

NINETEENTH CYCLE - FINAL EXAM

PART 1

Questions 1-10

Read the text and choose the correct word for each space. For each question, mark the correct letter A, B, C or D.

Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

THE RISE OF THE SHAMANS

The sound (0)....of.... drumbeats reverberates in the small conference room as the shaman goes (1)..... a trance. The others present, their eyes closed, focus (2)..... the rhythmic sounds of the drums.

The shaman, in his trance, makes the journey to a parallel reality in search of solutions to (3)..... various problems the group has brought with it.

For (4) people this may seem weird, but it is becoming a fairly common experience for others.

People from (5)..... different professions -students, businessmen, housewives, even former soldiers (6)..... turning to shamanism, an ancient spiritual practice (7)..... the practitioner communes with 'spirit guides' to gain access to information and healing.

Cosima Klinger-Paul, an Austrian who moved (8)..... India in 2000 and has started a school of shamanism, says that the interest (9)..... the practice is not surprising.

'Shamanism has always (10)..... there in every culture.

It is the oldest healing method of mankind.'

1. A) into	B) onto	C) with	D) for
2. A) in	B) on	C) for	D) with
3. A) some	B) an	C) a	D) the
4. A) most	B) some	C) a	D) an
5. A) some	B) most	C) many	D) all
6. A) is	B) am	C) are	D) were
7. A) where	B) why	C) when	D) how
8. A) for	B) to	C) in order	D) with
9. A) on	B) with	C) in	D) onto
10. A) was	B) been	C) were	D) am

PART 2

FOR QUESTIONS 11-18. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers in capital letters on the separate answer sheet.

EXAMPLE:

0	E	A	C	H			
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WHAT DOES YOUR SIGNATURE SAY ABOUT YOU?

(0)...Each... person's signature (11).....unique and authentic. It is a symbol (12)..... your identity and is the mark that you use (13).....represent yourself to the world. But apart

(14)..... being a tool for assuring legal validity of documents, your signature can also reveal a lot more about you (15)..... you may realize.

The science that determines the link between character traits and a handwritten signature (16)..... known as graphology. Using (17)..... methods, we here at Bright Side have created simple infographics that will help you reveal the intricate details of your personality (18)..... just examining your own autograph.

PART 3

For questions 19 – 26, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.

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0	R	E	F	E	R	E	N	C	E
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A BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS										REFER
One of the most fascinating (0) books you can read is Guinness World Records. It contains a (19) of facts and figures about incredible human achievement. It is also full of statistics concerning (20) natural features such as the world's highest mountains. But it is more than just a (21) source of amazing facts. The organization that produces the book is also now responsible for checking the (22) and accuracy of every new world record.	COLLECT	IMPRESS	RELY	TRUE						
It all started in 1951 when Hugh Beaver, the Managing Director of a large British company, got into an (23) about which bird was the fastest in the world, and found that none of the books in his library were (24) in giving him the answer.	ARGUE	HELP								

He hired researchers to produce a book that could answer such questions. It sold quickly and became a huge (25) success.	COMMERCE
In recent years, the book has increasingly focused on records set during unconventional (26), such as sword swallowing.	COMPETITIVE

PART 4

For questions 27 – 31, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. Here is an example (0).

Example:

0 Prizes are given out when the school year finishes.

PLACE

Prize giving end of each school year.

The gap can be filled by the words 'takes place at the', so you write:

Example: 0 **TAKES PLACE AT THE**

Write only the missing words IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet

27. I spent ages doing my homework last night.

LONG

It to do my homework last night.

28. Danny is very disappointed that he lost the important tennis match on Saturday.

LOSING

Danny hasn't got over the the important tennis match on Saturday.

29. Even though Luca took the early bus, he was still late for school!

SPITE

Luca was late for school having caught the early bus!

30. . Paula can't wait to hear the band's new album.

FORWARD

Paula is really looking.....hearing the band's new album.

31. Gwenda deleted her sister's photographs by accident.

MEAN

Gwenda didn't delete her sister's photographs.

PART 5: For questions 32-36

Read the text below and choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Dear Editor

I am writing with regards to the article 'Is the TV Dead?' that appeared in your newspaper on the 4th March. The author claimed that with the rise of the Internet, the TV was becoming less and less significant in our lives.

I find it very difficult to agree with this view. The TV is still the main way most of us get our entertainment at home. It offers us the chance to see top musical artists, great films and documentaries and occasionally, thanks to important televised events, it has the power to bring the whole nation and all ages together in a way the Internet never could.

Your article was particularly critical of the TV for the poor quality of programs available on the many channels we now have. It is certainly true that many of the channels offer nothing more than repeats or low budget programs. However, I would argue that the majority of content on the Internet is also of questionable quality. I agree with the writer that it is easy to keep up-to-date with the latest news on the Internet, but I'm sure most of us still enjoy sitting down to the News on TV in the evening just as much.

The writer is correct in stating that the Internet has become our major source for research and I think this is its main strength. However, criticizing the TV for not being as good is totally unfair. Information programs like documentaries are made for their potential as entertainment not as research tools and as such will continue to be popular with viewers.

So in conclusion I don't think the writer should be so quick to write the TV off. On the contrary, I think it has many more years left in it!

Yours sincerely
Samantha Johnson

32. Why is the person writing this letter to the newspaper?

- A. to make a complaint
- B. to offer a different point of view
- C. to encourage people to watch more TV
- D. to persuade people to not use the Internet

33. What do we learn about the writer's opinion of TV?

- A. It is useful as a reference tool
- B. It is excellent entertainment
- C. It is suffering because of the Internet
- D. The quality of programs is a problem

34. Which of the following is seen as a problem with TV?

- A. the quality of some of the programs
- B. the lack of entertainment programs
- C. its poor use as a reference tool
- D. its unpopularity with younger people

35. What does the writer think is the best use of the Internet?

- A. to buy products
- B. to be entertained
- C. to get the latest news
- D. to find things out

36. Which of the following words describes how the writer feels about TV?

A pleased B excited C confused D worried

PART 6: Read the article about personality tests. Five sentences have been removed. Which sentence (A–F) fits each gap (37–41)? There is one extra sentence you do not need to use.

The Myers-Biggs Type Indicator

The business of personality tests is big and growing. As more people are looking for work, the competition for jobs gets greater and greater, and companies are looking for new ways to find the best person for the job. So, the next time you apply for a job, you might be asked to take a personality test. How effective are these tests, though? Several years ago, Andrea was looking for a summer job to pay her way through college. She heard the tips were good in a restaurant in Chicago, and decided to apply. But before the interview, she had to fill out an online application including a psychometric test – a test which would reveal a lot about her personality. She explained that

Perhaps its attraction lies in its simplicity – according to the MBTI, we all match one of 16 character types. But it's the fact that it is so straightforward that makes some people suspicious.

Like many personality tests, MBTI is based on the work of Carl Jung, the Swiss psychiatrist who, together with Sigmund Freud, helped lay the foundations of modern psychology. Jung developed the idea of opposed pairs of characteristics. (40.....) He suggested that in terms of each pair of qualities, we tend to be one or the other. The MBTI was invented thanks to an awkward relationship between a woman and her future son-in-law. Katherine Briggs, a wealthy housewife from Washington, DC, realized Clarence Myers was a good match for her

<p>there was a whole section on ethics and how you'd react in a given situation, like dealing with a difficult customer, for example.</p> <p>(37.....)</p> <p>Andrea was surprised but was faced with a similar test when she applied to work in a bookshop. Personality tests are now appearing in all types of industry. In a global recession, many firms want to be sure they are employing the most suitable person for the job. They cannot afford to pick the wrong one. Smaller profits also mean staff are working under more stress. (38....) Disagreements are costly and inefficient.</p> <p>In the US alone, there are about 2,500 personality tests on the market. (39.....) Used by 89 of the top 100 companies, it has been translated into 24 languages. It has also been adopted by governments and military agencies around the world. "Myers-Briggs is the most successful psychometric test out there and deservedly so," says Rachel Robinson of the consultancy firm YSC in central London. "It has been a fantastic vehicle for people to think about themselves and how others are different."</p>	<p>daughter, Isabel, when she brought him home from college. (41....)</p> <p>Jung's Psychological Types fascinated her and soon Isabel was infected by her mother's enthusiasm. Over the next two decades, the pair became very interested in how people behave. Jung only identified eight personality types, but Isabel Briggs Myers eventually doubled that number.</p> <p>According to the MBTI, everybody can be described by four letters chosen out of a total of eight, for example ISFJ or ENTP. The various combinations of letters make up the sixteen personality types.</p> <p>Apparently the overwhelming majority of the 2.5 million Americans who take the MBTI assessment each year feel their results do fit their personalities. However, the Myers and Briggs Foundation itself discourages the use of the test for hiring and firing. Instead, they see it mainly as a means of getting employees to think about how they interact with colleagues and work as a team. So, if you are asked to do a personality test at some point in the future, think carefully about the reason behind it. It may not be for the reason you thought!</p>
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- A. Therefore, companies want to make sure their employees get along with each other.
- B. He seemed like a nice young man, but his way of thinking was so strange to her that she turned to books for help.
- C. On the other hand, according to one author, as many as 75% of test takers achieve a different personality type when tested for a second time
- D. And apparently the message was pretty clear – if you're easily annoyed, don't be a waitress.
- E. This refers to qualities such as being friendly or unfriendly, or lazy or hard-working, which are present in all of us.
- F. One of the most popular is called the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, or MBTI.

PART 7 LISTENING(41-50)

1 Listen to five people talking about illnesses and injuries. Choose from the list (A–F) which problem each person mentions. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter that you do not need to use.

- A an earache
- B an allergic reaction
- C a burn
- D food poisoning

E a sprained ankle
F hypothermia

Speaker 1: []
Speaker 2: []
Speaker 3: []
Speaker 4: []
Speaker 5: []

2 Listen to a young woman talking about friendship. Underline the correct answer.

- 1 The speaker is especially concerned by reports that **people who live in cities / the younger generation / the elderly** are affected by loneliness.
- 2 The speaker thinks that many young people **don't have a best friend / feel alone in society / feel social pressure about their friendships**
- 3 The speaker was very upset when her best friend **went to live in another part of the country / left her to join another group of friends / was attracted to the same boy**.
- 4 The speaker says she **wishes she had never met / doesn't have much in common with / still misses** her childhood best friend now.
- 5 The speaker thinks that not having a best friend now **means she has more variety in her friendships / makes her feel lonely / means she is missing out**.