

USE of ENGLISH**Multiple choice**

Questions 31 through 40 (on your answer sheet circle the correct letter A, B, C, or D).

A very good actor

A very good actor was playing in a comedy where he (31) _____ the role of an aristocrat.

The aristocrat (32) _____ in the Bastille prison where he had to spend a lot of time. In the second act a guard (33) _____ and gave the aristocratic prisoner a letter. The prisoner took the letter and read it aloud. The play (34) _____ hundreds of times and the aristocrat (35) _____ the letter by heart but he always (36) _____ that the letter should be written down completely.

One night the guard (37) _____ a joke on the famous actor, just to find out if he knew the letter by heart, after so many performances.

When the guard (38) _____ the prisoner's dark cell, the prisoner (39) _____ on a small bed. He gave the prisoner the letter, but this time there was nothing on the sheet: it was completely blank. The guard looked at the aristocrat: he was so happy about his joke that he couldn't hide his smile. He wanted to see if the prisoner could recite the letter by heart.

The prisoner looked at the letter for some seconds, then he said: "There is too little light. I can't see very well. Can you please read the letter for me?" And he gave the letter to the guard. The guard, who obviously (40) _____ the letter, said: "You are right. The light is really very dim. I must go and get my glasses."

He left the cell and went to fetch the usual copy of the letter. Then he came back with the letter and the pair of glasses and started reading the letter to the prisoner. The prisoner was of course very much amused.

No	A	B	C	D
31	acted	act	acts	had acted
32	is	was	were	been

33	arrived always	arrives always	always arrived	always arrives
34	has already repeated	had already been repeated	was been repeated	was repeated
35	knew	had known	know	has known
36	was insisting	had insisted	insisting	insisted
37	decided to play	decided play	decides to play	had decided to play
38	entered	entering	enter	was entering
39	has been sitting	sitting	sat	was sitting
40	did not remembered	did not remember	remember	remembered

Listen to the text. For questions (12–16) choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

You will listen to the text twice.

41 What is TRUE of many students at Doug's school?



- A They don't do well during their one month's work experience.
- B They don't know what the real world is like.
- C They want to leave school as soon as possible.

42 What do many of Doug's students enjoy the most?

- A work experience
- B classes at school
- C after-school clubs

43 What is the problem with vocational education?

- A Not every school has a science lab.
- B There aren't enough practical classes.
- C It only helps students with particular skills.

44 What does Doug's son want to do?

- A He doesn't have any definite plans.
- B He wants to continue studying.
- C He will do the same thing as his friends.

45 Why could it be a good idea to lower the school-leaving age?

- A It would be easier to work with difficult students.
- B It would make students listen to their parents' advice.
- C It would allow students to make their own decisions.

In this part, you will select from three writing tasks. Choose the one that you think you are most capable of writing about. Then begin writing your essay on the pages provided.

1. “An idle brain is the devil’s workshop.” – an English proverb.

- Can you guess the meaning of the proverb if you have never heard of it?
- If you have nothing to do, you'll likely think of mischief. Do you agree with this statement? On the other hand, should we work without any rest?
- Give examples of activities to be engaged in when you have free time.

2. “A bad workman always blames his tools”. – an old saying.

- Do you think this saying has only literally meaning?
- What is the real meaning of an old saying? Do your classmates often blame external factors when they perform tasks poorly?
- Give an example.

3. “Two heads are better than one”. – an old saying.

- Is it always easier to complete an assignment working together? What is your point of view?
- When people cooperate with each other, they always come up with better solutions. Give an example to prove or disapprove it.
- Do you agree that two persons have better chance to solve a problem than one? Why/why not?

