Intermediate - 2021

Mid-term Test

A) Reading /15

Elia Armstrong – Young Talent of the Year

Millions of viewers switched on their televisions last night to watch the final of *Young Talent of the Year* and what a show it was! There've been some terrific competitors over the last ten weeks, but only one person could win. This year there were no surprises – 15-year-old Elia Armstrong took the prize.

Elia has been the audience's favourite since the beginning. Even before she won, record companies wanted to sign her up. In last night's final she played the piano and sang *In Their Eyes*, which she wrote herself. Her performance was absolutely incredible – the judges compared her to singers like Beyoncé and Mariah Carey.

Elia's a very hard-working musician – she practises the piano for three hours a day and she has a Grade Eight certificate, which is the highest level you can achieve. Elia also played the violin when she was younger. When Elia was twelve, she went for auditions with the world-famous British Youth Orchestra. She was offered a place. However, she didn't feel confident about playing in front of an audience, so she decided to stop playing the violin.

Interestingly, although she has mostly studied classical music, Elia is influenced by many types of music. In her free time she plays the guitar in a reggae band. The band is well known in her home town and it was her experience of playing in concerts with them that gave her the confidence to go on the show.

Now in her final year of secondary school, Elia is studying hard for her exams. Before entering the competition, she wanted to be a psychologist, so she realised that it was important to get good grades. After the show last night, she also has the chance to become a singer. However, Elia has decided to keep working hard for the moment. She won't decide what she is going to do until she finishes school in June.

Activity 1: True or False?

1. Everyone was surprised when Elia won.

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2. Elia didn't play with the British Youth Orchestra because she was nervous about public performances.
3. Elia knows how to play different musical instruments.

Activity 2: For questions 4 and 5, choose the correct option: A, B or C.

4 Elia was not too nervous about entering the TV competition because
A She's studied classical music for a long time.
B She's already performed in front of the public many times.
C She's well known in her home town.

5 What's Elia going to do now that she's won the competition?
A She's going to continue studying for her final exams at school.
B She's definitely going to study to be a psychologist.
C She's decided to leave school and become a singer.

B. Vocabulary /10

1. **Choose the best verbs to complete the life events. / 5**

GET - GO - HAVE - LEAVE - RETIRE - START - VOTE

1_____home
2_____a job
3 _____a driving license
4 _____from your job
5 _____school
6_____married
7_____in an election
8_____two children
9_____a first date
10_____to university

1 **Choose the correct option to complete the definition. /5**

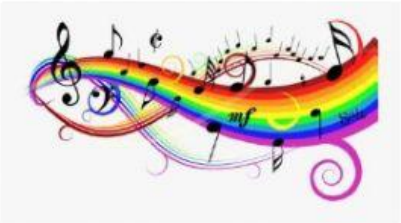
1 An audience_____a show.
a watches b performs c directs

2 A show is a_____.
a performance b band c venue

3 Wembley Stadium and The Royal Albert Hall are_____.
a bands b orchestras c venues

4_____usually play classical music.
a Venues b Brass bands c Orchestras

5 The_____is a brass instrument.
a violin b flute c trumpet



C) Use of English /40

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Activity 1: Read about Bill. For questions 1–5, choose the correct option, A, B or C. / 6 p

When I **(1)**_____on holiday, I **(2)**_____my packing until the last minute. I **(3)**_____my packing for Bermuda now – three hours before the flight … I'm nearly there, though – phew! I **(4)** _____ my guidebook yesterday evening when my sister **(5)**_____. She lives in Bermuda and she paid the **(6)** _____for me to go and visit her. I can't wait to see her – this is so exciting!

1 A do	**B** take	**C** go
2 A leave always	**B** 'm always leaving	**C** always leave
3 A do	**B** 'm doing	**C** was doing
4 A was reading	**B** read	**C** am reading
5 A phoned	**B** phones	**C** was phoning
6 A delay	**B** route	**C** fare

Activity 2: Complete the conversation with the words in the box. /5 p

did got left studied study studying
was were when while

Yuka: Grandma, I'm doing a survey for school about life stages. Can I ask you some questions?

Grandma: Of course!

Yuka: How old were you_____(1) you_____(2) your first job?

Grandma: I_____(3) just 17. Yuka: And_____(4) you still living at home with your parents?

Grandma: Yes, I was. I_____ (5) home when I was 18.

Yuka:_____(6) you go to university?

Grandma: Yes, I did. I was working part-time_____(7) I was_____(8) .

Yuka: What did you_____(9)?

Grandma: I_____(10) English literature.

Yuka: Thanks Grandma!

Grandma: You're welcome.

Activity 3: Write and Complete the sentences with the missing words.
Use already, ever, for, never, since or yet. 6 p

1. I have [_____] been to France but I would like to go one day.
2. Where are you going on holiday – have you decided [_____]?
3. We've been here [_____] a week and we don't want to go home!
4. I've only been here a week and I've [_____met lots of lovely people.
5. I haven't had a day off [_____] January – I think I need a holiday!
6. Have you [_____] been in a hurricane?

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Activity 4: Complete the sentences with the present perfect form of the verb in brackets (). / 5

1. Carole_____in a hotel. (never / stay)
2. _____in this country for a long time? (your parents / live)
3. _____anywhere since 2013. (I / not / travel)
4. I'm thinking of going to Germany._____? (you / ever / go)
5. The plane_____in Frankfurt. (just / arrive)

Activity 5: Choose the correct option to complete the sentence. / 7

1. Do you think these tickets **[will get / are getting]** cheaper if we wait a few weeks?
2. We'll **[definitely / probably]** visit Venice but we're not sure yet.
3. I promise **[I'll phone / I'm phoning]** you when I arrive
4. I don't mind **[showing / to show]** you some guitar techniques if you've got some time.
5. Giovanna writes her own songs and hopes **[to make / making]** a CD one day.
6. Gabriel wants **[to be / being]** a professional singer.
7. I'm busy now but **[I'll definitely see / I definitely see]** you tomorrow.

Activity 6: Complete the following first conditional sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. She will stay at home if it_____**(rain)**

2. If she_____(leave) her bag there, someone will take it.

3. Sam will be happy if you_____**(take)**him to Disney World.

4. We'll miss our Math class if we_____**(not run)**

5. If you pay attention in class, you_____(**understand**) what the teacher says.

Activity 7: Choose the correct option to complete the second conditional sentences. /6

1. If he said those things to me, I_____be furious!
   a will
   b would

2. _____you do anything differently if you had your life to live again?
   a Would
   b Will

3. If I_____kids, I would be a strict father.
   a have
   b had
4. How much money would I make if I_____a doctor?
   a am
   b was
5. If I visited Paris, I_____to go to the top of the Eiffel Tower.
   a loved
   b would love

6. I would make you dinner if I_____how to cook!
   a had known
   b knew

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D Listening /15

You will hear a conversation between a brother and sister who are deciding what type of holiday they would like. Listen to the conversation and decide whether the sentences are True (*T*) or False (*F*). Choose *T* or *F*. Midterm. Part 3

1 The girl doesn't think sunbathing is very exciting. **T / F**

2 The girl has already been on an adventure holiday. **T / F**

3 The boy is enthusiastic about rafting. **T / F**

4 You can go to different beaches in a kayak. **T / F**

5 Kayaking is more dangerous than rafting. **T / F**

E Writing /20

You're on holiday in a foreign country. Write an e-mail to your best friend at home.

Say:

- where you are (what country), where you're staying and what it's like.
- what you did yesterday.
- what you're going to do tomorrow.
- when you're coming home.

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