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1. Read the letter and circle the correct option: (8 MARKS)

Hi Janine, |

I **was/ have been** here for a week now, and already I **made/ have made** lots of friends. I share a room with a man called Don. Yesterday he asked me, **Did you ever spend/ Have you ever spent** time in a place like this? I told him I **went/ have been** camping when I was ten. He **laughed /has laughed**!. He **spent/ has spent** half of his life here!

There are lots of things to do: there's a gym, a cinema, a library and a few clubs. I **didn't have / haven't had** time to join any club yet, but this afternoon we **watched / have watched** a film in the cinema.

The only bad thing is the food. I **didn't ever eat/ have never eaten** such terrible food before in my whole life.

Best wishes,

Bob

2. Match sentence beginnings from 1 to 8 with endings from a to h Past Simple and past continuous (8 marks)

1. The last time they spoke to Marina
2. The teacher explained the exercise to us by
3. While I was shopping
4. It started to rain
5. My mobile phone rang while
6. I fell asleep while I
7. Were you doing something important
8. I didn't go out last night

a) while we were playing football.
b) when I phoned you?
c) Were there any calls for me?
d) I was cooking.
e) because I was studying.

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f) we weren't listening.
g) she was working in a bar.
h) was watching TV.

3. Circle the correct option to complete the sentences. (5 MARKS)

1. We've been there ON / FOR holiday three times.
2. If he was better at working WITH / OF people, he'd be an excellent employee.
3. The man was afraid TO / OF snakes.
4. If you want to get OFF / ON well with him, you have to be friendlier.
5. I used To/ NOT TO be good at maths.
6. Macbeth was written FOR/ BY Shakespeare
7. The truth Of / ABOUT violence is still under discussion.
8. The spent the morning IN / AT the museum and then they went for a walk.
9. Does she agree ON / WITH the idea of travelling instead of having a party?
10. I'm worried OF / ABOUT my exam grading.

4. Circle the correct alternative, a)- b) or c) (10 MARKS)

1. He's the man _____ helped me get my job.

a) Which b) who c) whose

2. I hate _____ up early on Monday morning.

a) Get b) going c) getting

3. What _____ her new boyfriend like?

a) Do b) is c) are

4. They told _____ they were coming early.

a) -- b) to us c) us

5. I don't know _____ keys they are.

a) Whose b) who c) that

6. Kids eat too _____ chocolate and not enough fruit.

a) Many b) enough c) much

7. He hasn't asked her to go with him_____.

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a) Already b) yet c) ever

8. I can't imagine _____ there –it's so boring.

a) Living b) to live c) live

9. It _____ be him. He was with us when it happened.

a) Can't b) mustn't c) doesn't have to

10. Uniforms are _____ at private schools.

a) Wear b) wore c) worn

5- Complete the sentences using Present or Past Passive. The main verb is in brackets(10 MARKS)

1. The Simpson cartoon _____(show) for the first time in 1989.
2. English school children _____(not teach) foreign language at school.
3. Originally, Mickey Mouse _____(know) as Mortimer Mouse.
4. More chocolate _____ (eat) by Swiss than any other nationality.
5. The giant panda _____ (find) only in one country –China.
6. Potatoes _____ (not grow) in Europe until 1536.
7. The first photo _____(take) by the Chinese in the early 1700s.
8. The British Prime minister _____ (not choose) by the queen or king.
9. The Statue of Liberty _____(give) to the USA by France in 1886.
10. The Mona Lisa _____(lose) for two years after being stolen in 1911.

6- Complete each the sentences using the words from the box (14 MARKS)

although / cooking / did / have / is / couldn't / never / opposite / risking/ shouldn't / so / to make / was spending / won't

1. You _____ meet with those bad boys in the park after work.
2. What time _____ he getting the train tonight?
3. She's _____ been keen on flying.
4. I heard that they _____ got back together.
5. The door of my house was opened_____ I called the police.
6. He wants _____something more interesting with his life.
7. You must stop _____ your health in that stressful job.

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8. _____ he collect stamps at primary school?
9. Mark lost his job because he_____ too much time off.
10. Don't look up every word in that book or you _____ enjoy reading it.
11. She spent all day _____ the most delicious meal.
12. Carl had to work late last night so I _____ see him.
13. Mean is the _____ of generous.
14. _____ Linda ran to the station, she missed the train eventually.

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