

## USE OF ENGLISH

**1 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases below. There are three extras which you do not need to use. (7 points)**

critical • overrated • boosted • airplay • apparent • appreciated • top priority • hazardous • capable • requirement

1. This hotel is ..... ; it's nowhere near as good as the reviewers say.
2. The swimming instructor's ..... must be the safety of the children.
3. Fortunately, the injured are no longer in ..... condition.
4. It quickly became ..... that Maria was not suited to the new position.
5. The athlete ..... his performance by training harder.
6. While many people listen to classical music, it isn't ..... by everyone.
7. This song has been getting a lot of .....

**2 Read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. (8points)****Should Dogs Go to School?**

Some US schools are participating in a programme called Mutt-i-grees, which (1) ..... students to interact with dogs. Recent research has pointed to the (2) ..... effects of allowing a dog into the classroom. Its presence can (3) ..... a calm atmosphere where positive feelings, laughter and conversation thrive. With a dog in the classroom, students are more willing to (4) ..... up and join in discussions about feelings, loyalty and respect. Students may also be asked to (5) ..... how the dog could be affected by their actions. The purpose of this is to get students to think about the (6) ..... of their behaviour on others.

Students are generally (7) ..... about this programme. One 11 year old, whose class is visited on a regular (8) ..... by a dog named Tango, says Tango has helped him understand better why he should be kind to others.

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|------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. A encourages  | B boosts       | C influences  | D prevents     |
| 2. A efficient   | B affectionate | C sympathetic | D beneficial   |
| 3. A influence   | B determine    | C create      | D make         |
| 4. A talk        | B say          | C admit       | D speak        |
| 5. A consider    | B consult      | C respond     | D qualify      |
| 6. A explanation | B reason       | C impact      | D purpose      |
| 7. A infectious  | B suitable     | C authentic   | D enthusiastic |
| 8. A schedule    | B basis        | C day         | D programme    |

**3 Read the text below. Use the words given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits the gap in the same line. (8 points)**

<b>Graffiti on the Great Wall</b>	
A visit to the Great Wall of China is an (1) ..... experience. This ancient structure, which dates back 2,000 years, stretches for over 13,000 miles. Millions of people visit the Great Wall	<b>FORGET</b>
(2) ..... Most are happy to walk along sections of this landmark and admire the stunning views. However, some people choose to carve their names into the wall and sadly, this graffiti is (3) ..... damaging the site.	<b>ANNUAL</b>
Now, after some (4) ..... thinking, Chinese authorities have come up with a scheme they believe will be (5) ..... in solving this problem. They want to build an official graffiti wall in one of the towers, and visitors will be given permission to scratch graffiti into the stone there. The result should be a (6) ..... in the amount of graffiti elsewhere along the wall.	<b>PERMANENT</b>
So far, the (7) ..... to this idea has been positive, as it seems it is the best way to (8) ..... that the Great Wall of China is protected.	<b>CREATE</b>
	<b>EFFECT</b>
	<b>REDUCE</b>
	<b>RESPOND</b>
	<b>SURE</b>

**4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets. (12 points)**

1. Jason wishes he ..... (not miss) the football match on TV last night.
2. I would play volleyball more regularly if I ..... (have) more time.
3. I don't really feel like going out. I'd rather ..... (stay) at home tonight.
4. If only John ..... (turn) down the TV – it's much too loud.
5. We'll get something to eat after the concert provided it ..... (not be) too late.
6. It's high time you ..... (get) started on your homework.
7. We don't need to buy tickets online. They ..... (can / obtain) at the museum.
8. The road outside my house ..... (repair), so it was very noisy.
9. The meeting ..... (hold) as soon as everyone ..... (arrive).
10. We were warned ..... (not touch) any of the sculptures.
11. We suggested ..... (drive) on the motorway to save time.

**5 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first, using the word given. Use between two and five words including the word given. (7 points)**

1. We only went to that island because our friends recommended it. **HAVE**  
We ..... to that island if our friends hadn't recommended it.
2. Few people have the wealth to own a private plane. **SO**  
Few people ..... can own a private plane.
3. Why don't you call Tom to install the new software on the computer? **HAVE**  
You ..... by Tom.

4. It's been over two weeks since we last saw Maria. **SEEN**  
 We ..... over two weeks.
5. Players aren't allowed by the coach to miss any practice sessions. **LET**  
 The coach ..... any practice sessions
6. My bike was stolen yesterday . **HAD**  
 I ..... yesterday
7. I think you should ask your parents for permission. **WERE**  
 if ..... I'd ask my parents for permission.

**6 Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. (8 points)**

The first Video Games Live concert (1) ..... held in 2005 in Los Angeles. All the music had originally (2) ..... composed especially for video games. Eleven thousand people turned up to watch the concert and their enjoyment was enhanced (3) ..... the special effects, including laser shows and video game footage.

Video Games Live was the idea of Jack Wall and Tommy Tallarico, (4) ..... work in the video game industry. They knew people (5) ..... be enthusiastic about hearing an orchestra perform music (6) ..... was familiar to them from games such as *Tron* and *Medal of Honor*.

Audiences reacted positively to the first show and due to its success, Video Games Live concerts are now held all over the world. Before the performance, members of the audience usually get a chance to meet top video game designers. At some shows, a lucky few even get to go on stage and play the video game (7) ..... music is (8) ..... performed.

**WRITING: CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TASKS (20 POINTS)**

Read the task below. Write your essay in 140-190 words using all the notes and giving reasons for your point of view.

Some people don't think that men and woman can always do the same jobs, others disagree. What do you think?

**Notes**

Write about:

1. physical strength
2. stereotypes
3. .... (your own idea)

**Read the task below. Write your essay in 140-190 words using all the notes and giving reasons for your point of view.**

In your English class, you have been talking about student evaluation. Now your teacher has asked you to write an essay for homework.

**Exams aren't a fair indication of a students' understanding.**

**Notes**

Write about:

1. the effects of stress
2. competition
3. .... (your own idea)

**Write your essay.**

## READING (20 points)

You are going to read an article in which four people talk about what makes a city great. For questions 1-10, choose from the people (A-D). The people may be chosen more than once.

Which person ...

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|---|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| thinks a great city doesn't have to be traditional?     | <input type="text" value="1"/> | mentions the negative effects of tourism?        | <input type="text" value="8"/>  |
| feels size is not a factor in greatness?                | <input type="text" value="2"/> | refers to the attitudes of a city's inhabitants? | <input type="text" value="9"/>  |
| appreciates efficiency?                                 | <input type="text" value="3"/> | refers to his / her personality?                 | <input type="text" value="10"/> |
| relates to the religious sites of a city?               | <input type="text" value="4"/> |  |                                 |
| mentions excitement as a criterion for greatness?       | <input type="text" value="5"/> |  |                                 |
| considers location a factor?                            | <input type="text" value="6"/> |  |                                 |
| feels a great city has to be a major commercial centre? | <input type="text" value="7"/> |  |                                 |

**AVivienne**

Well, for me it has to be Paris. I'm a bit of a romantic, so it's the whole atmosphere of the place that makes it special – nothing specific you can put your finger on. There are lots of cities in the world with famous buildings, but a catalogue of tourist attractions doesn't make a city great. It has to have soul, which comes from its past ... the feeling that important events have happened there. You feel this in Paris whether you're strolling along the banks of the River Seine or sitting in an intimate café on the Left Bank. There's something grand about the city that goes beyond just sightseeing. I know Paris gets very crowded with people on holiday, but I never let this bother me. My early memories of Paris will be with me for life.

**BPeter**

There are a few qualities a city needs to be considered great. First of all, it has to have a sense of itself as an important place. Tokyo is the world's largest urban centre and I get a thrill just walking around the Shinjuku business area. You feel that decisions are being taken there, fortunes won and lost, history being made. It's very dynamic!

I think it's important that a city knows how to organise itself properly. Clean streets and good public transport really made a difference. The bullet trains in Tokyo carry 10 million passengers a day at speeds of 273 kilometres per hour! Tokyo seems to be at home with modern technology and that appeals to me. I'm not really concerned with old-world charm. Frankly, if you want charm, you should opt for the countryside.

**CDavid**

The one city I keep going back to is Lisbon. I suppose it's because I don't feel like a tourist there. It's sort of managed to "get under my skin" so to speak, and I know the city so well that I've really grown to appreciate its hidden treasures. I don't mean tourist sites like the Monastery and the Basilica, but places like the alleys of the Alfama, the medieval Moorish quarter, where tourists get lost in the maze of tiny streets.

Like Rome, Lisbon is built on seven hills and has developed at the mouth of the River Tejo, which widens out to the open sea. Being on the coast is definitely part of its attraction for me. The fact that the people of Lisbon carefully preserve their heritage by taking special care of the unique black-and-white mosaic pavements also appeals to me.

**DAndrea**

There's nowhere quite like Florence, is there? I think it's the culture – the art, the Renaissance architecture ... the look and feel of the place are just wonderful, with the domes, palaces, red rooftops and bridges over the River Arno. That it's surrounded by the lovely Tuscan countryside of wooded hills makes it special too.

I've only been to Florence once, quite recently in fact, but it demands a second visit. Florence is not a huge business metropolis; it is a city that fills you with wonder, leaving a lasting impression. It certainly did that for me. Florence is a city of surprises too. Every time you turn a corner, there are more exquisite sights that take your breath away, like the Uffizi Palace. There are almost too many museums and galleries to see!