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SECOND-TERM TEST FIRST CERTIFICATE



GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

- 1) He was on his way home _____ I saw him.

A when B while C as D after

- 2) _____ he comes from New Zealand, he supports their national rugby team.

A Because of B Since C Due to D Owing

- 3) I _____ a bug that was going around work and was off sick for a week.

A picked up B came out with C took on D came round

- 4) They weren't _____ off by the terrible weather and continued with the race.

A made B stuck C put D got

- 5) He's _____ a shy person and rarely speaks in public.

A fairly B rather C very D pretty

- 6) The Petronas Towers in Malaysia are totally _____ in structure.

A unique B strange C rare D unusual

- 7) The tiger is one of many animals in _____ of becoming extinct.

A terror B fright C danger D risk

- 8) Some people were surprised by the lack _____ running water and electricity.

A of B from C by D in

- 9) The moment we left the hotel, a _____ storm began.

A torrential B tropical C strong D hard

- 10) When a _____ strikes the Earth, its temperature is hotter than the sun.

A hail B thunder C lightning D hurricane

COMPLETE THE TEXT. USE ONLY ONE WORD FOR EACH GAP.

I've always wanted to be 1 _____ my best friend. She is attractive, witty, intelligent and great fun to be with. She's also the 2 _____ generous person I know. We've known each other 3 _____ 2005, when we met at secondary school. Whenever I'm 4 _____ bit short of money, she always pays for cinema tickets or coffee. In fact she's just 5 _____ a sister. I'll never be 6 _____ pretty as she is, but I've become 7 _____ more confident since we met. Three weeks ago, we entered 8 _____ singing competition and we won. 9 _____ I was very nervous, it was a 10 _____ more fun than I expected and I'm now considering a music career. I haven't done anything about it yet, but I will one day, I'm sure.

COMPLETE THE SECOND SENTENCE SO THAT IT HAS A SIMILAR MEANING TO THE FIRST SENTENCE, USING THE WORD GIVEN. DO NOT CHANGE THE WORD GIVEN. YOU MUST USE BETWEEN TWO AND FIVE WORDS, INCLUDING THE WORD GIVEN.

- 1 We thought it was too cold to go swimming.

ENOUGH

It was _____ us to go swimming.

- 2 We had wanted to visit the museum for ages.

FORWARD

We had been _____ the museum for ages.

- 3 It looks like it's going to rain – just look at those black clouds heading our way.

IF

It looks _____ to rain – just look at those black clouds heading our way.

- 4 She got high marks in her finals but didn't get a place at the university she most wanted to go to.

SPITE

She didn't get a place at the university she most wanted to go to _____ high marks in her finals.

- 5 The concert began and then he turned up.

TIME

The concert had _____ he turned up.

- 6 When she went vegetarian, she no longer ate meat or fish.

STOPPED

She _____ meat and fish when she became a vegetarian.

7 Although I've known him for years, I still can't understand some him.

MAKE

Although I've known him for years, I still can't _____.

8 Virtually no one attended the reunion.

ANYONE

There _____ at the reunion.

9 I wished I hadn't given him my phone number.

REGRETTED

I _____ him my phone number.

10 The event was cancelled due to a lack of ticket sales.

FEW

As _____ bought tickets, the event was cancelled.

11 Despite arriving late, she was able to finish her exam.

ALTHOUGH

She was able to finish her exam _____ late.

12 She doesn't live very far from the main train station.

PRETTY

She lives _____ to the main train station.

13 Don't expect to improve so quickly. It's going to take a long time.

HOLD

Improving is not quick so don't _____.

14 The day's beautiful! Let's go to the park.

MAKE

The day's beautiful! Let's _____.

15 She lived in Tanzania, then she moved to Canada.

BEEN

She had _____ she moved to Canada.

READ THE TEXT. USE THE WORD GIVEN IN CAPITALS AT THE END OF SOME OF THE LINES TO FORM A WORD THAT FITS IN THE GAP IN THE SAME LINE.

A rural childhood

As children, my brother and I were (1) _____ running free in the countryside **CONSTANT**
near the village we lived in. In the (2) _____, we used to leave the house **VACATE**
early in the morning and spend (3) _____ hours exploring the woods and **END**
fields nearby. We felt totally at home in the countryside and were (4) _____ **EXTREME**
glad we had so much freedom; freedom it seems our city cousins didn't have.

When we were playing, we never thought about the possible (5) _____ we **DANGEROUS**
faced and would swing from tree to tree without a worry in the world. Perhaps this was
because in our village, children were (6) _____ to play outside as this was **EXPECT**
what kids in the country did. I'm not saying our parents were never (7) _____ **CONCERN**
about our safety. However, they were (8) _____ with us going out on our **COMFORT**
own and playing with other children or simply exploring the natural habitat by ourselves.

In those days, it was (9) _____ for all adults to keep an eye on what all the **CUSTOM**
village children were up to. So, if we misbehaved, we would still get told off – just not
by our parents. Of course, our parents always found out in the end and this
(10) _____ us from behaving badly. After all, no one wants to be told off **COURAGE**
by an (11) _____ parent. **EMBARRASS**

READING

READ THE ARTICLE ABOUT FOOTBALL FANS. SIX SENTENCES HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE ARTICLE. CHOOSE FROM THE SENTENCES A–H THE ONE WHICH FITS EACH GAP (1– 6). THERE IS ONE EXTRA SENTENCE WHICH YOU DO NOT NEED TO USE.

Grown men with their heads buried in each other's shoulders or hidden behind shaking hands. Young mothers shouting with joy. This is what last Saturday's penalty shoot-out for the European Cup produced. 1 _____ Then you'll see what passion does to people. And, while having an ugly side, it is in fact more likely to enrich our lives and make us better people.

Today, supporters are gathering for the big match. Fans who could not afford the fare to travel abroad have sold their car. 2 _____ And many will turn up without any accommodation or even a match ticket. Despite this, they will be relieved just to be there, to be part of it all. It might sound like madness but, as one who is going and is incredibly excited about it, I can tell you I feel extremely fortunate.

Passion should not be confused with obsession. There are those who live in a dream state, madly in love with someone they will never meet – because he is a dead singer or a famous actor who is unlikely ever to

visit their hometown – and therefore unable to form real relationships. However, there are also ordinary people – sensible parents, husbands, employees and employers – whose interests are much more healthy and straightforward. 3 _____

Maybe some people are incapable of finding a passion, but if so they are missing out. Passions are deep, full of joy and pain, teaching you how to sob when you feel hurt, how to deal with disappointment, how to sing with enthusiasm in public (not easy). Because of them you might end up hugging a complete stranger or making new friends. 4 _____ They are a great way for families to bond together; many dads insist that they are spending their time fishing or playing chess because their child is keen, when actually they are delighted to become absorbed by something outside home, job and money worries.

Explosions of joy are normally thin on the ground. The birth of your child, your wedding day, a pay rise are all lovely and a reason to do something special, but they do not happen every week. If you happen to follow a football or rugby team, there are celebrations all the time.

For some, a passion can be switched on and off – which is better than not having a passion at all, I suppose. Witness the behaviour that tennis brings about at the annual two-week UK tennis tournament at Wimbledon. Calm, controlled middle-aged women are suddenly prepared to camp overnight on damp pavements in London and squeal encouragement. 5 _____

In the end, what defines us as human is not only language. 6 _____ Passions are a rehearsal for life, a distraction from boredom and most of all they are fun – even when they let you down.

“All you need is love (and a scarf)”, *The Times*, 25/05/2005 (Rudd, A.), copyright © The Times, 2005, www.nisyndication.com

- A Their emotions are also linked to forces they cannot control, but they are to be admired for it.
- B It is the ability to care about something that does not directly affect our health or wealth or importance.
- C They help you to feel part of a community and have something to tease your neighbour about.
- D In spite of their differences, they will all become a part of the same experience.
- E Otherwise cool, fashionable students are happy to wave at the TV cameras while wearing silly hats and sunglasses that spurt water.
- F If you missed the semi-final, then try and catch the European Cup Final on television tomorrow.
- G Others have borrowed from relatives they once promised themselves they would never borrow from again.

WRITING

ORDER THE PARAGRAPHS OF THE FOLLOWING ESSAY. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVES TO COMPLETE THE TEXT.

4 *Finally/However*, learning is not all about having your nose in a book, in my 5 *sight/view*. Working, even for a couple of hours a week, can teach us many things about responsibility, teamwork and how to be independent. 6 *While it is true that/On balance* some students would prefer to earn money than revise for

exams, the majority manage to find a balance between working and studying. **7** *The fact that/It is clear that* such students will become more mature as a result.

8 *Sum up/In conclusion,* having a job can be a very worthwhile experience for students, assuming they also spend enough time on their studies.

Some students work in their spare time in order to earn some money. **1** *But/On the other hand* is this really such a good idea?

Some people **2** *point of view/claim* that students should concentrate on their studies, not on earning money. **3** *Furthermore/Despite this,* they point out that some students who have jobs become very tired, which can affect their health as well as their grades.