

MOCK EXAM 2 – Y55



SECTION A: Reading Comprehension

I. Read the text below. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

Vincent Van Gogh

Vincent Van Gogh was born in Zundert, a small village in the south of the Netherlands, in 1853. At school he was very good at languages and this helped him to get a good job in an art gallery. He worked in London and Paris, but after a few years he lost his job and for the next six years he worked as a teacher.

In 1880 he decided to become an artist. His first painting was dark and nobody liked it. He moved to Paris and studied painting there.

In Paris he discovered colours and his paintings changed a lot, but they didn't sell.

In 1888, he moved to Provence in the south of France and there he painted some of his most famous paintings.

Some years later Vincent started to see things that didn't exist and became crazy. One night, he had a fight with a friend and he cut off a piece of his nose.

In 1890 he killed himself. When he died he was a poor man. Vincent became famous after his death and he is now one of the world's most famous painters.

e.g.: Vincent Van Gogh was born in a big city. F

1. Vincent only worked in an art gallery. _____
2. People didn't like Vincent's first paintings. _____
3. Vincent never studied painting. _____
4. Vincent cut off his friend's ear. _____
5. Vincent wasn't rich when he died. _____

SECTION B: Language

I. Match the questions in A with the answers in B. There are two extra answers.

1. Is there anything to eat?	a. No. I'm very bad at sports.
2. Can you swim?	b. He didn't pass a test and he is crying all the time.
3. What does Terry do on Thursdays?	c. Mary. She is my best friend.
4. What do you want for your birthday?	d. He bought a new PC and he loves it.
5. Who did you sit next to at school last year?	e. Yes. Have a sandwich, please.
6. Why is Peter so happy?	f. I don't know, but he is always busy.
	g. Last year I went to the cinema for my birthday.
	h. A big party. I want to invite all my friends.

1. e 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

II. Complete the following paragraph using the words in the box. Be careful! There are three extra words.

was - so - didn't - love - because - she - her - a - but - is - has - are - had - young

Queen Victoria was born in the UK in 1819. She was the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland for 63 years. Those years were called "The Victorian Era." Victoria was British, _____ her parents were German. She was very _____ when she got married, just eighteen years old. She _____ nine children and _____ lot of grandchildren.

When Victoria was 18 years old, _____ uncle, the king, died and she became queen. She _____ want to be a queen, but she had to do it _____ it was her obligation.

People in Britain _____ reading about Queen Victoria's life. There _____ many women called Victoria in the UK now.

When Victoria's husband died, _____ was very sad and stayed at home all the time. A few years later Queen Victoria died.

III. Complete the dialogue.

**Carol and Peter are talking about their habits for a school project.
Complete Carol's questions.**

Carol: Hi Peter! Can you answer some questions for a school project?

Peter: Yes, no problem.

Carol: _____?

Peter: No, I don't have coffee for breakfast.

Carol: I see. _____?

Peter: I go to bed very late, at around 12 o'clock.

Carol: That's very late. _____?

Peter: I phone my friends every evening.

Carol: Me too. _____?

Peter: No, there aren't any cybercafés near my house.

Carol: _____?

Peter: Last weekend I went to my friend's house and we played computer games together.

SECTION C: Writing

Choose ONE of the following options and write about 40 words.

1. Write a paragraph about your favourite place. Where is it? What do you do there? What's there in that place? Why do you like it? When was the first time you went there?
2. Write an e-mail to a friend telling him/her about your favourite TV programme and your favourite TV character. What's your favourite TV programme? What is it about? Who is your favourite character? Why? Did you watch that programme last week? Why/Why not?
