



**Preca College, Korçë**  
English Language Entrance Exam  
7th June 2025  
Time: 10:30 - 12:30

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION A - LANGUAGE EXERCISES**

**(40 marks)**

**Ex A. Underline the correct spelling of the words in brackets.**

The first one is done for you as an example

(7 marks)

As the storm (0) (dissipated / disipated), a sense of (1) (tranquillity / tranquility) returned to the village. The (2) (rhythmic / rythmic) sound of raindrops gave way to a (3) (serene / sereen) atmosphere, where everything seemed (4) (synchronized / synchronized) in perfect harmony. However, the storm had left behind a (5) (desolate / desolete) landscape, with debris scattered across the streets. The villagers, though (6) (resilliant / resilient), knew they had to act quickly to restore their homes. They worked diligently, showing great perseverance, despite their exhaustion. The mayor, known for his eloquence, gave a speech that exhilarated the crowd, inspiring them to continue. As they repaired what was lost, their (7) (comitment / commitment) to the community never wavered.

**Ex B. Fill in the blanks with a suitable noun or adjective. Choose one from the list below. There are some extra words. Use each word ONLY ONCE as some words might fit in more than one sentence.**

(10 marks / 1 mark each)

Words to choose from:

**bravery, crowded, invention, peace, danger, lazy, beauty, rainy, adventure, noisy, sadness, sunny.**

1. After the storm, we enjoyed a \_\_\_\_\_ afternoon at the park.
2. The shopping mall was very \_\_\_\_\_ during the holiday sales.
3. The young explorer was known for his \_\_\_\_\_ and courage.
4. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ journey across the desert.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the mountain landscape took our breath away.
6. His latest \_\_\_\_\_ is a device that can clean the air at home.
7. The city streets became \_\_\_\_\_ when the parade started.
8. Many people stayed indoors because of the \_\_\_\_\_ weather.
9. She couldn't hide her \_\_\_\_\_ when she heard the bad news.
10. Walking through the forest gave us a feeling of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ex C. Choose a phrasal verb to fit into the blank, using it in the correct tense.**

There are two phrasal verbs which you do not need.

(6 marks)

**Phrasal verbs:** bring up, came across, figure out, give in, look forward to, put off, take up, turn down

Last year, Emma decided to (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a new hobby to help her relax after work. She had always wanted to try painting, but she never had the time. One day, she (2) \_\_\_\_\_ an old set of paints in her attic and decided to give it a go. At first, she struggled, but she was determined to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the best techniques. However, as time passed, her enthusiasm started to fade. She often (4) \_\_\_\_\_ painting lessons because she was too tired after work. Her friend encouraged her not to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ so easily and reminded her how much she had been (6) \_\_\_\_\_ improving. Eventually, she regained her motivation and even started selling some of her artwork online!

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**Ex D. Choose the correct form (noun or adjective). The first one is done for you as an example. (9 marks)**

0. It was a (hopeful / hope) moment when they announced the results.
  1. She always speaks with great (kind / kindness) to everyone.
  2. The beach looked (peaceful / peace) early in the morning.
  3. His (angry / anger) was obvious when he slammed the door.
  4. It's a very (energetic / energy) city, full of life.
  5. Their (friendly / friendliness) made us feel very welcome.
  6. The film had a (surprise / surprising) ending.
  7. I will never forget the (happiness / happy) I felt that day.
  8. The house looked (colour / colourful) with all the decorations.
  9. We admired his (creative / creativity) in solving the problem.
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**Ex. E. Rewrite these sentences in the passive voice.**

The first one was done for you as example.

(8 marks)

0. They will complete the project next week.

**The project will be completed next week.**

1. Someone stole my wallet at the station.

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2. People say that this restaurant serves the best sushi.

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3. The company is launching a new product next month.

4. They had repaired the road before winter started.

5. The police are investigating the case.

6. They gave me some useful advice.

7. They will announce the winners tomorrow.

8. Someone has sent you an invitation.

## SECTION B - COMPREHENSION

(30 marks)

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

### The Mysterious Letter

Lena sat at her desk, staring at the envelope that had arrived that morning. It had no return address, and the handwriting was unfamiliar. She hesitated before tearing it open. Inside was a single sheet of paper with a brief but **cryptic** message:

*"Meet me at the old clock tower at midnight. Bring no one."*

Lena's heart pounded. Who would send her something like this? Was it a joke? A prank by one of her 5 classmates? But something about the letter felt serious—almost urgent. She considered ignoring it, but curiosity **gnawed at her**.

She read the note again and glanced at the clock. It was almost 11:30 PM. She knew she shouldn't go. Her parents would be furious if they found out, and there was always the risk that it could be something dangerous. But what if it wasn't? What if it was something important? 10

At 11:50, Lena slipped on a jacket and crept out of the house, careful not to make a sound. The streets were eerily quiet, the dim glow of the streetlights casting long shadows. The town seemed different at night, unfamiliar and unsettling. She quickened her pace, the cold air biting at her face.

As she approached the clock tower, the ancient building **loomed** over her, its stone walls whispering stories of the past. The hands of the massive clock pointed to midnight. A sudden rustling sound made her stop. 15 "Hello?" she called out, her voice barely above a whisper.

A figure emerged from the shadows—a boy about her age, with dark, tousled hair and an anxious expression. "You actually came," he said, almost surprised.

"Who are you?" Lena demanded.

"I'm Erik," he replied. "And I need your help."

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Lena crossed her arms. "Help with what?"

Erik hesitated, then pulled a small, leather-bound notebook from his pocket. "My grandfather wrote this. It contains a secret—one that some dangerous people would do anything to find."

Lena frowned. "Why me?"

"Because," Erik said, "your grandmother knew my grandfather. And she left clues for someone like you to uncover the truth."

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Lena's breath caught. Her grandmother had died years ago, but she had always been secretive about her past. Could she have really been involved in something like this?

Erik handed her the notebook. The pages were filled with strange symbols and handwritten notes. "I think this is a code," he said.

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Lena flipped through the pages, recognizing a pattern. "This... this looks like the symbols my grandmother used to carve into the wooden chest in our attic," she murmured.

"Then you're the only one who can decipher it," Erik said urgently. "We don't have much time. I think someone has been following me."

A sudden noise made them both freeze. Footsteps echoed in the distance, growing louder. Erik grabbed Lena's arm. "We have to go," he whispered.

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They ran through the empty streets, ducking into an alleyway as the sound of footsteps grew closer. Lena's heart was racing. "Who are these people?" she whispered.

"I don't know exactly," Erik admitted. "But my grandfather warned me that if anything happened to him, I should find you."

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Lena's mind was spinning. How could her grandmother have been involved in something like this? And why had she never mentioned it?

The footsteps stopped near the alley, and Lena held her breath. A deep voice muttered something, and then silence. She and Erik waited for what felt like an eternity before daring to move again.

Erik exhaled. "We can't stay here. We need to figure out what's in that notebook before they find us."

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Lena looked down at the book in her hands, suddenly aware that whatever secrets it held could change everything she thought she knew about her family.

"Then let's go," she said.

Together, they disappeared into the night, clutching the secrets of the past, unaware of the dangers lurking just behind them.

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**Answer the following questions:**

1. Choose the correct meaning of these words. (1 mark each)
- A. What does the word **cryptic** (on line 3) most likely mean?
- a) Clear and detailed
  - b) Mysterious and difficult to understand
  - c) Friendly and inviting
  - d) Boring and repetitive
- B. The phrase **gnawed at her** (on line 7) suggests that Lena felt...
- a) physically hungry
  - b) extremely tired
  - c) increasingly curious
  - d) completely uninterested
- C. What does **loomed** (on line 14) suggest about the clock tower?
- a) It looked small and insignificant.
  - b) It appeared threatening or imposing.
  - c) It was hard to find in the dark.
  - d) It had disappeared completely.
- D. Which word best describes Erik's expression when Lena arrives?
- a) Relieved
  - b) Anxious
  - c) Excited
  - d) Confused

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2. Why does Lena consider ignoring the letter? (2 marks)

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3. What makes Lena decide to go to the clock tower? (2 marks)

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4. Why does Lena whisper when she realizes someone is coming? (2 marks)

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5. Why does Erik specifically ask Lena for help instead of someone else? (2 marks)

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6. Why does Erik seem surprised that Lena showed up? (2 marks)

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7. Why does Lena immediately connect the notebook's symbols to her grandmother? (2 marks)

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8. What do you think some other people might want from the notebook? (2 marks)

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9. What is Lena and Erik's goal by the end of the story? (2 marks)

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10. If you were Lena, would you have gone to the clock tower? Explain your reasoning in a short paragraph of about 50 words. (5 marks)

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11. What do you think will happen next in the story and what might the *dangers lurking just behind them* (on line 50) be? Write your answer in a short paragraph of about 50 words. (5 marks)

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