

## Placement test

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### I. Read the following text and choose the best answer, A,B, or C. (2px5=10p)

Rick Anderson, a magazine photographer, had no idea what would happen to him when he set off over the Sahara Desert in a small plane last month. The view was beautiful, but the sun was boiling hot as Frank, the pilot, flew slowly over the desert

Rick was taking pictures when he heard a loud bang. “What’s that noise?” he asked Frank. “Something’s wrong with the engine!” Frank yelled, as the plane began to lose altitude.

A few minutes later Frank managed to land the plane safely in the desert.. They checked the radio, but it wasn’t working. Rick decided to go for help. Frank tried to stop him , but he wouldn’t listen. “You stay here and try to fix the radio”, Rick said. He took a water bottle and started walking.

The sun was burning his skin as he went on, hour after hour, through the hot desert. His head ached and his lips were dry and cracked. There was no water left in the bottle. He was thinking of turning back when he saw some people on camels in the distance. One of them was waving to him. Rick couldn’t believe his eyes. He tried to wave back but he fell exhausted onto the sand.

When Rick opened his eyes he was inside a tent. “Some Bedouin men on camels found me at the plane”, Frank said softly. “Then we followed your footprints in the sand. Everything’s fine now”. Rick smiled gratefully and said. “Thanks to the Bedouins. Oh-maybe we can take some photos of them for the magazine!”

1. Where did the story take place?
  - a. on the sea
  - b. in the desert
  - c. in China
2. Who were the main characters
  - a. the Bedouins
  - b. one man
  - c. two men

3. Who went to get some help?
  - a. Rick
  - b. Frank
  - c. The Bedouins
4. Who did the Bedouins find first?
  - a. Rick
  - b. Frank
  - c. Both of them
5. How did the men feel?
  - a. grateful
  - b. annoyed
  - c. angry

## I. USE OF ENGLISH

**1. Look at the word in brackets following each sentence. Complete each sentence by writing the correct form of the word in the gap. (2px10=20p)**

1. I find \_\_\_\_\_ music really boring. ( CLASSIC)
2. My neighbours' dogs are very \_\_\_\_\_. (PLAY)
3. I have a wonderful \_\_\_\_\_ of coins. (COLLECT)
4. I don't have very much \_\_\_\_\_ talent. (MUSIC)
5. The doctor uses many \_\_\_\_\_ instruments. (MEDICINE)
6. Many efforts must be done to highlight the \_\_\_\_\_ of education in the life of every individual. (IMPORTANT)
7. Tom stood \_\_\_\_\_ in his office, hoping that the telephone would ring. (ANXIOUS)
8. Young pupils are always \_\_\_\_\_ about their teachers rewards. (ENTHUSIASM)
9. Michael Jackson, the \_\_\_\_\_ singer, died because of poison. (FAME)
10. Clothes that are no longer \_\_\_\_\_ are sold at bargain prices. (FASHION)

**2.Fill in the gaps with the missing words (2px10=20p)**

Brighton is one of the 1...famous seaside towns in England and attracts five million visitors every year. Brighton is typical of many British seaside resorts. The seafront is lined with grand hotels. 2...the hotels and the beach 3...is a wide area known 4...the “prom”. This is 5... people walk up and down. In Victorian times, people called this a “promenade”. The Victorians also liked to build piers in their seaside resorts. A pier is a structure built out over the sea which has amusements. There were often theatres at the sea end of the pier. In Brighton, now, that the West Pier 6... almost fallen into the sea, the Palace Pier has 7... the centre of the Brighton seafront. Entertainment is provided 8...an amusement arcade, a fish and chip shop and, sometimes, a fun fare. The oldest part of Brighton is 9... area of narrow, pedestrian streets known as the Lanes. They are full 10... expensive antique shops, jewellers and souvenir shops in 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings.

**3. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense: (2px10=20p)**

1. I usually...(eat) very healthy. I don't like junk food.
2. What are you doing? I ...(write) a horror story for my English lesson.
3. I ...(play) football with my friends every time I had a chance, last summer.
4. I...(do) my essay when you called yesterday.
5. I... (not finish) my application to college yet.
6. The students ...(wear) uniforms since the beginning of the semester.
7. Tomorrow, it ...(rain).
8. I ...(study) Japanese before I moved to Japan.
9. He ...(wait) for three hours when she finally arrived.
10. Tom ...(not /believe) in ghosts.

**III WRITING 20p**

Write a story for the school magazine. The following sentence must be included in the story  
***“By the time I got there it was too late.”*** (120-180 words)

## Key

I READING (2px5=10)

1B;2C;3A;4B;5A

## II USE OF ENGLISH

1.(2px10=20p)

1. classical
2. playful
3. collection
4. musical
5. medical
6. importance
7. anxiously
8. enthusiastic
9. famous
10. fashionable

2. (2px10=20p)

1. most
2. Between
3. there
4. as
5. where
6. has
7. become
8. by
9. an
10. of

3. (2px10=20p)

1. eat
2. am writing
3. play
4. was doing
5. haven't finished
6. have been wearing
7. will rain
8. had studied
9. had been waiting
10. does not/doesn't believe.