



Preca College, Korçë
English Entrance Exam
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SECTION A - LANGUAGE EXERCISES (40 marks)

A. Fill in the blanks with ONE suitable word. Use any word that you think fits the meaning of the sentence. The first one has been done for you. (5 marks)

City life is cool; but is country life cooler? Apparently yes. More and (0) more people in Britain want to live in the country, and this is creating more and (1) _____ problems in some rural areas. The population (2) _____ British cities has been falling for years. Cities like Liverpool and Glasgow have lost about 30% of their population in 30 years. But Britain's population is still growing. (3) _____ are the people going? To the country, of course. People imagine that life in the country is slow and calm; that there are no traffic jams, no pollution, and (4) _____ crime. In some places, this is true; but in others it is not. Small towns and villages are becoming (5) _____ popular; people have more space and most houses have gardens, but problems are growing. (6) _____ of people want to live in the country and work in the city, so they travel long distances each day, to go to work, and (7) _____ they live in the country, they want to use supermarkets and have good fast roads. However, they do (8) _____ want to see them or hear them. Besides, lots of young people say that life in the country is boring: there is not (9) _____ to do, there are no activities (10) _____ no excitement.

B. Fill in the blanks with one preposition. The first has been done for you. (5 marks)

According (0) to the annual Arctic Report Card, released (1) _____ the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Arctic is warmer than ever. The average air temperature (2) _____ Arctic land reached 2.3 degrees Fahrenheit above average (3) _____ the year ending in September. That's the highest since observations began in 1900. "Warming is happening more than twice as fast (4) _____ the Arctic than anywhere else in the world," said NOAA chief scientist Rick Spinrad, (5) _____ a meeting in San Francisco, California. "We know this is due (6) _____ climate change."

The Arctic is a polar region at the northernmost part of the earth. It centres on the North Pole and reaches (7) _____ North America and Eurasia. (8) _____ these record-high temperatures, the sea ice that forms when Arctic Ocean water freezes is melting. Even when the ice reached its peak coverage this past February, it was at its lowest amount (9) _____ records began in 1979. The minimum ice coverage, reached in September, was the fourth lowest (10) _____ record. Melting ice takes a toll on animals, including walrus.

C. Underline the most suitable word. The first one has been done for you. (10 marks)

After studying America's black bears in the conventional way, wildlife biologist Luke Robertson felt no closer to understanding the creatures. He realized that he had to (0) catch / win / achieve / receive their trust. Abandoning scientific detachment, he took the daring step of forming relationships with the animals, bringing them food to gain their (1) approval / reception / greeting / acceptance. The (2) perception / awareness / insight / vision this has given him into their behaviour has allowed him to dispel certain myths about bears. (3) Opposed / Opposite / Contrary / Contradictory to popular belief, he contends that bears do not (4) care / bother / desire / hope as much for fruit as previously supposed. He also (5) concludes / disputes / reasons / argues claims that they are ferocious. He (6) claims / says / explains / tells that people should not be (7) misguided / misled / misdirected / misinformed by behaviour such as swatting paws on the ground, as this is a defensive, rather than an aggressive, act. However, Robertson is no sentimentalist. After devoting years of his life to the bears, he is under no (8) error / doubt / illusion / impression about their feelings for him. It is (9) evident / clear / apparent / obvious that their interest in him does not (10) expand / spread / widen / extend beyond the food he brings.

D. Complete the following article by forming one word from the one in brackets. The first one has been done for you. (10 marks)

To survive, an animal has to be able to do certain things as soon as it is born or it hatches. (0) Governed (Govern) by its genes, some parts of an animal's behaviour are innate. This kind of behaviour is vital for a young animal. (1) _____ (help) it recognize danger and food. But animals need also to adapt their behaviour as they gain experience, and most show some degree of learning, even insects. Butterflies are (2) _____ (instinct) attracted to coloured flowers, and have a built-in preference for particular colours, but they (3) _____ (ready) learn to adapt these preferences on the basis of their experience. This (4) _____ (able) to learn makes the animal's behaviour much more (5) _____ (adapt) to changing environments. A butterfly that couldn't learn to change its flower colour preference would quickly die of (6) _____ (starve) if there were no flowers of the preferred colour around. A bird will recognise its mother very early in its life. Having (7) _____ (learn) what she looks like, chicks are then able to avoid making (8) _____ (advise) approaches to other potentially dangerous birds in the community. Mammals often have an even greater degree of (9) _____ (parent) care, some staying with their mother even until her next offspring is born. Not all animals have the same opportunities to learn, however, and those that are not looked after by their parents have to be (10) _____ (depend) from the start.

E. Verbs. Put the verb in brackets in its correct form. (10 marks)

It was now two days since we had run (run) aground on submerged rocks. Everybody (a) (be) exhausted because we (b) (struggle) to get to the shore for several hours. Nobody (c) (have) any rest for the past couple of nights and it seemed as if there wouldn't be any rest either for the next few hours. At the moment the sailors (d) (labour) hard on the deck trying to launch lifeboats but with the waves coming over the side they (e) (not have) any luck. "I'm afraid we (f) (run) out of time," said the captain. "It (g) (not be) so bad if we still had the engines going, but with power off the water's just coming in. We sent a radio message as soon as we hit the reef. We (i) (operate) the pumps for 48 hours now. But we (h) (not survive) unless help arrives soon, by midday at the latest the water in the hold (j) (reach) the lower deck

Read the following carefully and then answer the questions that follow.

The Island of Corsica

The island of Corsica is best known for its world-class hiking trails but it has much more to offer thrill-seekers. Indeed, there are few places in Europe where you can find the mouthwatering combination of first-class mountain activities and water sports in such close proximity to each other.

Many are surprised to learn that the waters around Corsica offer some excellent places for diving and snorkeling. It's not unusual to catch sight of lobster, octopus, sea slugs and more among the coral anemones. 5
For snorkeling, try the rocky coves of Arinella near Calvi, and Campomoro near Propriano. The gulf of Sagone, close to the ruined Genoese tower of Sagone, is also a beautiful and quiet spot. For diving, the real jewel is the Marine Park off the south of the island. Take a boat over the Lavezzi Islands, a string of rocky outcrops surrounded by perfect diving waters.

Many divers come here to see the enormous grouper fish, a protected species, found off Merouville; there 10
are other sites where you can find schools of barracuda. As well as the natural underwater sights, there are also underwater objects of man-made origins. Near Calvi, divers can explore the wreck of a crashed American aircraft which is now home to an impressive group of moray eel. Just east of Campoloro, there is the wreck of the Italian cargo ship Alcione, sunk in 1943, which lies at a depth of around 25 to 35 metres.

Calvi, on the north west coast, has established itself as a leading watersports centre in the Mediterranean. 15
The Calvi Nautique Club offers individual or group lessons in windsurfing, sailing and sea-kayaking. Expert windsurfers flock to the island's west coast to tackle challenging seas whipped up by Mistral winds. The quaint village of Algajola is another good place for the water-sport enthusiast, thanks to the sandy beach of Aregno. However, most holiday resorts on the island will also rent out water sports equipment and offer lessons. 20

In Corsica's interior, it is the mountains that are the real draw. The Asco Valley and its surrounding mountains, long-famed for the production of white honey, have a good reputation among adventure seekers. One of the main attractions of this area is La Manicella. This is a stunning 'via ferrata' – a climbing route, which is one of a handful in the area, where you are helped along by fixed cables. The itinerary, which takes around three hours, is fairly tough. If you prefer your climbing without assistance from cables, Corsica 25
has some spectacular options. Some of the best climbing is on the island's almost vertical chalk cliffs in the northwest of Corsica near L'Isle Rousse. The Bavella Needles, a series of jagged tooth-like granite peaks around 20 km south west of Solenzara, also has some excellent climbing.

Canyoning is another popular activity holiday in Corsica. In this high-octane sport, you travel through gorges by means of climbing, scrambling, abseiling and swimming. Top of the list for canyoneers on the 30
island has to be the canyons of the Spelunca Gorge, just outside Porto. While it doesn't match the Grand Canyon for size, the red granite cliffs provide a spectacular backdrop as you make your way down the Spelunca river. So say goodbye to lying in the sun (although the island does offer that too) and get up and get active for a Corsican thrill of a lifetime.

1. Where would you find the above text? Underline the correct answer.

- a. In a catalogue
- b. In a travel magazine
- c. In an encyclopaedia.
- d. In a thriller.

2. Mark the following as True or False by writing T or F on the space provided. Give a reason to show whether the statement is true or false.

a. The tower of Sagone has just been restored. _____

Reason _____

b. There are no boat trips to the Lavezzi Islands. _____

Reason _____

c. Corsica offers different kinds of water sports. _____

Reason _____

d. Spelunca Gorge is as big as the Grand Canyon. _____

Reason _____

3. What two contrasting activities can Corsica offer?

a. _____

b. _____

4. a. Mention one place in Corsica where the waters are excellent for diving.

b. Mention one place in Corsica where the waters are excellent for snorkeling.

5. In what parts of Corsica can you find the following?

- a) Enormous grouper fish _____
- b) A crashed American aircraft _____
- c) A wreck of an Italian ship _____

6. Why is the west coast attractive to expert windsurfers?

7. Why is Algajola a good place for water-sports enthusiasts?

8. Give two reasons why Asco Valley is well-known?

9. What do these words/phrases mean in the passage?

- a) thrill-seekers (line 2) _____
- b) real jewel (line 8) _____

10. What do these words/phrases refer to in the text?

- a. spot (line 7) _____
- b. which (line 13) _____
- c. itself (line 15) _____

11. Explain the following:

So say goodbye to lying in the sun (line 33)

SECTION C - COMPOSITION

(30 marks)

Choose one of the following and write an essay of about 300 words.

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

- 1. Write a story with the title 'The last hope.'
- 2. Write about a time when you made a memorable journey.
- 3. Should parents control the way teenagers use the internet?
- 4. Teenagers should look for a job in summer! Discuss.
