

ENGLISH PRACTICE 50

SECTION ONE: PHONETICS

I. Choose the word whose main stress pattern is put differently from that of the other words.

1. A. explosion	B. unexpected	C. employee	D. disappear
2. A. capture	B. offspring	C. scenic	D. protect
3. A. apply	B. chapter	C. sector	D. solar
4. A. decide	B. visit	C. gymnast	D. finish
5. A. defeat	B. composer	C. machine	D. lucky

II. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the other words.

1. A. <u>heat</u>	B. <u>release</u>	C. <u>great</u>	D. <u>clean</u>
2. A. dangerous	B. language	C. energy	D. change
3. A. <u>jumped</u>	B. <u>grabbed</u>	C. <u>remarked</u>	D. <u>laughed</u>
4. A. maps	B. lives	C. boys	D. rubs
5. A. although	B. breathe	C. southern	D. south

SECTION TWO: VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

I. Choose the best word or phrase to complete each of the following sentences

II. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense of form.

1. Yesterday I (cross) a street when a truck (turn) the corner very fast and almost (hit) me.
2. He spent his money as if he (win) a lottery.
3. Would you like me to turn down the radio a bit?
-No, it's all right. I'm used to (work) with the radio on.
4. The envelop (lie) on the table has no stamp on it.
5. I'll help you translate the letter into English after I (finish) my report.
6. I caught him (climb) over my wall. I asked him to explain but he refused to say
7. Peter, as well as his parents, (watch) TV at the moment.
8. At 8 pm yesterday, she (play) games on computer.

III. Use the correct form of the words in parentheses

1. Both Nam and Hoa are stampThey share the same hobby (**collect**)
2. My brother is anviolin player. (**accomplish**)
3. My uncle is a good He learnt to play the guitar when he was very small . (**guitar**)
4.is my sister's favourite sports . (**athlete**)
5. Airis a big problem in many cities in the world. (**pollute**)

SECTION THREE: WRITING

I. Rewrite each sentence, beginning as shown, so that the meaning stay the same

1. "If you had asked me, I would have lent you my car" he said to her
He told.....
2. We finished this work in 2 hours
It took
3. My father is out of work, so he spends a lot of time at home.
Being.....
4. While I was having lunch, the phone rang.
During
5. The thief tried to escape but the police stopped him.
The police prevented the thief.....
6. A man answered the phone. He told me you were away.
The man.....
7. "You have broken my vase of flowers, Jane." John said.
John accused.....
8. If it doesn't rain heavily, I will pick you up at the station.
Unless.....

9. The song was interesting. We listened to it last night.
The song to which.....

10. " I am sorry I didn't phone you earlier," Ann said.
Ann apologised for.....

II. Choose and correct the underlined word or phrase in each sentence that needs correction

1. Neil Armstrong was the first person setting foot on the moon
A B C D
2. The bridge, building just last year, is now in bad condition
A B C D
3. I guess he may have been unhappy when he heard the news.
A B C D
4. I was such nervous that I didn't think I would pass the exam.
A B C D
5. She asked why did Peter look so embarrassed when he saw Carole.
A B C D

SECTION FOUR : READING

I. Choose the word or phrase which best fits each gap of the passage

Diego Armando Maradona was born on October 30, 1960, in Villa Fiorito, province of Buenos Aires, Argentina. He was (1)..... in an underprivileged family and spent his adolescence playing football in the street of his(2)..... .

He made his debut at the(3)..... of 16 and throughout his professional career he played 692 (5)..... games scoring 352 goals. He played 90 games for the Argentina National Team and scored 33 goals, 8 of (5)..... were in world cups.

His first team was called Estrella Roja (Red Star) and was (6)..... by his father for the neighbourhood boys. One of the players was Gregorio "El Goyo" Carrizo, (7)..... played in the lower divisions of Argentinos Juniors, and who helped Diego to be part of the team called "Los Cebollitas" (the small onions). With only 14 years of age, he(8)..... the public at his first game with the team and gained (9)..... and respect as a player. With "Los Cebollitas" he (10)..... a winning spree of over one hundred games.

1. A.risen	B. raised	C. grown	D. shown
2. A.neighbourhood	B. colleagues	C. friendship	D. popularity
3. A.old	B. oldest	C. elderly	D. age
4. A.office	B. officer	C. official	D. officially
5. A.it	B. that	C. which	D. what
6. A.found	B. founded	C. set	D. fixed
7. A.who	B. that	C. he	D. whom
8. A.enjoyed	B. fascinate	C. interested	D. astonished
9. A.famous	B. reputation	C. achievement	D. strength
10. A.kept	B.played	C. held	D. napped

II. Choose the word or phrase which best fits each gap of the following sentences

They called New York "the Big Apple". Maybe it is not exactly like an apple, it's certainly very big. There are too many people, that's the problem. The streets are always full of car and trucks, you can never find a place to park.

If you have enough money, you can take a taxi. New York cabs are yellow. They look all the same. But the drivers are very different. Some were born and raised in New York, but many are newcomers to the United States. A few drive slowly, but most go very very fast. Cab driving is difficult job. It can be dangerous too. Thieves often try to steal the drivers' money. Drivers sometimes get hurt.

If you don't want to take a taxi, you can go by bus or you can take the subway. The subway is quick and it's cheap, but parts of it are old and dirty. Lights don't always work and there are often fire on the **track**. On some subway lines, there are new, clean, silver trains. But you can't see the color of the old trains easily. There is too much dirt and too much graffiti, inside and out side.

1. *What is the problem in New York ?*

- A. it has too many aples
- B. it is too big
- C. it looked like an apple
- D. it is too crowded

2. *What does a cab mean ?*

- A. a truck
- B. a bus
- C. a taxi
- D. It is too crowded

3. *Cab drivers in New York.....*

- A. can be dangerous
- B. look the same
- C. can be attacked by thieves
- D. were all born in New York

4. *The word "track" can best be replaced by*

- A. roadway
- B. station
- C. light bulb
- D. train

5. *Subways in New York*

- A. are quick but dirty
- B. have no lights
- C. are clothes
- D. often cause fires

III. Choose the word which best fits each numbered blank

<i>scream</i>	<i>was</i>	<i>happily</i>	<i>coughing</i>	<i>spent</i>
<i>only</i>	<i>experience</i>	<i>crowded</i>	<i>black</i>	<i>blocked</i>

Last year, I (1).....my summer holidays at a seaside hotel. The hotel ... (2).....modern and comfortable. I had a wonderful holiday until the fire.

It was Saturday evening and everybody was sitting in the discotheque (which was) on the ground floor. It was (3).....with people. They was dancing and singing... (4)..... Suddenly we smelt smoke. Then ... (5).....smoke began to fill in the room. Everybody started to ... (6).....in panic. People ran toward the fire exits. One door was... (7)..... Many people began(8).....and choking.

Then, just as we thought we had ... (9).....minutes to live, the fire brigade arrived. Firemen fought their way into the room and soon everyone was safely out of the building. Luckily nobody was seriously hurt. It was the most frightening ... (10).....in my life.