

PART 1. USE OF LANGUAGE. There are 58 marks in this section.

PART 2. LISTENING. There are 5 questions in this section and each carries 2 marks.

PART 3. READING. There are 8 questions in this section and each carries 1 mark.

PART 4. SPEAKING. There is one single task in this section and it carries 10 marks.

PART 5. WRITING. There is one single task in this section and it carries 10 marks.

1 Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 A true entrepreneur has a real gift for spotting business opportunities and can always see/advertise a gap in the market.
- 2 When a rival company raised/launched an identical product to ours, we swiftly took legal action against them.
- 3 If you reduce/increase your prices, your profit margins will rise because you'll sell more units but at a lower price – it's all a question of economies of scale.
- 4 Jeff's company folded after the first year of trading, having failed to successfully promote/break into the market as a result of a poor marketing strategy.
- 5 When a leading sports personality agreed to endorse/dominate our new energy drink, we knew we'd hit the jackpot.
- 6 Knowing that her Dad's condition would deteriorate filled Kat with complete and utter despair/ups and downs.
- 7 Eve is always optimistic and usually sees the upbeat/bright side of any situation, however dire it may seem to the rest of us.
- 8 Irene was dreading/ with despair the moment when she had to tell her parents that she'd failed to get the grades she needed to get into university.
- 9 On hearing she'd lost her job, Claire remained upbeat/on the bright side and decided that now was the time to go back to college.

10 Whatever happens in your life, it's best not to staying a job which is going with despair/nowhere.

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2 Complete the sentences with words related to age.

- 1 Eric's grandfather loves recounting all the adventures he had when he was in his p _ _ _ and travelling around Asia.
- 2 The discussion focused on whether sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds should be able to vote or whether they are too i _ _ _ _ _ to do so.
- 3 The thing a lot of people don't realise is that the people they refer to as e _ _ _ _ _ often do not feel that old themselves.
- 4 When Adam became a father in his thirties he was m _ _ _ _ enough to understand the responsibilities involved.
- 5 As people these days tend to grow older and retire later, the issue of age d _ _ _ _ _ in the workplace has become a serious concern.

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3 Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 On Fridays, we ll usually stay/'re typically staying in and order a takeaway.
- 2 As children, we didn't use/used to spend much time inside in the summer.

- 3 When visiting Grandma, we would always *be/being* spoilt rotten and given lots of treats.
- 4 In the holidays, we *generally visited/were generally visiting* my cousins in Devon.
- 5 When Hannah was young, she *had/would* often climb the trees at the bottom of the garden.
- 6 As a teenager, did you *used/use* to stay in at the weekend or go out with your friends?
- 7 My ex-boyfriend *always used/used always* to criticise the way I looked and the clothes I wore.
- 8 On Fridays, my dad *is always buying/will usually buy* fresh fish from the market.
- 9 Leo *wouldn't/didn't* use to have much confidence in himself and hated talking in public.
- 10 Mum's *always forgetting/I'd always forget* to collect me from school. It's so annoying.
- 11 People who park their cars here without a permit *usually get/are usually getting* fined.

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4 Choose the correct answer, a), b) or c).

- 1 I expect Neil b late. He's never been very good at timekeeping, has he?
a) is due b) *will arrive* c) arrives
- 2 The plan is that we _____ stay with Ali in Cork for the first week as she's insisted we visit.
a) 're going to b) hoping to c) will
- 3 If Muse is playing at the festival, then I _____ definitely go this year.
a) hope to b) - c) 'll
- 4 The train to Edinburgh _____ London at 6.25a.m. so make sure you're there in time.
a) leaves b) might leave c) will leave

- 5 We're not sure where to go on holiday. We _____ Croatia as I've heard it's very beautiful.
a) might visit b) 're visiting c) will visit
- 6 Jo told me Hayley _____ birth next week so they're very excited.
a) will b) 's due to give c) 's giving
- 7 Ron _____ join the Air Force if he gets good grades in his exams. It's always been his dream.
a) won't b) 's hoping to c) might be

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5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in CAPITALS.

- 1 Lucy was told that her qualifications were *irrelevant* when it came to how she dealt with difficult customers.
RELEVANT
- 2 Nigel always thought his way was the only way to do things and was totally _____ to listen to anyone else's ideas on how to tackle the company's financial problems. **WILL**
- 3 Rosie's business proposal was completely _____ and showed a complete lack of any real understanding of the market. **LOGIC**
- 4 Jen's behaviour was often erratic and at times it was so _____ that I had no idea what she was going to do next.
PREDICT
- 5 I think you may have _____ what Alex meant when he said you could do better. He was trying to be encouraging rather than critical.
INTERPRET
- 6 Although Leo was somewhat _____ for the position, his work experience and personality more than made up for his lack of education. **QUALIFY**

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6 Complete the sentences with *a/an, the* or no article (-).

- Unfortunately, we usually only get to see my sister Pamela and her partner Stuart twice a year, as they live in Kirkwall, the capital of the Orkney Islands.
- beautiful and romantic city of Paris, which boasts a population of over twelve million inhabitants, is situated on _____ River Seine in _____ France.
- Where's _____ cat gone? I haven't seen it for hours. Is it in _____ garden or upstairs?
- I'm really sorry to tell you this but Uncle Horace is in _____ hospital for operation. We should be able to go and visit him next week.
- Alina and Victor support _____ charities for _____ poor and underprivileged.
- Christopher's been working seven days week for _____ last six months. He's going to have _____ heart attack if he's not careful.

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7 Choose the correct alternative.

- When we visited the Japanese island of Hokkaido, we were truly amazed by the beauty of the scenery/sceneries.
- If you want my advice/advices, you should make sure you discuss this issue with your boss first thing tomorrow.
- Lawrence was thoroughly impressed by the sports facility/facilities at the new leisure centre which had just opened in town.
- The results of the town survey were used to gauge which mean/means of public transport was the most popular and why.

- Bjarne has just moved into his own place, which is on the outskirt/outskirts of Malmö and only ten minutes away from where he works.
- When we booked our holiday last year, we were given a comprehensive list of all accommodation/accommodations available in the area we would be visiting by the tour operator.
- Police investigating the robbery were asking if anyone knew the whereabout/whereabouts of a blank clerk called John Smith.

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8 Complete the words related to abilities.

- When Becky was pregnant she regularly went running and swimming in order to keep in great shape.
- Mariana loves watching comedy shows and laughing at jokes, so in her ad she said she was looking for a man with a great sense of humour.
- Peter has a very strong mind which, together with his superb analytical skills, has helped him become a great barrister and a force to be reckoned with.
- Walt's very imaginative when it comes to timesaving ideas for the home and is in the process of patenting his latest idea.
- We weren't surprised to discover that Brandon was a hostage negotiator. He's so calm and composed.
- Despite having worked as a psychologist for over thirty years, Martina admits it's impossible to truly understand human nature.
- John definitely has the computer knowledge to fix any IT problems you are having. Shall I give him a ring?

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9 Reading. Check your understanding: matching.

An Olympic blog

What an Olympics!

Posted by Helen Nolan on 10 September, 2012 at 21:25

It's all over! I've been writing my blog from London every day during the Olympics and the Paralympics and this is my final post to look back on a wonderful couple of months. Here

are some of the things that were the most memorable for me:

The Opening Ceremony

This set the scene for the Games with an amazing show featuring music, dancing, historical figures, fireworks and British humour. A huge number of volunteers practised for months to make everything perfect. The best moment was when the old lady in Buckingham Palace turned round and showed that she was neither a lookalike nor an actor but Her Majesty the Queen. The next best bit was when she jumped out of a helicopter with James Bond (although I think that actually was an actor!).

Team GB

I was very proud of our team as we kept on winning medals and finished in third position in the medal table, which is truly a great result for Great Britain. There were so many incredible sportsmen and women. The ones that stand out for me are Mo Farah, the Somalian-born Londoner who won the 10,000 and 5,000 metres with the whole stadium going crazy, Jessica Ennis, the popular super-athlete from Sheffield who won the heptathlon, and Nicola Adams who won the first female boxing medal in Olympic history for Britain.

The Olympic Stadium crowd

Although the crowd cheered on the British, there was lots of support for athletes of other nationalities too like the wonderful Usain Bolt, from Jamaica, who won the 100 and 200 metres sprint to become the fastest man alive. There was also Oscar Pistorius of South Africa who was the first disabled person to compete in the Olympics. He went on to win two gold medals and a silver in the Paralympics.

New sports

I have really enjoyed being able to watch sports which are not normally shown on television. Before the Olympics I didn't expect to love watching judo or find myself screaming at the television during a game of wheelchair tennis, but I really got into them. I didn't know

anything about goalball before the Paralympics but it became one of my favourite sports.

The organisation and the atmosphere

It took seven years of planning and 70,000 volunteers to make everything go well. Many people have said that the organisation was not as perfect as that of the Beijing Games, but there was a much better atmosphere which spread out through the whole city. The volunteers were always friendly and helpful and Londoners even began talking to each other, and visitors, on the underground trains!

Match (DRAG AND DROP) the sportsperson with their sporting achievement and write a–e next to the number 1–5.

1. Mo Farah
2. Jessica Ennis
3. Nicola Adams
4. Usain Bolt
5. Oscar Pistorius

- a) became the first British woman to win a boxing medal in the Olympics.
- b) became the first disabled person to compete in the Olympics.
- c) won a gold medal in the heptathlon.
- d) won gold in the 5,000 and 10,000 metres.
- e) won both the 100 and 200 metres sprint.

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10 Listening. Check your understanding: multiple choice.

Do this exercise while you listen. Choose the best option to complete these sentences.

1. Only about one tenth of the cells in your body are ...
 - a) alive.
 - b) really you.
 - c) bacteria.
2. Bacteria are mostly ...
 - a) really helpful.
 - b) bad for humans.
 - c) neither good or bad.

3. Animals need bacteria to ...

- a) fight diseases.
- b) provide energy.
- c) digest food.

4. You have ... cells in your body.

- a) million
- b) trillion
- c) octillion

5. Most of the atoms are ...

- a) tiny cubes.
- b) not used.
- c) empty space.

6. You probably have mites in your ...

- a) hair.
- b) ears.
- c) eyelashes.

7. Mites are very small creatures that are about ...

- a) millimetres long.
- b) a third of a millimetre long.
- c) 0.03 millimetres long.

8. Mites eat ...

- a) dead skin.
- b) your eyelashes.
- c) tiny insects

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11. Writing. Your teacher of Biology has asked you to write a comment on the Academy forum:

In your opinion, which is the most amazing fact of the human body?

Write your forum comment in 200-230 words giving your point of view. Type it onto the Google Form.

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12 Speaking. Your teacher of Psychology has asked you to record your autobiography as an exercise during the course.

Upload your voice note for your teacher (1:30 minutes minimum). Upload it onto the Google Form.

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