

MIDTERM EXAM: OCTOBER 2020**A. READ THE TEXT. ARE THESE SENTENCES TRUE OR FALSE?****The Eurovision Song Contest**

Every year on a Saturday night in May, something special happens in Europe. Millions of people turn on their TVs to watch a national competition. But this competition has no footballs, athletes or fast cars. It is something much more important: finding the perfect pop song!

Eurovision is an enormous concert full of fireworks, wonderful dancing and shiny clothes. Oh, and pop songs, of course! Each participating country sends a singer or group to perform a song at the Eurovision semi-final. Then they choose twenty-six for the Saturday-night Grand Final.

After the shows at the Grand Final, each country votes for the best song. TV viewers can vote using their mobile phones, but each country also has an official jury who decide 50 per cent of the votes. In the end, the song with the most votes wins.

The competition's central rule is that each song must be three minutes long. Also, the maximum number of people on the stage is six. Songs can be in any language, but most countries choose to sing in English. Some of the most famous winners are the Swedish super-group ABBA and Céline Dion.

Millions of viewers in the USA and many other countries watch the Grand Final. Organisations in certain countries like China and Qatar are interested in participating in the competition. So, who knows? Perhaps governments will find international unity through three-minute pop songs!

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| 1) People can watch Eurovision once a month. | T / F |
| 2) Music bands can participate in the competition. | T / F |
| 3) People can vote for the best song. | T / F |
| 4) Songs must be in English. | T / F |
| 5) Only European viewers can watch Eurovision. | T / F |

B. CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCE.

- 1) My uncle works with animals ____.
a in an office block b at the gym c on a farm
- 2) Shall we have a BBQ in the ____?
a lake b park c car park
- 3) He's taking the ____ from Edinburgh to London.
a underground b tram c coach
- 4) I'm borrowing some money from the ____.
a library b bank c post office

C. CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

- 1 The cinema is **nearer** / **the nearest** than the library.
- 2 The Burj Khalifa in Dubai is **higher** / **the highest** building in the world.
- 3 He is **the funnier** / **the funniest** boy in the school.
- 4 Your trainers are **more casual** / **the most casual** than your shoes.
- 5 What is **more polluted** / **the most polluted** river in the world?
- 6 Who is **kinder** / **the kindest**, your uncle or your aunt?

D. CORRECT THE MISTAKES IN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES.

- 1 Which is **more far** from your country, Russia or Australia? Which is further from your country, Russia or Australia?
- 2 Who is the **more polite** student in your class? _____
- 3 The supermarket is **busyer** than the small shop. _____
- 4 My smartphone is **expensiver** than my laptop. _____
- 5 The chef only uses the **most freshest** food. _____
- 6 What's the **better** website to use for our homework? _____
- 7 My bedroom is **biger** than my brother's room. _____

E. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE WORDS BELOW.

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- 1 That's a terrible photo of me! Please _____ it!
- 2 How can I _____ this image to my computer?
- 3 Do you want to _____ in colour or black and white?
- 4 You have to _____ the password to get Wi-Fi here.
- 5 Shall I _____ a comment on your Facebook page?

F. COMPLETE THE POSTCARD WITH THE AFFIRMATIVE OR NEGATIVE PAST SIMPLE FORM OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS.

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Hi Liam

We ¹ _____ in Australia a few days ago. The flight ² _____ really long – 23 hours! But we ³ _____ see the Great Barrier Reef from the plane – amazing! We ⁴ _____ very tired at first, but I feel OK now. I ⁵ _____ to get up at the normal time on Tuesday, but I ⁶ _____ wake up. Yesterday we ⁷ _____ the area near the hotel. There is one really excellent restaurant nearby. I ⁸ _____ to the waiter. He's from England and ⁹ _____ here fifteen years ago! He ¹⁰ _____ a woman from Brisbane. He loves it and doesn't want to go back! No wonder – it's great here!

Write soon!

Best wishes,

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G. CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

- 1 They **brought** / **bringed** a lot of food to the party.
- 2 Did you **make** / **made** this sandwich?
- 3 I **didn't** / **don't** have an exam yesterday.
- 4 They didn't **stay** / **stayed** at home.
- 5 Did she **become** / **became** famous?
- 6 He **taked** / **took** his headphones to school.
- 7 **Did** / **Does** he go to New York last week?
- 8 The fishermen **cought** / **caught** a huge fish.
- 9 We didn't **ate** / **eat** all of our breakfast.
- 10 It **began** / **begun** to snow.