REVISION FOR THE MID-TERM TEST – PRE-FCE 2020

SAINT PATRICK INSTITUTE OF ENGLISH

1- Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1 My brothers Paul and Alan ..... always ..... (play) computer games.

2 Mrs Carter ..... (teach) at our school since 2016.

3 I ..... (work) in a café in California this summer, but there were fires so I couldn't go.

4 Here's the plan – we ..... (go) to book the holiday in Mexico first. After that, we can surprise Dad with the news!

5 In three years' time, it's likely that you ..... (study) at university.

6 Our maths teacher ..... always ..... (ask) us not to use our mobile phones in class.

7 I ..... (study) English for six years now.

8 My dad ..... (fly) to Spain for a meeting, but then it was cancelled.

9 I think we ..... (stay) at home this summer. Dad is saving up to take us to Mexico next year.

10 In five years' time, it's likely that we ..... (live) in the countryside.

2- Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

11 I'm not too keen on English tea. It tastes **much worse** / **much worser** than tea in my country.

12 I don't want to be a waiter when I finish school. Waiters don't earn **too much money** / **enough money** for me to achieve my dream.

13 **Several** / **Plenty** students in my class are hoping to travel abroad this summer.

14 When you're a vet you have to be good at caring for **each** /**many** animal that you see.

15 I love writing about cycling on my blog. **The sense** / **Sense** of achievement it gives me is great.

3- Read the article and decide which answer (A, B or C) best fits each gap.

My interests

What job will you do in the future? I wanted to be an astronaut when I was ten, but now I'm **(16)** ..... older that's changed. I'm hoping to become a sports instructor because I love exercising in the gym and outdoors. Of course, if you are **(17)** ..... my brother Jack, who spends most of his time in front of his computer, then you are **(18)** ..... to want to stay indoors. Sometimes we play interactive computer games in front of the television and pretend we're skiing or playing football. If you are an outdoors sort of person that can't drive, then there are **(19)** ..... places better than your local park or gym. Or how about persuading some of your family to go for a long walk? You don't have to live in the country to do this. You can **(20)** ..... walk thousands of steps in the city!

16 A many	B more	C much
17 A as lazy as	B lazier	C laziest
18 A likelier	B more likely	C likeliest

19 A a few B few C fewest

20 A more easier B the easier C easily

4- Complete the sentences with these words.

down	high	responsible	sympathetic	thrilled

21 Going to the Ice Hotel in Sweden is ..... on my list of places to visit in the world.

22 My cousin is ..... for ensuring the customers have enough to eat and drink at the restaurant where she works.

23 The tour guide was very ..... when I said I was feeling ill. He arranged for me to sit quietly at a café while the rest of the group continued with the tour.

24 Kelly was ..... in the dumps yesterday when I saw her as she'd failed her history exam.

25 You can imagine how ..... I was when I found out I'd won a trip to New York. I'm so excited – I can't wait!

5- Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

26 Some people are petrified **at** / **of** / **over** / **on** the dark. My friend Faisal didn't like it when we went on a night walk on holiday.

27 It's best to tell your boss something is wrong at the first **time** / **sign** / **impact** / **happening** of trouble.

28 My teacher insists **in** / **at** / **on** / **up** us being on time. He doesn't like it when we are late for class.

29 It's good to have control **from** / **over** / **under** / **out** your own time – I'd like to work for myself when I leave school.

30 Employers like people who can **manage** / **rely** / **cope** / **benefit** with change. Things never stay the same for ever!

6- Complete the second sentence so that that is has a similar meaning to the first sentence using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between two and five words.

31 I've never had such a terrifying feeling.

EVER

That's the ..... felt.

32 Zidane finds it difficult to ignore distractions.

DISCIPLINED

Zidane is ..... ignore distractions.

33 Sean started work in the university café two years ago.

BEEN

Sean ..... two years in the university café.

34 We were expecting delivery of dad's new laptop by A1 Computers today, but it didn't arrive.

GOING

A1 Computers ..... dad's new laptop today, but they didn't.

35 Not many farmers manage to have a lot of free time.

ONLY

There are ..... manage to have a lot of free time.

36 You don't find the job very satisfying when you work as a cleaner.

LITTLE

There is ..... when you work as a cleaner.

7- Read the text and complete the gaps with one word only.

Which job?

Last week, we went to a jobs fair with our teacher. Mr Mullen said it is important to think about **(37)** ..... future and find out what we want to do so he asked us to prepare questions for the people we met. We spoke to **(38)** ..... of people including nurses, engineers, people from the army and also from a design company and a marketing agency. It was great to hear about the different jobs. One of the designers showed us how to use the design software and he also taught us a **(39)** ..... quick tips for making our work look good. I'm really keen on the idea of working in marketing as I am the **(40)** ..... at English in my class and you need good language skills to sell products and ideas. I want to improve my design skills, too, as that is a big part of marketing and it would allow me to work in a **(41)** ..... effective way.

8- Read the article and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Ski holidays

When I finish university, I want to travel to Germany or Canada and work as a ski instructor. If you don't know how to ski, you are missing **(42)** ..... lots of fun. You get the most amazing views when you **(43)** ..... the summit of a mountain. It's really important to get **(44)** ..... the spirit of things when you go on a ski holiday. It may be on your third or fourth **(45)** ..... to stand up and ski that you finally manage to **(46)** ..... your goal of skiing without falling over. Once you are no longer a beginner, you can **(47)** ..... your skiing skills by **(48)** ..... risks such as skiing on fresh snow where there aren't any paths. Of course, that can **(49)** ..... in a broken leg if you aren't careful. You certainly don't want that to happen, so remember to take care on the snow!

42 A out of	B out from	C out on	D out for
43 A arrive	B get	C top	D reach
44 A in	B out of	C into	D with
45 A try	B attempt	C endeavour	D experiment
46 A make	B finish	C get	D achieve
47 A increase	B improve	C progress	D raise
48 A doing	B taking	C making	D having
49 A cause	B affect	C result	D bring