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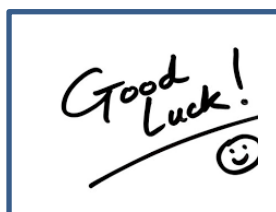
ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

SCHOOL YEAR 2018-2019

ENGLISH

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

- Answer **ALL** the questions in the spaces provided.
- Your answers must be clearly and neatly presented.
- This paper consists of **14 pages including the cover page.**



Section 1: Use of English

A. Choose the most appropriate way to complete each sentence:

1. Sheila and I _____ for a long time.
 - a) know
 - b) have known

2. _____ again? You are terribly sweaty!
 - a) Have you been running
 - b) Were you running

3. I _____ your job six months ago.
 - a) quit
 - b) have quit

4. Oh, look! Here _____ our train! Get your coat and hurry up!
 - a) is coming
 - b) comes

5. She _____ her sleeves! I can't stand it anymore.
 - a) always chews
 - b) is always chewing

6. The Doctor _____ to Italy. He's coming back next month.
 - a) has gone
 - b) has been

7. There's not _____ furniture in this room.
 - a) many
 - b) much

8. Has she been crying? She ____ too good.
 - a) doesn't look
 - b) isn't looking

9. He goes to the supermarket _____.
- a) rarely
 - b) once a week
10. _____ such amazing news! Congratulations!
- a) This is
 - b) They are
11. She's just bought a new dress, but now she _____ it's too short.
- a) is thinking
 - b) thinks
12. Look at them! Everyone _____ dancing!
- a) is
 - b) are
13. They _____ the victory of their team all week.
- a) had celebrated
 - b) have been celebrating
14. We _____ to reach you several times but there was no answer.
- a) have tried
 - b) have been trying
15. I'm sure it _____ be the best holiday ever.
- a) will
 - b) is going to

15 marks

B. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, using the word given. Do not change the word given:

1. I'm not as fluent in French as you. **(than)**
You _____.
2. All the questions in this exam are harder than this one. **(the)**
This _____.
3. New York is one of the most expensive cities in the world. **(as)**
Very few _____ New York.
4. He said, "I will move to a bigger house" **(that)**
He _____.
5. I last went to the Paris when I was six years old. **(since)**
I haven't _____ six.
6. The office was too small for Jacob's company. **(enough)**
The office _____.
7. It's been twelve years since I went to Scotland. **(for)**
I have _____.
8. Jessica washed the dishes and then went to the butcher. **(after)**
Jessica _____.
9. He'll be late if he doesn't leave in ten minutes. **(unless)**
He _____.
10. Martha failed her piano exam because she didn't practise enough. **(passed)**
If _____ exam.
11. This car is not as fast as the other two I've tested. **(the)**
This is _____.
12. Joshua's brother wouldn't let him borrow his tablet. **(allowed)**
Joshua _____ tablet.
13. You'd better quit smoking. **(you)**
If _____ smoking.
14. They are going to open a new gallery. **(is)**
A new gallery _____ them.

28 marks

C. Fill in the blanks with: by / at / with / on / in / to / between / for

1. Tom is an expert _____ simultaneous equations.
2. The plot of the novel was rather slow _____ the beginning but then it got better.
3. What's the difference _____ these two laptops?
4. The students have difficulties _____ the music project. Can you give them some tips please?
5. There is a huge demand _____ the new iPhone.
6. Last year our neighbours went _____ holiday to Hawaii.
7. Steward is _____ the restaurant right now. Shall we join him?
8. The Principal is working _____ his desk. Please keep the noise down.
9. It was _____ mistake! I didn't mean to hit you.
10. Next month we are moving _____ Italy.
11. I love travelling _____ plane.
12. The Mayor congratulated the team _____ their victory.
13. He always pays for the piano lessons _____ cash.
14. The children are really looking forward _____ going on holiday in a month.
15. His father was dissatisfied _____ his performance at football.

15 marks

D. Replace the underlined words with an expression from the list below.

caught a glimpse	brought up	called it a day
apple of his eye	head over heels	put the cart before the horse
took off	a larger than life	get over
fell into place	put off	made her day

1. Being asked out by Jim delighted her.

Answer: _____

2. The boss was mad because Tabitha stopped working at noon, and went home to rest.

Answer: _____

3. My best friend was raised in Sydney.

Answer: _____

4. Don't reverse the proper order of things. Finish you HW, and then go out and play for as long as you wish.

Answer: _____

5. In the eyes of his fans he's an outstanding character.

Answer: _____

6. Jane is madly in love with Thomas.

Answer: _____

7. She is her dad's most cherished person.

Answer: _____

8. Fedra took a quick look of the robber as he ran out of the bank.

Answer: _____

9. The plane departed at 7 a.m. and arrived in Paris at 11 a.m.

Answer: _____

10. They postponed the meeting for another week.

Answer: _____

11. Dave is pretty upset, but he'll feel better again, once he sees it was a misunderstanding.

Answer: _____

12. The course was difficult at first, but after a few weeks, everything made sense.

Answer: _____

24 marks

E. Read the following paragraph. Then, give the meaning of the expressions in bold using your own words.

I always got (1) **cold feet** when everyone spoke about skiing. I gradually started feeling left out, so I decided to (2) **give it a shot**. Even though I'm not particularly athletic, after a couple of lessons, it turned out to be (3) **a piece of cake for me!** I instantly loved the sport and couldn't wait to buy all the equipment, until I realised it would (4) **cost an arm and a leg**.

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

8 marks

F. Circle the word which means the opposite of the underlined word:

1. She is the kindest person I've ever met.
a) grumpiest b) cruelest c) fairest
2. Kelly is such a sociable person. She loves meeting new people and making new friends.
a) shy b) impatient c) snobbish
3. There is a tiny stain on my dress.
a) wide b) spacious c) big
4. Oh look at that! That's such a wonderful painting.
a) mean b) terrible c) colourless
5. You can park here.
a) shouldn't b) ought not to c) mustn't
6. The runner broke his leg. That is the worst thing that could have happened to him.
a) excellent b) amazing c) best
7. My brother never shares his stuff and he only cares about himself. He is so selfish.
a) respectful b) polite c) generous
8. There are many people in this room.
a) little b) few c) a lot of
9. He's lost his dog. He is very depressed right now.
a) interested b) moody c) excited
10. George is an optimistic person. He always sees the positive side to everything.
a) down-to-earth b) pessimistic c) sad

10 marks

100 MARKS

SECTION 2: Reading Comprehension

Read the article carefully, and answer all the questions that follow.

US summer camp: Survival lessons in New England



Summer camp is an American tradition dating back to the 19th Century, which lets boys and girls spend six weeks camping out under the stars, singing around the fire and learning valuable life skills.

L5 On a lake in the state of Maine, close to the Canadian border, my middle son is living on an island with 85 other boys. There is no electricity, no running water and something called a perch instead of a regular toilet. There are plenty of wild ducks - but that is about it. Boats of all sizes are the only form of transport.

"Mum, Dad, I'm going to be a one-hundred-per-center," announced our beaming, sunburnt son when we went to visit him in this unfamiliar setting.

L10 "A what?" we inquired.

"I go skinny-dipping every morning before breakfast," Toby explained, "and if I do that every day for six weeks, I'll be a one-hundred-per-center."

We nodded, trying vainly to understand the significance.

L15 "I was going on a kayaking and camping trip this weekend," Toby told us, "but I stayed behind because you were visiting."

"I wanted to," he added hastily, though not altogether convincingly.

Our son, who normally has to be yelled at to pick up his socks, was diligently sweeping out his already immaculate tent. Three other nine-year-olds were also wielding brooms and sweeping ferociously.

L20 "We want to win Tidiest Tent," they explained - an unusual ambition for nine-year-olds. The boys then fell to discussing their favourite expeditions and their dreams for the rest of camp.

"I hope King Kababa picks me to go on the sacred journey," said Toby earnestly.

"King Kababa?" I asked faintly.

L25 "He's the King of Pine Island," chorused the boys enthusiastically, before racing into the lake for their compulsory weekly wash with soap.

L30 Across America, millions of children are experiencing the rituals of summer camp. President Obama's daughters are among those who have given up their regular lives for campfire, mosquito bites, homesickness, sleeping bags and communal living under the stars. Summer camp is a huge tradition in the US which began in the 19th Century. The writer Henry David Thoreau went to live in a cabin in New England and published an influential memoir about the benefits of life in a natural setting called Walden. In the age of the Industrial Revolution, it was considered beneficial to teach children the values of community and self-reliance in the wilds.

L35 "Each for all, all for each" is the motto of one of the oldest camps in New England, along with "Better faithful than famous".

These days, parents seize upon camp as a chance to unplug their children from the never-ending electronic chatter of video games, mobile phones and email.

L40 Toby was surprised to learn that he could not telephone us from camp. There is no landline on the island - just one mobile phone in case of emergency. Parents are encouraged to write to their children and we have eagerly awaited Toby's responses. The hastily scribbled postcards have been largely unrevealing.

"The activities are fun, please send fudge. Love, Toby."

"I have signed up for archery and woodwork," read one card. "I am learning survival skills and I've made a spear."

L45 "Where's that going to go when he gets home," we wondered, marvelling at what was happening far to the north of our home in New York City.

L50 The theory is that outdoor living provides an education just as important as the conventional academic year. Certainly, I have seen my son grow in confidence and learn skills he could never acquire in the city - like tying knots and making a bonfire. Where else can you walk up a 4,000ft (1200-metre) mountain, camp by a lighthouse and fall asleep to the cry of loons?

LEXICAL ANALYSIS

Explain the meaning of the words below, as used in the passage:

beaming(L8)	
vainly(L13)	
significance (L13)	
hastily(L16)	
diligently(L17)	
immaculate(L18)	
ferociously (L19)	
ambition (L20)	
chorused (L24)	
influential (L30)	

20 marks

NOTE TAKING

Write notes on the following:

1. Basic facilities that are not found on the island
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
2. Experiences that make summer camp more challenging /demanding than children's regular lives
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
3. The most important values taught at one of the oldest summer camps
 - _____
 - _____
4. Technology that children might miss during summer camp
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____

28 marks

5. During their visit, Toby's parents found that he was:

Tick as appropriate

	True	False
Homesick		
Energetic		
Determined		
Confident		
Ambitious		
Diligent		
Indifferent		
Lazy		
Fit		
Loyal		
Anxious		
Violent		
Ferocious		
Undisciplined		

28 marks

6. Imagine you are Toby. In 20-30 words describe why you would like to go back to summer camp next year.

4 marks

SUMMARY

You are Toby's father. Write an email to your sister encouraging her to send her own 14-year-old son to summer camp next year.

Use your notes from the previous exercise and do not write more than 120 words.
