



Preca College, Korçë
English Entrance Exam
30th June 2021
Time: 10:30 - 12:30

Name: _____

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SECTION A - LANGUAGE EXERCISES

(40 marks)

A. Complete the following sentences with a word formed from the one in capitals. (5 marks)

1. After looking at Gary's composition, the teacher told him that he had no
(IMAGINE)
2. The hotel we stayed in was very located. (CENTRAL)
3. Malta gained its in 1964. (DEPEND)
4. The teacher was very proud of the students' (IMPROVE)
5. The current age is that of 65. (RETIRE)
6. I was so happy we won. The feeling was (DESCRIBE)
7. Read the book I gave you if you want more (INFORM)
8. The criminal entered the bank (ILLEGAL)
9. We sat very in the theatre. (COMFORT)
10. John an answer from his wife. (DEMAND)

B. Read about the weather in Britain. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in brackets. (10 marks)

The first one has been done for you.

Britain is (be) an island and the sea (give) our country a varied climate. We never (know) what the weather will be like from one day to the next. It can be sunny one day and rainy the next. In general we (have) warm summers and cold winters. July (be) usually the warmest month and February usually (turn) out to be the coldest month. Although it (not rain) every day in Britain, it's a good idea to carry an umbrella with you. Yesterday, for example, the day (start) with a blue, cloudless sky, but by noon the clouds had (gather) and the sky (dark). It (not/stop/rain) before 9 pm.

C. Fill in the blanks with linking words from the list below.

You can use each linking word / phrase only once.

(5 marks)

When - until - by - as soon as - before
while - until - by the time - if - after

It is important not to leave itthe last minute to leave home, as you might get stuck in traffic. you leave home please check that you have your passport. we all arrive at the airport, we will check-in.checking in, we will all meet at the departure lounge. we are waiting to board, you need to go to the shops please inform the group leader. Kindly wait we are called before approaching the departure gate. we board the plane, find your seats immediately. Once you have found your seats, do not get up unless you really have to. Remember thatwe arrive in London it will be dark, but we should arrive at the hotel midnight.

D. Rewrite the following sentences by finishing the second sentence and keeping the same meaning.

(5 marks)

1. We enjoyed the excursion in spite of the heat and humidity.

Although.....
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2. The last time I had a haircut was two months ago.

I have
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3. It was only because he was a very good swimmer that he managed to save those children.

If he
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4. If I had a pair of good walking shoes I would have run in the Paris marathon.

I didn't.....
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5. You will get your mobile back only if you finish your homework

You will not.....
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E. Fill in the blanks in the following passage using a word that fits. (8 marks)

The story of Orpheus and Eurydice is a tragic one. Orpheus is one of the most famous musiciansGreek mythology. Whenever he his lyre (an instrument that.....like a harp), it was said that notwild beasts even rocks and trees were moved to follow him. According to the legend, Orpheus' wife, Eurydice, died shortly their marriage from a fatal snake Orpheus loved Eurydice so much he went to the underworld to the Queen of Hades, Persephone, to allow his wife to live Charmedhis music, Persephone agreed, with a condition that Orpheus would not round to look at his wife until they reached the human world. Thus Eurydice was released. While fleeingHades, Orpheus could not control the urge to look at his beloved wife. Momentsthey reached the human realm, Orpheus looked back. It was a tragic mistake. Once hehis eyes on Eurydice, she disappeared, her soul to be retrieved again. Orpheus, heartbroken and guilt-ridden, was left to mourn for her for the rest of his life.

F. Turn the following sentences from the active to the passive as in the example below. (7 marks)

Example: The gardener has planted some trees. *Some trees have been planted by the gardener.*

1. A famous designer will redecorate the hotel.
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2. Steven Spielberg directed the movie "E.T."
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3. Peter has broken the Chinese vase.
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4. His parents have brought him up to be polite.
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5. They will advertise the product on television.
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6. My friend repaired all these machines.
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7. The police arrested him yesterday.
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Read the following carefully and then answer the questions that follow.

HOW THE WEB STOLE OUR CHILDREN

The other day my eight-year-old son asked me, ‘Mom, what was your favourite website when you were little?’ The question illustrates the enormous gulf dividing today’s parents and their children. We were raised in an age when the sum total of what could be viewed on screen was four television channels with content strictly controlled. Today, our children can choose from scores of channels and - via the internet - visit thousands of uncensored virtual worlds at the click of a mouse. They spend all their free time on websites such as Facebook and MySpace (An American social networking service) which offer free and easy access to videos posted by other users including, on occasion, real scenes of violence. I can see why so many parents, like Helen Gayson for example, are so gravely concerned about internet use. Helen offers this as a description of her family life: ‘Whenever I picked up my daughter Shannon from school and I said I needed to pop to the shops on the way home, she’d become agitated because she wanted to get on to her PC.’

She describes a girl who rushed to switch on the computer before she had even taken off her coat. ‘I was at my wits’ end on how to stop Shannon using the internet so much. I worried constantly that she put it above everything else, especially her school work. I estimate she was online at least 50 hours a week. Many of Shannon’s hours were spent on the messaging service MSN where she could message friends on screen. The system is much faster than e-mail, making communication more like a conversation. But what can be the quality of such friendships compared with the relationships that might exist with perhaps a handful of real close friends? I was also very concerned that she was up so late. I found that too much internet use disturbed Shannon’s sleep patterns. She became very tired in the morning and it was hard to get her out of bed.’

‘Then last week I reached boiling point as far as Shannon’s internet use is concerned. I went upstairs to find her still on the laptop. It was past midnight and I’m afraid I just snapped. To switch off the laptop as fast as possible, I must have tugged at the lead a bit too hard because it broke. But I don’t regret it and I am not planning on getting the laptop mended soon because I was so fed up that Shannon was on the internet so much.’

A report from the institute of Public Policy Research describes a generation of teenagers effectively being raised by the internet. It says that many under-16’s spend more than 20 hours a week glued to the internet. Millions are left to surf the web on their own, with six out of ten having seen online pornography, most of it accidentally in the form of pop-ups. Many are also exposed to scenes of violence. The report points out, that social life is an essential part of growing up. But it warns that just as we wouldn’t be happy about

young people engaging unsuitable activities offline, with no adult present to protect them and help them understand, so the same should be true when they are online. It urges parents to wise up and learn how the internet operates, particularly social networking sites, so that they can participate alongside their children at times, just as their own parents had once played football with them.

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1. 'The question illustrates the enormous gulf dividing today's parents and their children' (line 2) In what way does the question illustrate the gulf?
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 2. Write down one advantage of MSN according to the writer?
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 3. Write down two disadvantages of MSN according to the writer.
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 4. Why was Helen Grayson so worried about how her daughter was being affected by the internet?
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 5. Select four part-sentences of not more than six words each from lines 12 to 21 that describe what Helen Grayson felt regarding her daughter's use of the internet.
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 6. What does the report conclude about internet use by young people?
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7. What two pieces of advice does the report give to parents of young people? Use your own words.
- a.

- b.

8. Explain the meaning of the following words as used in the passage.
- a. scores (line 4)
- b. gravely (line 8)
- c. glued (line 27)
- d. accidentally (line 29)
- e. essential (line 30)
9. Explain the following expression, 'I was at my wits' end' (line 13).
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10. Why do you think the writer chose the title 'How the web stole our children' for the text?
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SECTION C - COMPOSITION	(30 marks)
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Choose one of the following and write an essay of about 250 words.

Don't forget to underline the title you have chosen before you start.

1. You have just won 50,000 Euros in a lottery. How are you going to spend them wisely?
2. A person who lives without hope, both here on earth and for life after death, lives a very unhappy life. Discuss.
3. You are going to spend two weeks holiday this summer either in Albania or in Greece. Which one do you prefer and why? Describe the places you desire.
4. A beautiful house without a garden all around leaves much to be desired. Do you agree?
5. I can still remember those happy days which I used to spend with my grandparents when I was very young.

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