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SENIOR FIVE EXAM

Paper 1 (L)

Time allowed: 2 hs

SECTION A: Reading Comprehension

Read the passage and mark the statements below T (true) or F (false):

Rafting the Grand Canyon

1) There are few experiences in the world as amazing as rafting the Grand Canyon. Take it from someone who has done it half-a-dozen times, mostly as a trip leader for non-commercial trips. My first trip was a private trip for 30 days. By the time you get off the river you are a different person. That is no longer allowed by the National Park Service to enable more people to experience the Canyon, but a trip of any length is something you will never forget.

2) What Makes It Great

Astounding sights at every turn. — I kid you not. Every turn in the Canyon leads to the potential for an astonishing sight, from a sheer cliff ascending straight up from the river to a bighorn sheep down by the river.

The freedom to forget the world at large. — When you are down in the bottom of the Grand Canyon the view makes you forget what is happening in the outside world in a way that is almost magical.

Some of the biggest rapids in North America. — Running a really big rapid, as you do many times in The Canyon, is a unique experience. If you are traveling in oar-powered rafts the waves may be bigger than your boat. That's something worth experiencing.

3) What Not To Miss

The number of places not to miss on any Canyon trip are legion, but here are a few of the simply "can't miss" sights:

Shinumo Wash/Silver Grotto - One of your first opportunities to thoroughly understand that you are in a truly magical place.

Vasey's Paradise - You can't really miss this, since this spring cascades down a cliff into the river.

Little Colorado - Ranging from an amazing blue-green color to a totally mud color depending on whether rain has fallen recently, the Little Colorado in any condition is a mecca of mudbaths.

Matkatamiba - Close-in to the river is this magical gem of a side canyon that is a wonder of erosion.

4) Ways To Do It

There are two basic ways to experience The Canyon:

Motor Rig — Motor rigs tend to be large boats guided by one guide and an assistant. Motor rigs can run about 218 miles in less than a week. There isn't as much time to soak up the wonders of The Canyon, but it can be easier to fit a trip like this into busy schedules.

Oar Boat — Oar boats are smaller and also take longer to run The Canyon. Oar trips will typically take two weeks.

Adapted from www.GreatExperiences.org

1- The author believes that rafting The Grand Canyon can change your life forever. ____

2- According to the author, astonishing views include geographical features as well as living creatures. ____

3- In the text, the author mentions all the possible sights you can admire. ____

4- According to the paragraph, Little Colorado is a place not to miss for people who love having mudbaths. ____

5- It will take you longer to run The Canyon by motor rig than doing it by oar boat. ____

SECTION B: Language in Use

I. Read the passage below. Choose the correct option for each gap and write it in the box.

Dear Thomas,

Thank you for your letter I think I can remember 1)_____ John. His bike must be a lot better 2)_____ mine, 3)_____ certainly wouldn't take me all the way to the Middle East!

I have 4)_____ great news for you. Today I received my exam results and I 5)_____ passed them all! 6)_____ this evening I rang my father, who said I could stay in England for another six months. He also told 7)_____ to invite you to Spain. He's keen on me having English friends, you see, and 8)_____ to meet you. So when you 9)_____ to London next weekend, we can discuss the trip.

I've just bought the tickets you asked me to get, but they were 10)_____ expensive than I expected. Never mind. I'm sure we'll enjoy the show.

See you soon.

Best wishes,

Carlos

1)	a. meeting	b. meet	c. have met
2)	A .then	b. than	c. like
3)	a. which	b. who	c. it
4)	a. some	b. a	c. several
5)	a. had	b. was	c. have
6)	a. So	b. Despite	c. However
7)	a. my	b. that	c. me
8)	a. wants	b. is wanting	c. want
9)	a. will come	b. arrive	c. come
10)	a. more	b. less	c. very

Adapted from: Recycling your English by Claire West – Georgian Press

II. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form. Use modals where necessary.

At 16, Paul decided he was ready for a full-time job and left school. At first his parents (not agree)_____ with him, and wanted him to stay on to finish his studies. In fact, they were very angry with him. "We (be)_____ worried about your future!" his father told him. "How (you/get)_____ a good job if you leave school and sit in cafés, drinking coffee with your friends?" "I (never/stop)_____ studying if I were you!" His parents strongly disapproved of Paul's friends. But Paul was determined to prove them wrong, and so he (apply)_____ for dozens of jobs. In the end he (offer)_____ a job in an accountant's office, because he was good at maths. In his spare time he studied accountancy. His parents soon realized that he (not waste)_____ time with his friends, and they got used to his new life-style. When, a few years later, he became engaged to the accountant's daughter, they were delighted, and after (pass)_____ accountancy exams he became a partner of the firm. His parents were very proud of him. Now Paul is married, has got two children and (work)_____ really hard for the past three years. He (plan)_____ to open a new branch.

III. Complete each of the following sentences in such a way that it means the same as the sentence printed before it.

1. It's obvious that Tom was lying about the mark he got in the test. I know he is a bad student and he said he got an A!

Tom must _____

2. My hairdresser will dye my hair platinum blonde for the party.

I will have _____

3. How long does this train take to get to Charing Cross station?

Do you mind _____.

4. "If you do not show up on time tomorrow, I'll fire you," my boss said.

My boss threatened _____

5. "You should arrive at the airport at least 2 hours before your flight," Paul said.

Paul advised me _____

6. Sarah is flying to Poland at 6 this evening. The flight is 3 hours long.

By 9 pm, Sarah will _____.

7. I'd prefer to have some pizza delivered, if that's ok. I don't want to cook tonight.

I'd rather _____.

8. "Why don't we watch the fireworks from the balcony?", Liam suggested.

Liam suggested _____

9. Richard has never been to the dentist. David has never been to the dentist either.

Neither _____.

10. Sam broke up with his girlfriend last summer. He is very sorry about that.

Sam wishes _____.

SECTION C: Writing

Choose **ONE** of the following and write about **150 words** on it.

1. You have decided to enter a **short story** competition. The competition rules say that the story must **begin** with these words:

"When she opened the white box and saw what there was inside, she couldn't believe her eyes."

2. A friend of yours hosts a blog where different topics are discussed. He has asked you to contribute your opinion on this month's topic: **"Technology"**. Write a piece giving your **opinion** about the following statement:

"Playing video games has a beneficial effect on children."

[illegible]