Manhattan - School of Languages
6th YEAR - TEENS - MIDTERM EXAM – July 2023

Time allowed: 2 hr

Name: _____ Surname: _____

SECTION A: Reading Comprehension

" Alice's adventures in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll

There were doors all round the hall, but they were all locked; and when Alice had been all the way down one side and up the other, trying every door, she wondered how she was ever to get out again. Suddenly she came upon a little three-legged table, made of solid glass; there was nothing on it except a tiny golden key, and Alice's first thought was that it might belong to one of the doors of the hall; but it did not open any of them. However, she found a low curtain she had not noticed before, and behind it was a little door about **fifteen inches*** high: she tried the little golden key in the lock, and to her great delight it fitted! Alice opened the door and found that it led into a small passage, not much larger than a rat-hole: she knelt down and looked along the passage into the loveliest garden you ever saw. How she longed to get out of that dark hall, and wander about among those beds of bright flowers and those cool fountains, but she could not even get her head through the doorway. 'Oh, how I wish I could shut up like a telescope!' thought Alice. 'I think I could, if I only knew how to begin.' For, you see, so many unusual things had happened lately, that Alice had begun to think that very few things indeed were really impossible. There seemed to be no use in waiting by the little door, so she went back to the table […]: this time she found a little bottle on it, […] and round the neck of the bottle was a paper label, with the words 'DRINK ME' beautifully printed on it in large letters. It was all very well to say 'Drink me,' but wise little Alice was not going to do that in a hurry. 'No, I'll look first,' she said, 'and see whether it's marked 'Poison' or not' […] However, this bottle was NOT marked 'poison', so Alice ventured to taste it, and finding it very nice, […] she very soon finished it off. 'What a curious feeling!' said Alice; 'I must be shutting up like a telescope.' And so it was: she was now only **ten inches**** high, and her face brightened up at the thought that she was now the right size for going through the little door into that lovely garden. First, however, she waited for a few minutes to see if she was going to shrink any further. […] After a while, finding that nothing more happened, she decided to go into the garden at once; but when she got to the door, she found she had forgotten the little golden key, and when she went back to the table for it, she found she could not reach it: she could see it through the glass, and she tried her best to climb up one of the legs of the table, but it was too slippery; and when she had tired herself out with trying, the poor little thing sat down and cried.

*** about 38 cm ** about 25 cm**

- Answer the following questions:

1. Why didn't Alice go through the door to the garden immediately?

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2. Why was she not sure about drinking from the bottle?

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3. Why did she sit down and cry?

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4. What does the expression 'I wish I could shut up like a telescope!' mean?

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SECTION B: Use of English

1.Help Alice to choose the correct answers.

1) I was sure I _____ lose, so I gave up.

a. am going
b. would
c. will

2) Mark _____ to talk to Anna, but he didn't.

a. wasn't going
b. would
c. was going

3) They can't be at home. The lights are off.

a. It is not possible
b. It is possible
c. It is certain

4) People might believe a story.

a. it is certain
b. it is possible
c. it is not possible

5) I am drinking from a _____ cup.

a. small English tea
b. tea small English
c. English small tea

6) The _____ woman did well on the test.

a. intelligent young
b. young intelligent

7) I love eating _____ strawberries.

a. red big
b. big red

2. It was Alice that had to rewrite these sentences by using *it* or *what* cleft.

a) Spain won the World Cup in 2010.

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b) Danny Wallace really wanted to start his own country.

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c) I would love to have my face on a stamp.

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d) Hulk turns green when he's angry.

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e) I don't want to make things difficult.

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3. Alice couldn't write these sentences properly. Can you help her? Rewrite them by using the correct form of the verb in brackets.

a. We were right at the back of the concert hall and we couldn't see a thing. (be able)

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b. The party next door was so loud that I wasn't able to get to sleep all night. (manage)

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c. I was able to do things like that when I was younger but I'm too old now. (can)

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d. Did you manage to speak to him? (be able)

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e. Living off fish and rain-water, they were able to survive for three weeks at sea. (manage)

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4. Alice was going to rewrite these sentences using *was/were going to* but she didn't, because you are going to do it!

a. We didn't spend the day at the Science Museum because Roland wasn't well.

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b. The professor didn't hand out the information sheets on lateral thinking because he forgot them.

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c. I didn't plan to join the debating society, but I changed my mind.

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d. We planned to have snowboarding lessons, but our parents didn't let us.

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e. I intended to start my new exercise regime last weekend, but I twisted my ankle on Friday.

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SECTION C: Listening

- **Listen to an interview with Dagmara Walkowicz, who worked as an interpreter on Steven Spielberg's film '*Shindler's list*'. Mark the statements T(true) or F(false).**

1. When the film company came to Krakow, Dagmara was working as a teacher. ☐
2. She got a job as a production assistant. ☐
3. There was a party at the hotel to celebrate Spielberg's birthday. ☐
4. When she arrived she was asked to interpret Spielberg's speech, because the interpreter was late. ☐
5. Spielberg was very pleased with the way she had done her job. ☐

SECTION D: Writing

- **Choose ONE option and write about 250 words.**
    1. Write a letter of complaint to a shop you went to buy a gift for your mother.
    2. Write an informal email to a friend that lives abroad inviting him/her to come to visit.
    3. Write a different ending to the book " Misery" that you have already read.

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