

Midterm English Exam

3rd Level

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I. Change to **the past tense**; write the correct form of the verb in the blanks.

It worths 10 points \_\_\_\_\_



1. He is a good student. \_\_\_\_\_
2. We are in the park. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The door is open. \_\_\_\_\_
4. There is someone at the door. \_\_\_\_\_
5. There is a magazine on this desk. \_\_\_\_\_

II: Write **was** or **were** according with the sentences.

It worths 10 points \_\_\_\_\_



Yesterday (1) \_\_\_\_\_ great for me. Because my father (2) \_\_\_\_\_ back to home. My father (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in Spain last weekend for the business. It (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the first time when we (5) \_\_\_\_\_ apart. It (6) \_\_\_\_\_ a tiring weekend for him and he (7) \_\_\_\_\_ very busy. My mother and I (8) \_\_\_\_\_ worried about him because he (9) \_\_\_\_\_ afraid of travelling by plane.

After a short flight, he (10) \_\_\_\_\_ safe and happy.

III. Complete the texts with **was/were** or **there was/there were** in the correct form.

It worths 30 points \_\_\_\_\_



Nelson Mandela was the winner of the Nobel Prize in 1993. He (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a political activist- he wanted equality for black people. Years ago, in South Africa, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a policy called apartheid. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ black people and white people in the country, but their lives (4) \_\_\_\_\_ completely separate. Life (5) \_\_\_\_\_ much more difficult for black people. Nelson Mandela (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in prison for 27 years. Then, in 1994, (7) \_\_\_\_\_ democratic elections for the first time in South Africa. After that, Mandela (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the president until 1999. He has had an extraordinary life.



In 2004, Wangari Maathai (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the first African woman to win a Nobel Peace Prize. Her great achievement (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to plant trees in Kenya. When Wangari (11) \_\_\_\_\_ young, (12) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of trees in her country, but later (13) \_\_\_\_\_ a process of deforestation. As a result, (14) \_\_\_\_\_ enough food and clean water. Wangari and her Friends (15) \_\_\_\_\_ very hard-working- they planted 30 million trees!

IV: Camila is going to talk about her last vacations. **Write was, were, wasn't or weren't.**

It worths 10 points \_\_\_\_\_



My name is Camilla. Last summer I (1) ..... in the United States. The voyage by plane (2)..... long and tiring and the plane ticket (3)..... quite expensive. It took me 10 hours to get to the New York airport.

My friend Katie (4)..... there waiting for me. I (5)..... surprised by the size of the JFK airport. It (6) ..... huge and there (7) ..... very many people. I was glad my friend (8)..... there, otherwise I would probably get lost.

A few minutes later we (9) ..... in a cab. It (10) ..... a typical NY cab – big and yellow. We were in the car for an hour.

V. **WRITE WHAT THERE WAS (+)OR WASN'T**

Were, weren't (-) IN VIRE IN 1950      It worths 10 points \_\_\_\_\_



A THEATRE+

SMALL SHOPS+ A CLOCK TOWER+ LOTS OF CAFES+

A SUPERMARKET-

1-----

2-----  
3-----  
4-----  
5-----

VI. Reading activity. Read the text and complete it correctly. **It worths 10 points** \_\_\_\_\_

**THERE WAS / THERE WERE / WAS / WERE**

My countryside town \_\_\_\_\_ (1) very different in the past. \_\_\_\_\_ (2) less shops and no cinema. When my Grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ (3) 18, she left my town and moved to the city. The city \_\_\_\_\_ (4) bigger and busier. \_\_\_\_\_ (5) more job opportunities for her. One day, she got a job in a clothes shop. She \_\_\_\_\_ (6) very happy because there were lots of clothes for her to try on and buy. It was very busy and \_\_\_\_\_ (7) lots of customers. Often, she \_\_\_\_\_ (8) very stressed. There was always lots of work.

In the end, she decided to go back to the country because \_\_\_\_\_ (9) lots of fields and trees, and it \_\_\_\_\_ (10) quieter and more peaceful.



VII. Speaking activity. **It worths 10 points** \_\_\_\_\_

Talk about the biography of someone famous or you can talk about of one member of your family.

Remember that you have to use was or were, months of the year, days of the week, ordinars numbers and time expressions.

VIII. Listening activity. (Was Were/Simple Past form of To Be) **It worths 10 points** \_\_\_\_\_

An old and lovely couple are remembering their memories in the past when they were young.

Select the correct option **T or F** according with listening.



1. There was a fountain here. It wasn't very beautiful. T F
2. And that cinema. It was a theatre and it wasn't red. T F
3. That supermarket. It was a restaurant. It was purple. Your favourite colour. T F
4. I was a waiter there. I was very awkward. You weren't a student . T F
5. I remember, I was 19 years old. I was very beautiful T F
6. You were 22. You were always on the corner. T F
7. And my eyes were always on you. And your father was always at the balcony.  
T F
8. He was always angry with me. T F
9. There was a dance club at the end of the road. T F
10. I will never forget it, because it was the place where I felt in love with you. T F

THOSE WERE DAYS

