.

(5 points)

Example: branch – branches, knife – knives.

wife ..... tooth ..... country.....  
box ..... kiss ..... baby .....  
brush ..... church .. ..... woman .....  
life ..... tomato..... wolf .....  
sheep ..... mouse ..... potato .....

Ex. D. Write sentences which mean the opposite of the following.

(8 points)

Example The road is very long and difficult. Answer: The road is very short and easy.

1. Kozeta is tall and her brother is very fat.

2. We have a very big, and ugly house.

3. They walk slowly because they are tired.

4. Those clothes are dirty, and they are very old.

5. I don't want to eat this soup. It is cold.

6. You cannot play with those children. They are bad.

7. This street is narrow and the shops were empty.

8. She is intelligent and very careful.

Ex E. Choose the right tense of the verb. Underline the right answer.

(5 points)

Example: He cannot come because he talks/is talking on the phone.

1. He goes / is going to visit his grandmother on Saturday.

2. Now she plays / is playing with her friends.

3. In Korçë it rains / is raining in April and May.

4. We have a holiday and we play / are playing volleyball now.

5. They always go / are going to the cinema together.

6. I read / am reading a very interesting book at the moment.

7. She washes / is washing her hair. She will come when she is ready.

8. You make / are making a lot of noise. Please keep quiet.

9. Every day they come / are coming to school by bus.

10. I watch / am watching the news at 8.00 every day.

**Ex. F** Fill the spaces in the following with words from the list below. (7 points)

The first one is done as an example

In the cave it was very (0) ...*dark*... and we found it very (1) ..... to go deep inside.

We (2) ..... not stay there as the two men who were (3) ..... us were not far away. (4) ..... my friend had some candles and (5) .....

We lit a candle each and walked inside terrified of the (6) ..... We walked and walked but did not hear (7) ..... from outside. Maybe those men did not (8)

..... the cave. Suddenly we saw a small (9) ..... and after a

(10)..... minutes we were out (11) ..... The cave had two

entrances. We were now (12) ..... But we couldn't trust (13)

.....men. We had to go (14) ..... very quickly

**Luckily**      **unknown**      **light**      **anything**      **dark**      **safe**      **home**      **find**  
**again**      **following**      **matches**      **difficult**      **could**      **those**      **few**

**Section 2 Comprehension.** Read the following and then answer the questions below. (30 points)

Old Peter had been a sailor who had voyaged to many foreign lands in his youth but he was now too old to go to sea. He lived alone in a little cottage, just outside the village, and seldom spoke to anyone.

There was a reason for this strange, quiet behaviour. Some years before he had lived very happily with his wife and daughter, but a deadly fever, which had swept through the village, had carried them both away, and left him desolate. Peter had mourned his great loss ever since, and had grown sadder and more silent as the years went by.

The old mariner, like most sailors, was very tidy in his habits and kept his house as clean as a new pin. Sometimes, however, he suffered from severe pains in his legs, and could not go about to dust and clean his furniture as he would have liked. Naturally this vexed him greatly, but he could never make up his mind to have a housekeeper.

One very stormy evening, while the sea roared loudly against the rocky coast, Old Peter closed his shutters, lit the lamp, and looked round his cozy room. A warm bright fire burned in the fireplace and his supper was on the table; but the old man shuddered as he thought of the poor men at sea in such terrible weather.

Suddenly he heard a sound of sobbing outside, followed by these words, spoken in a hard and angry voice: "Go away you little girl! Go away, I tell you! I cannot afford to keep you any longer. Go and beg for your living."

The old man took the lamp in his hand, and opened the door cautiously.

Kneeling on the steps was a little girl about eleven years of age. She shivered with cold and seemed quite wet with the rain. Her clothes, which had once been brightly coloured, were faded and torn. Even under the feeble light of the lamp the old man could see that she was very pale and tired.

"What do you want?" asked the old mariner in a gruff yet kind voice.

The little girl raised her head and he saw that her eyes were brimming with tears as she replied: "My master has turned me away. I have nowhere to go."

"Who is your master?" inquired the old mariner.

"My master is a traveling showman. I helped him as much as I could, but I am afraid I was too young to be of much service to him."

"Have you no parents?" asked the old man. "No. I am an orphan."

"And what will you do now?"

"I don't know. I have no home, no friends, and nowhere to go."

She timidly raised her eyes to the old man's face, and as he looked at her his heart softened. Then he said to himself, "She is very <sup>much</sup> like my own girl. It would be cruel and wicked to leave her outside on such a night as this." Stepping aside to allow her to enter, he said, "Come in. You may stay here until tomorrow morning."

1. Why did the old man live alone?

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2. How do we know that Old Peter never forgot his family?

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3. What do we know about the house of the old man?

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4. Old Peter was a very clean man, but he had a problem: he could not keep the house clean as he used to do before. What was the problem?

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5. On the stormy night what was the old man thinking of?

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6. What did he do just before he was preparing to have dinner?

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7. What happened at this time?

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8. Describe the girl that was outside when Old Peter opened the door.

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9. What was the girl going to do when her master turned her away?

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10. What was the thing that made the old sailor feel sorry for the girl?

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11. What two things made the man decide to take the girl in his house?

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Section 3 – Write a composition on about 200 words on one of the following (30 points)

1. Nobody can love us more than our parents.
2. People who don't like school when they are young will be sorry when they grow up.
3. Summer is beautiful but also spring and autumn. Which one do you prefer?
4. We should respect old people because most of them have worked and suffered for us.
5. How would you spend a day on the mountains? What interesting things can you do?

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