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**SECTION 1. GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY**

**Ex A. Complete the passage by filling in each blank with the appropriate preposition.**

**The first one has been done for you.**

**(5 marks)**

The first Mystery still surrounds the disappearance *of* Amelia Earhart, who is possibly the most famous female pilot ever. There have been many theories ..... what happened ..... her. Some say that Amelia was a spy ..... the American government and had been sent ..... a secret mission and was captured. Many believe she spent the rest ..... her life living ..... a desert island, while others think that she deliberately crashed her plane ..... the Pacific. No one knows the truth, although the most likely explanation is that Amelia ran out ..... fuel and came down ..... the sea and there was no one around to rescue her. She and her plane are probably still lying somewhere ..... Howland Island.

**Ex. B. Complete these sentences with one of the words which follow each sentence.**

**(6 marks)**

1. Halfway up the ladder he ..... confidence and started shouting for help.  
*gained reduced lost broke*
2. Can you please ..... us a joke.  
*say tell make relate*
3. The inspector investigating the girl's murder said that the crime must have been ..... between midnight and 3.00 a.m.  
*made done performed committed*
4. The manager told his assistant that he would be ..... a meeting to announce the salary increases.  
*announcing proclaiming calling declaring*
5. Don't ..... the blame on the driver, it was the pedestrian who was at fault.  
*arrange put give accuse*
6. Can I take the afternoon off as I have to ..... my uncle's funeral?  
*attend go be present accompany*
7. It's not a good idea to ..... any comparison between Thomas and his sister.  
*reach draw show decide*
8. How did you manage to ..... access to the manager's office?  
*gain reach acquire find*

**Ex. C. Fill in the gaps with one of the following words: *who, which, that, when, where*. (4 marks)**

There are about 1,000 grizzly bears in the United States of America, ..... live in forests. The grizzly, .....is enormous, and has brown fur. It is an animal ..... .. wieghs 500 grams at birth. The babies, ..... are called cubs, stay with their mothers until they are two years old. The grizzly, ..... is a heavy animal cannot move quickly, about 40-50 kilometers per hour over a short distance. They are sometimes dangerous especially ..... their territory is threatened. Grizzly bears are also harmful when they attack their prey to find food and kill people ..... hunt them, to protect their cubs.

**Ex. D. Fill in each blank space in the following passage with the appropriate form of the word in brackets. The first one has been done for you. (5 marks)**

In (discuss) *discussions*, there is always the (possible) ..... that misunderstandings will occur. Because people may be (able) ..... to reach (agree) ..... on the meaning of the term being discussed. It is, therefore, (advise) ..... for the people involved to (sure) ..... that they are talking about the same thing. In order to do so they would have to consult a (real) ..... good dictionary. A pocket dictionary is (like) ..... to be of much use. The kind of dictionary I'm thinking of is one that gives clear (definite) ..... which are usually followed by phrases or sentences. Generally (speak) ..... this kind of dictionary is much more expensive than the small ones, but it is (think) ..... that a student can do without such a dictionary.

**Ex. E. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in brackets. The first one is done for you. (10 marks)**

Frank (have) *has* a good job in London working in one of the leading Department Stores. He (be) .....in the same section since he joined the firm . Previously he used to work as assistant manager in a bookshop and if he (stay) ..... there he (promoted) ..... to manager by now. The firm (decide) ..... to move part of its business to the north of England and Frank has been asked to take charge of the new store. If he (agree) ... to make the move and stays there until he (retire) ..... , Frank (complete) .....30 years service. Cathy, his wife, has a well-paid job with an insurance company. She is, undoubtedly, reluctant (move) ..... to the north with Frank because she (work) .....with the same firm for several years and likes her job. In fact, she's been telling all her friends that she (not leave) ..... London to go with Frank.

**Ex. F Complete each unfinished sentence so that it means the same as the sentence printed before it.**

**Example**     *MIKE DOESN'T PLAY TENNIS AS WELL AS JULIA.*

*JULIA PLAYS TENNIS BETTER THAN MIKE.*

**(10 marks)**

1. It was such a cold day yesterday that I wore my winter coat.  
I felt .....
2. After a hard day's work, he usually falls asleep on the train.  
He tends .....
3. I'm sorry I sent you that letter. It was very rude of me.  
I regret .....
4. When I was a child we lived in Bristol.  
We used .....
5. Our house is older than all the other houses in the road.  
Our house is the .....
6. Six cars were stolen from the car park. A teenage boy is responsible.  
A teenage boy is responsible .....
7. Riding a bicycle on the pavement is against the law.  
You .....
8. Unfortunately Nick was too short to be a good basketball player.  
Unfortunately Nick wasn't .....
9. I haven't been to the dentist for over two years.  
It's .....
10. I think you should tell the police about the accident you saw yesterday.  
If I .....

**SECTION 2 - COMPREHENSION**

**(30 marks)**

On 6th March 1987, a car ferry called the Herald of Free Enterprise sailed with its doors open. Within seconds seawater flooded the car deck, causing the ship to capsize. As a result , 188 people died in the catastrophe. Stephen Homewood remembers his feelings of horror. The pens and pencils rolled first. Next papers, books and wire trays slid uncontrollably over the floor. Then video-tapes crashed down and chairs fell over. And then there were screams, awful screams that I shall never forget. **5**

It all started when the ship rolled violently. It was as if *it* swerved to miss something, then went straight again. It was as though we had swerved to avoid collision. But then it rolled back and this time there was no stopping her from capsizing. People were crying out in sheer terror, and from that moment it seemed that everything was happening in slow motion. I gripped out to a partition in the Information Office aboard the Herald of Free Enterprise. **10**

Paul White, the Chief Cook, to whom I had been talking, shouted that the ship was rolling over. And she was. At that moment I felt something strange and something supernatural. It was as though she was a giant, living thing, and at that precise moment, as she rolled, the life was leaving her. All around me was horror. I kept holding on desperately to a partition wall to stop falling over. A woman in a wheelchair came sliding past my office. *She* had a look of total disbelief on her face. It said, ‘This can’t be happening to me, someone pinch me, it’s a nightmare.’ Later I saw a body brought out of the ship which I am sure was hers. I had a direct view of the bar, where seconds earlier men and women had been cheerfully drinking. Some of them were clearly a bit tipsy. Now it was madness. Glasses and bottles were smashing and trays were toppling. Men, women and children were grasping hold of anything *they* could hang on to. They screamed in terror at the tops of their voices because what was happening seemed unbelievable and impossible. The ferry’s lights were still on. I could see people falling with such speed and force that when they hit the large glass porthole windows at the side of the ship, they left smears of blood, and slid down the glass unconsciously. Then the sea water put out the ship’s lights and *we* were plunged into terrifying darkness. From the first roll of the ship, the whole thing had lasted less than a minute. My first instinctive thought was about my son, Simon. I thought, ‘I want to see Simon again. I haven’t had time to enjoy him.’ **15**  
**20**  
**25**

*(Adapted from Zeebrugge: A hero’s story by Stephen Homewood)*

**1. State whether the statements are True (T), False (F) or No Information Given (NIG).**

- A. THIS TRAGEDY HAPPENED IN THE MORNING (.....)
- B. THE HERALD WAS OPERATED BY THE FREE ENTERPRISE (.....)
- C. THE HERALD WAS IMMERESED IN WATER AND THEN IT ROLLED OVER (.....)
- D. SINCE THE SHIP FIRST ROLLED, EVERYTHING HAPPENED IN A MINUTE (.....)

**2. From whose point of view was the story written? .....**

**What was this person doing on the ship? .....**

3. When did this disaster happen? .....

4. How did it occur? .....  
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5. What happened to the things on the ship? .....

6. What did the passengers do as soon as the ship capsized? .....  
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7. Quote three words or phrases which suggest that there were terrible sounds on the ship.  
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8. Quote three words or phrases which suggest that the tragedy seemed to be unreal.  
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9. Quote two words or phrases which suggest that this tragedy happened very fast.  
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10. What do the following words refer to?  
A. it (LINE 6) .....  
B. She (LINE 17) .....  
C. they (LINE 21) .....  
D. we (LINE 25) .....

11. DO YOU THINK THAT THE SPEAKER'S SON, SIMON, WAS TRAVELLING ON THE SHIP? GIVE REASONS FOR YOUR ANSWER. ....  
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