

INSTITUTO BRIGHT MIDTERM 2023

NAME: 				SUPERIOR
				TIME: 2 hours
A	B	FINAL MARK	ORAL	

PART A

WRITE THE WORDS USING THESE CLUES	4 x 0.25 = 1 mark
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- 1- To look at something or somebody for a long time.
- 2- To put your arms round a person.
- 3- To bite food into small pieces in your mouth.
- 4- To make a serious, angry or worried expression.

COMPLETE THE TEXT ABOUT <i>LEARNING FOREIGN LANGUAGES</i> WITH THE CORRECT TENSE, VOICE OR FORM OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS	10 x 0.30 = 3 marks
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People 1) (often ask) _____ which the most difficult language to learn is. There are many factors involved. Firstly, in a first language the differences are unimportant as it 2) (learn) _____ naturally, so there exist some difficulties when 3) (learn) _____ a second language.

Your first language can affect your acquiring a second language. A native speaker of Spanish, for example, 4) (find) _____ Portuguese much easier to learn than a native speaker of Chinese, because Portuguese and Spanish are quite similar. Many people claim that Chinese is the hardest language to learn, possibly 5) (influence) _____ by the Chinese writing system.

Apparently, British diplomats and other embassy staff 6) (find) _____ that the second hardest language is Japanese, but the language that they have found to be the most problematic is Hungarian, which has 35 cases (forms of nouns according to whether it is subject, object, etc.). This 7) (not mean) _____ that Hungarian is the hardest language to learn, but it seems so for British diplomatic personnel. However, Tabassaran, a Caucasian language, 8) (report) _____ to have 48 cases, so it definitely looks harder.

No language is easy to learn well. 9) (learn) _____ a completely different writing system is a challenge, but that does not necessarily make a language more difficult than another. It is impossible 10) (declare) _____ a language as the most difficult one in the world.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT OPTION a, b or c TO COMPLETE THE BLANKS	6 x 0.25 = 1.5 marks
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- 1- I ____ used to going swimming. He is a life guard.
- 2- Cairo is on ____ River Nile.
- 3- Could you have _____ this?
- 4- My car was set on fire. I reported the _____.
- 5- She is _____. I think she wants to sleep.
- 6- Do you think my car needs _____?

a) is	b) was	c) --
a) the	b) --	c) a
a) do	b) did	c) done
a) fire	b) theft	c) arson
a) napping	b) yawning	c) snoring
a) to clean	b) be cleaned	c) cleaning

REWRITE THESE SENTENCES. Use the words in brackets without changing them	7 x 0.50 = 3.5 marks
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- 1- It's not unusual for her to stay up all night (USED)

- 2- I paid the plumber to mend the pipe yesterday. (HAD)

- 3- I went to the office then remembered it was my day off. (SHOULDN'T)

- 4- Someone broke into my uncle's shop last night. (BROKEN INTO)

- 5- Tom and Mary usually get what they want. ' , (USED)

- 6- I'm sure you didn't see me yesterday because I was in NY. (CAN'T)

- 7- It is said that our best policeman has arrested three men. (HAVE)

Elon Musk was born in 1971, in South Africa. Little information is known about his early life, but it clearly wasn't happy. His parents divorced when he was ten, and Elon lived with his father. It seems there was a great deal of harsh discipline around and not a lot of love, **A**_____. He thinks all these difficulties have made him strong, however, and worries that his children have too few struggles in life!

Elon left South Africa in 1989, to avoid doing military service for apartheid government. He graduated in Physics and economics in the USA, and started a PhD in Physics, but dropped out after only two days. The Internet was booming and Elon wanted to seize the countless opportunities it offered. In a short time, he made \$187 m from founding selling Zip 2, **B**_____. He used the money to fund ventures closest to his heart- alternative technology and space travel.

Musk's car company, Tesla, makes electric cars that every car fanatic would desire - the Roadster sports model can accelerate from 0 to 60 mph in 3,7 seconds. His company Space X successfully launched its falcon 9 rocket in 2012. There are plenty of private rocket enthusiasts (Amazon's Jeff Bezos is another famous one), but Musk's rockets were the first to dock with the International Space Station. In 2018, a bigger rocker, *The Falcon Heavy*, took a Tesla Roadster into space! Both types of Falcon rockets are reusable; **C**_____.

Musk currently has several companies on the go, and a great number of projects, including artificial intelligence, solar energy, and a new tunnel boring machine (the idea came while he was stuck in traffic). His tunnelling company is called *The Boring Company*.

Task A: Complete gaps **A, B, C** with the corresponding phrase from 1 to 5. There are two extra phrases.

- 1 and very expensive to maintain.
- 2 and he was bullied at school.
- 3 each rocket booster can land and be used again.
- 4 which produced online city guides and PayPal.
- 5 who became a millionaire.

Task B: For each of the underlined words in the text, choose the best meaning a) or b).

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| 4 booming | a) failing | b) prospering |
| 5 ventures | a) business or enterprise | b) branch |

PART B

WRITING	10 marks
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Write one composition using 140 to 190 words.

- A- Write an **ESSAY** giving your opinion on the following : *Package holidays are ideal for people who do not like travelling alone.*

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