

Springfield

School of English



MOCK EXAM – MID TERM

2020

Total Score: 80 points

COURSE: 4th Year

STUDENT:

"READING AND WRITING"

----- INSTRUCTIONS -----

- Read carefully each task.
- Remember to write capital letters and punctuation marks when necessary.
- Make sure you have answered all the questions.

Reading and writing – PART 1 – 5 points

Questions 1 – 10

Read these sentences. Write the correct letter (A, B or C) in the blank space.

Example: Portugal isn't in Asia. C in Europe.
A It B is C it's

- 1 He doesn't enjoy _____ soccer on television.
A watched B watching C to watch
- 2 I have lived in France _____ five years.
A during B since C for
- 3 Tom plays tennis with his sister Anne _____ a week.
A one B once C every
- 4 I wanted to swim but the sea was _____ cold.
A as B enough C too
- 5 I _____ on my computer when suddenly the power went off.
A played B am playing C was playing
- 6 When I was a child I _____ hate classical music, but I loved rock.
A did B would C used to
- 7 He exercises daily _____ stay healthy.
A because B in order to C as a result of
- 8 I'm sorry. I _____ this Math problem.
A am not understand B am not understanding C don't understand
- 9 How long have you _____ to play the violin?
A been learnt B be learning C been learning
- 10 My friend _____ me to a party so I wanted to buy a terrific dress to impress Jack.
A had invited B invited C used to invite

Reading and writing – PART 2

Questions 11-20 (10 points)

For questions 11-20, complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first one. Use the word given in brackets.

Example: Mr. Thomas is Maria's brother. (**sister**)

Answer: Maria is Mr. Thomas's sister

11 He started studying English in 2012. (**studying**)

He since 2012.

12 Kate is older than her friend Mia. (**than**)

Mia Kate.

13 Can I borrow your pen? (**lend**)

Can your pen?

14 When I was a child, I swam in the lake. (**swim**)

I when I was a child.

15 My brother always plays in the living room. He is so annoying! (**always**)

My brother He is so annoying!

16 It started raining six hours ago! (**has**)

It six hours!

17 My mum graduated from university. After that, she met my dad. (**already**)

My mum when she met my dad.

18 Our old house wasn't as big as this one. (**used**)

We in a smaller house.

19 Sam runs faster than Theo. (**as**)

Theo doesn't Sam.

20 I've never read such a good book before. (**ever**)

This is the read.

Questions 21 - 25 (10 points)

Language functions

Respond to the exchanges following the instructions between brackets.

21 (Disagree politely and give your opinion.)

A: I think that hobbies like yoga are stupid. It is really boring and it doesn't help to get fit. I prefer surfing because it is much more exciting!

B:

22 (Greet your old friend and tell him/her some bad news.)

A: Hello! How have you been? It's been ages since we last met!

B:

23 (Express preference and give a reason for your choice.)

A: Where would you like to go on holiday? Would you like to go to Italy? Or would you rather go to Australia?

B:

24 (Discuss the possibility and give your opinion.)

A: Do you think it is a good idea to go out late on Wednesday? I think our parents will get really angry about it.

B:

25 (Agree/Disagree and give your opinion.)

A: Have you watched Titanic, the movie? Yesterday I watched it for the first time. I hated the end. It was terrible.

B:

PART 3 - Reading Comprehension (15 points)

Read the following article and answer the 10 questions below.

Saving Lives At Sea

The British charity, the *RNLI*, helps swimmers or sailors in danger at sea. A man named William Hillary first had the idea for the organisation in 1823, but the charity didn't start running until 1824. It now has 350 boats working around the coast of Britain and 45,000 team members. Over 95% of the men and women working for the RNLI are volunteers, meaning they work for free in their spare time. In the past 12 months, lifeboats were called out over 8,400 times and an average of 22 people were rescued every day.

Sometimes, they receive slightly more unusual calls. Recently, for example, an 81-year-old man from the town of Lymington was attempting to rescue a rubbish bin belonging to his 85-year-old neighbour. It had been blown down the street by the wind, towards the sea. The man slipped and fell over the sea wall but was rescued after a couple saw something in the water and called the RNLI. The couple believed that the shape in the water was a donkey from a nearby farm, which was struggling to stay afloat. When the rescue team arrived, they said the man and the bin that he was holding onto, actually looked like an upside-down boat, the kind often used by children at the beach.

Another call came from a terrified woman in Devon who thought that she had seen a parachutist jump from a plane and land in the water. Although the 'parachutist' was 100 metres out to sea, the woman called for assistance from the beach, assuring the RNLI that she could clearly see the figure. When the team arrived at the spot, they could not stop laughing as they pulled a child's Spider Man balloon out of the water. Mostly, however, the situations are very real. Iona Stein, who was rescued while surfing, said of the RNLI, 'They were brilliant. Without them, I wouldn't be here.'

For questions 1–3, please answer in FULL sentences. (2 points each)

1. When did the RNLI begin saving lives?

2. How often were the RNLI lifeboats used last year?

3. What was the man in Lymington trying to do when he fell in the water?

For questions 4-8, write a cross (X) in the box to mark the correct answer. (1 p/each)

4. The RNLI pays most of its workers.

A. True ☐

B. False ☐

5. The RNLI rescued a parachutist in Devon.

A. True ☐

B. False ☐

6. On a daily basis, the RNLI now saves about...

A. 12 lives ☐

B. 22 lives ☐

C. 95 lives ☐

7. The couple in Lymington thought they had seen...

A. ...an animal in trouble. ☐

B. ...a person in a rubbish bin. ☐

C. ...young children in a boat. ☐

8. How did the RNLI team react to the Devon 'rescue'?

A. They were confused. ☐

B. They thought it was funny. ☐

C. They were annoyed. ☐

Write the words in the box. (2 points each)

9. Find the word in the article which means the OPPOSITE of:

terrible (paragraph 3)

10. Find the words in the article which mean the SAME as:

help (paragraph 3)

PART 4 - Writing 10 Points

Questions 46-55

Read the descriptions. What is the word for each one? The first letter is already there.
There is one space for each letter.

Example:

In this subject we learn about dates and important events of the past. H _ _ _ _ _

Answer: **HISTORY**

46	If your best friend is wearing a wonderful dress you can say it is ...	T _ _ _ _ _
47	With a pattern of small circles.	S _ _ _ _ _
48	If you always want to win, you are a ... person.	C _ _ _ _ _
49	To look at someone for a long time.	S _ _ _ _
50	Some people ... if they are lying.	G _ _ R _ _
51	The invitation we had to wear smart clothes. I will wear a ... then.	B _ _ T _ _
52	Some people ... if they are lying.	R _ _ T _ _ _ N _ _
53	To shout loudly.	Y _ _ _
54	A person who follows fashion is ...	F _ _ _ _ _
55	To move your hand or arm around so that someone will notice you.	W _ _ _

Reading and Writing – PART 5 – 10 Points

Questions 56 – 65

Fill in the gaps with ONE word.

Is this the longest gap year ever?

When Martin Stokes and his girlfriend Anna left university, they decided to take a gap year and go travelling. That was five years ago, and they've (56) _____ travelling ever since! They have (57) _____ been to over twenty countries and they have plans to visit at least ten more before they stop. 'We haven't visited India (58) _____,' says Anna. 'I really want to go there.' So far, they (59) _____ funded their trip by doing casual work when they can. 'Sometimes we work,' says Martin, 'and sometimes people give (60) _____ food and shelter for free. People are incredibly kind. Once in the United States we didn't have (61) _____ money to buy our train tickets, so someone (62) _____ them for us!' They both agree that this is the best experience they have (63) _____ had. 'I know some of our friends have been working since they left college, but we think this experience (64) _____ just as valuable as working. Maybe our friends have been earning money (65) _____ the last five years, but we've been living!'

Reading and Writing – PART 6 – 20 Points

Choose ONE of the topics below and write between 120-150 words about it.

- 1) Write a STORY beginning with the words *"I opened the door and found a large box with my name on it."* Your story must also include a leather jacket and sunglasses.

OR

- 2) Write an essay starting with "Some people enjoy living in the countryside because they believe it is peaceful. Other people prefer the city because it has many different places to go out with friends." Don't forget to state your opinion.

Your choice: ____