

REMEDIAL 1st TERM ENGLISH EXAM

Read the following text

## Two countries, one message.

**W**alk around the streets of Stirling in Scotland or Caracas in Venezuela and what type of music will you hear? Hip hop, Latin, folk? Yes, but you will also hear classical. A few years 1) ago only one school child in the Raploch area of Stirling was learning a musical instrument. Now, hundreds of children are 2) learning instruments, and in 2012 some of them performed live with Venezuela's famous Simón Bolívar Orchestra. 8,000 people were in the audience. So, how 3) close the connection between Scotland and Venezuela happen, and why?

10 This musical adventure 4) started in Caracas in 1975. The musician José Antonio Abreu wanted to offer free music lessons to children who lived in places where there weren't many after-school activities. His idea was simple. Give children classical music and they learn to work as a team, and they gain confidence. He knew that it would also help the community, so he began 'El Sistema', which means 'the system'. In the beginning, there 5) were just eleven children. Since then, more than two million have taken part in the system.

15 One of those students is Genesis da Silva who dreams of being a great musician. 6) Every day after school, she spends five hours playing the clarinet before going home and practising more. She lives with her family and they all want her to do well. She says that the 7) most important thing is to enjoy the music she says. Genesis is sure she can win a place in the system's Simón Bolívar Orchestra. After all her hard work, if she didn't get a place her family and friends would be very surprised.

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Leswi Pantoja is a professional musician in the Simón Bolívar Orchestra and has known his musical friends 8) since he was eleven years old. What would his life be like if he didn't have his music? It's hard to imagine. If he didn't play in the orchestra, he wouldn't have so many friends. 'We've grown 9) up together as a family,' he says. Although Leswi grew up with Latin music and salsa, when he joined the system he learnt about classical music. Now he enjoys playing both.

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After the success of the system in Venezuela, music teachers in Scotland were keen to see something similar, and in 2008 System Scotland began its own orchestra called The Big Noise. Schoolgirl Morgan is in the orchestra. She had learned to read music and plays many different kinds of instruments now. She loves the Big Noise and wants to keep on playing it in the future. The system has 10) given children like Morgan the possibility to have dreams. They love being on stage, and the performance by Scottish schoolchildren and Venezuelan musicians showed that those dreams can come true.

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1- Choose the correct letter A, B, C or D for the gaps in the text. (9)

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|-------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| 1 A for     | B since  | C past       | D ago    |
| 2 A making  | B having | C playing    | D doing  |
| 3 A did     | B was    | C has        | D will   |
| 4 A started | B based  | C introduced | D opened |
| 5 A had     | B were   | C was        | D made   |
| 6 A Some    | B Every  | C Both       | D All    |
| 7 A more    | B such   | C too        | D most   |
| 8 A as      | B when   | C for        | D since  |
| 9 A up      | B into   | C out        | D off    |
| 10 A made   | B given  | C sent       | D kept   |

## 2- Find words or phrases in the text that mean the following: (5)

- 1 when you see or hear something at the same time that it happens (line 7)
- 2 the people who live in the same town or area (line 17)
- 3 a type of wind instrument (line 23)
- 4 doing an activity as a job (line 31)
- 5 to continue to do something (line 47)

## 3-Choose the correct words (6)

Welcome to your

### What's on guide

– daily information on events in your area

Tonight, Harry Marley will 1) *entertain/perform* songs from his new album. Tickets only cost £5 so 2) *book/record* early as this is going to be popular.

Mollie Richards is 3) *interviewing/reviewing* Tyler Wilson about his new book for the Teen Literature festival. Admission is free.

The rock group, Dizzy, are recording their new 4) *album/play* at George Street studio. Listen to them on Radio Buzz at 6 p.m.

Would you like to be on a TV programme? ABC studio is 5) *entertaining/filming* in Newtown this evening. Call this number: 08944 84756.

The Urban Youth theatre is looking for talented teenagers to perform in an exciting new 6) *show/stage*. Come and meet us from 2-4 p.m. this afternoon.

4- Complete the text with words from the box. There are **two extra words** (10)

AUDIENCE- PHOTOGRAPHS- BOOK- PERFORMANCE- CLAP- REVIEW- ROW- INTERVIEWING - FILM - STAGE- ORCHESTRA - COSTUMES
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When you go to the theatre to watch a ....., it could be a play, a show, an opera or a ballet. people usually read the ..... before attending a show to be sure you are going to enjoy it. If so, they ..... tickets in advance and choose the first ..... in front of the ..... to see the actors' facial expressions better. When the ..... cheers up, they ..... but if it is boring, they boo or even fall asleep.

I really enjoy colourful clothes and extravagant ..... What I can't stand are paparazzis taking ..... and journalists ..... celebrities at the end of the show. The crowd gets mad and it's really annoying.

5- Complete these sentences with the correct conditional form (14)

1. If they drive to Spain, it ..... a long time (take)
2. If George ..... red boots, he would look silly. (wear)
3. If they ..... in five minutes, they will miss dinner. (not leave)
4. If you buy a cake, I ..... it! (eat)
5. If Mandy knew me, I think she ..... me. (like)
6. If we ..... this match, we will play in the final next week. (win)
7. If you haven't got the map, you ..... their house. (not find)
8. If Ted worked harder, he ..... about exams. (not worry)
9. If Ryan ..... tired, he would play football with his friends. (not feel)
10. If Tanya ..... the doctor, she won't get better. (not visit)
11. If it is a sunny day, we generally ..... (go) for walks.
12. My mother ..... (get) angry when I don't make my bed
13. He drinks water when he ..... (be) thirsty.
14. If you put ice in the sun; it ..... (melt)