

WORD FORMATION (30 pts)

Fill in the blank with the appropriate form of the word given in brackets.

- Our plastic bottles are 100% _____ and use 50% less plastic. (cycle)
- The _____ has been reported to the police, and is now under investigation. (break)
- Parents should keep their children's _____ to the Internet in check. (expose)
- Her _____ acclaimed novel has won many literary prizes worldwide. (nation)
- He looked at his son with a slightly _____ frown. (worry)
- Smoking is fatally _____ to people's health. (injure)
- Your last essay was full of grammatical _____. Reduce them in the next one. (accurate)
- Rubber bullets are designed to _____ people rather than kill them. (capable)
- All he ever eats are oranges, guavas, etc. We can call him a(n) _____. (fruit)
- They have devoted all their time to _____ into a possible cure for AIDS. (search)
- All children can make progress, _____. (educate)
- They have produced some rather _____ explanations for the system failure. (convince)
- Look at that girl performing on the stage. She's a Toc Tien _____. (look)
- We sent her a copy of the physics book in _____ of her part in its creation. (knowledge)
- I _____ for Jane on Tuesday evening while she was at her friend's wedding. (baby)

SENTENCE TRANSFORMATION (20 pts)

Rewrite each sentence in such a way that it means almost the same as the one printed before it. Use the word in brackets without making any change to it.

- "What? Mike passed the test; it's great" said the man. (Mike's)
→ The man expressed _____
- I'd rather go to the cinema than watch TV tonight. (instead)
→ His _____
- We appreciate whatever you contribute to the success of the school. (matter)
→ We are _____
- How did you persuade Mark to participate in the contest? (part)
→ How did you talk _____
- I was upset that they didn't help us with that task. (hand)
→ They could _____
- Welcome you all and please feel relaxed! (make)
→ Please feel _____
- By being absent so often, Jim failed his examination. (cost)
→ Jim's frequent _____
- I don't feel like going to the party now. (attending)
→ I'm not in _____
- You may have no money left, so take this ATM card with you. (along)
→ In case you run _____
- He was able to study overseas because his parents had been very economical. (could)
→ The police _____

READING COMPREHENSION (20 pts)

Choose the item (A, B, C or D) that best completes the unfinished statement about the passage.

There are desert plants which survive the dry season in the **form** of inactive seeds. There are also desert insects which survive as inactive larvae or pupae. In addition, difficult as it is to believe, there are desert fish which can survive through years of drought in the form of inactive eggs. **These** are shrimps that live in the Mojave Desert, an intensely dry region in the southwest of the United States where shade temperatures of over 50 degrees Centigrade are often recorded.

The eggs are the size and have the appearance of grains of sand. When sufficient spring rain falls to form a lake, once every two to five years, these eggs hatch. Then the water soon **swarms** with millions of tiny shrimps about a millimeter long which feed on microscopic plant and animal organisms which grow in the temporary desert lake. Within a week, the shrimps grow from their original 1 millimeter to a length of about 1.5 centimeters.

Throughout the time that shrimps are rapidly maturing, the water in the lake equally rapidly evaporates. Therefore, it is **a race against time**. By the twelfth day, when they are about three centimeters long, hundreds of tiny eggs form on the underbodies of the females. Usually, by this time, all that remains of the lake is a large, muddy patch of wet soil. On the 13th day and the next, during the final hours of their brief lives, the females lay their eggs in the mud. Then, having ensured that their species will survive, the shrimps die as the last of the water evaporates.

If sufficient rain falls the following year to form another lake, the eggs hatch, and once again the cycle of growth, adulthood, egg-laying, a death is rapidly passed through. If there is insufficient rain falls to form a lake, the eggs lie **dormant** for a year, or even longer if necessary. Occasionally, perhaps twice in a hundred year, sufficient rain falls to form a deep lake that lasts a month or more. In this case, the species passes through two cycles of growth, egg-laying and death. Thus the species multiplies considerably, which further ensures its survival.

1. What does the passage mainly discuss?

- A. The effects of drought in the desert
- B. The lifespan of fish eggs in desert condition
- C. The survival of insects in a desert climate
- D. The importance of deep lakes in the desert.

2. The word **'form'** is closest in meaning to

- A. style
- B. shape
- C. nature
- D. design

3. From the passage, it can be inferred that the Mojave Desert is unusual because

- A. it is hot even in the shade.
- B. rain rarely falls there.
- C. it shelters inactive life.
- D. very little survives there.

4. The author compares inactive eggs to

- A. shrimps
- B. sand
- C. larvae
- D. seeds

5. The word **'These'** refers to

- A. plants
- B. eggs
- C. insects
- D. fish

6. According to the passage, the eggs originate

- A. in the sand
- B. on the female
- C. in the mud
- D. in the lake

7. The word **'swarms'** could be best replaced by

- A. abounds
- B. grows
- C. crowds
- D. supports

9. The word **'dormant'** is closest in meaning to

- A. dead
- B. asleep
- C. passive
- D. empty

10. What does the author mean by the phrase **'a race against time'**?

- A. The shrimps are in intense competition to reproduce.
- B. The shrimps must reproduce before the water recedes.
- C. The shrimps do not have enough time to reproduce.
- D. Death occurs before the shrimps can reproduce.