

Language and Literature Exam



Senior V

Name:

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Skills: Reading and appropriate use of tenses and language in context

Aims:

- To understand the text and complete using appropriate tense.
- To compare and contrast the use of different tenses in context
- To analyse time expressions in context.
- To understand and use the vocabulary

1) Mixed tenses and verb forms. Pay attention to time expressions to complete the text. (35m)



WINDSURFING CHOSE ME

I (1 WINDSURF) _____ now for six years and teaching others (2 DO) _____ it for most of that time. I (3 TEACH) _____ in Corsica and now in Poole, where I (4 RUN) _____ a windsurf school and shop with my wife Jane.

I don't think I chose windsurfing as a profession: windsurfing chose me. Strangely enough, I (5 NEVER SEE) _____ anyone (6 WINDSURF) _____ before I went to a sailing school back in the summer of 1975 in Propriano, on the island of Corsica. They had a school there, but no one (7 BE) _____ very proficient. After all, they (8 ONLY HAVE) _____ their boards a month when I arrived. However, as soon as I saw people (9 ENJOY) _____ the sport, I immediately (10 DECIDE) _____ (11 TAKE) _____ it up. I (12 SAIL) _____ for at least ten years, and in some ways it seemed like another sailing boat: at least it (13 HAVE) _____ a sail. And I (14 SEE) _____ it as a challenge. At the time I (15 ALSO JUST MEET) _____ Jane, who (16 TEACH) _____ water skiing there.

Probably because I (17 DO) _____ so much windsurfing since then, I could remember every detail of my first experience. What I do remember is that I (18 SPEND) _____ most of the first day struggling with the board in the deep harbour water and (19 TRY) _____ (20 AVOID) _____

all the boats that (21 MOOR) _____ there. At first I couldn't even stand on the thing – after all, the board (22 BE) _____ only about 70 cm wide! – but after I (23 FALL) _____ off quite a few times, I soon caught on, and by the end of that first day I (24 DO) _____ quite well.

For me, windsurfing is the most exhilarating sport there (25. BE) _____. And it's not dangerous as long as you (26. USE) _____ your common sense and follow what you (27 TEACH) _____. I (28 CERTAINLY NEVER BREAK) _____ any bones; I (29 EVEN NEVER INJURE) _____ myself.

It (30 NOT BE) _____ until after I (31 COME) _____ back to Britain that I (32 COME) _____ across proper courses for people who want (33 TAKE UP) _____. windsurfing. I admit I taught myself – I had to! – but if I (34 GO) _____ to a proper school at the start, life (35 BE) _____ much easier.

2) Please fill in the blanks with the adjectives provided. (10m)

Assertive - cunning - stubborn - resolute - naïve -
arrogant - smarmy - tactless - unprincipled - open-minded

1. Despite his _____ demeanor, his tactics often caught his opponents off guard.
2. She remained _____ in her beliefs, even in the face of opposition from others.
3. His _____ trust in others often led him into precarious situations.
4. The _____ CEO refused to listen to anyone else's opinions.
5. His _____ demeanor and comments made him unpopular among his colleagues.
6. She was known for her _____ behavior, often resorting to unethical methods to achieve her goals.
7. Despite her _____ appearance, she had a cunning mind.
8. His _____ refusal to compromise led to frequent conflicts with his peers.
9. The _____ politician's tactless remarks offended many in the audience.
10. It's important to remain _____ and consider different perspectives when making decisions.