



MIDTERM EXAM
FOURTH LEVEL

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LISTENING SECTION (0,5 points):

A. Listen to the conversation between two friends, Jack and Emily. Circle True, False or Not Mentioned (NM) for each statement.

		True	False	NM
1.	Emily wants to take a summer course to be famous in the future.			
2.	Jack says that playing the guitar is more difficult than the piano.	True	False	NM
3.	Emily has already written a blog about her favorite series.	True	False	NM
4.	The blogging course costs more than the guitar course.	True	False	NM
5.	The blogging course includes international travel.	True	False	NM

B. Listen to the conversation between two friends, Brandon and Kayla. Then, read the questions and choose the correct answer.

6. What is one example of an urgent activity that Brandon gives?

- a) finishing a report
- b) doing exercise
- c) listening to music

7. What does “long-term” mean?

- a) taking a long time to do
- b) continuing a long time into the future
- c) travelling a long distance

8. Why is Brandon deciding if his tasks are urgent or important?

- a) so he can do more exercise
- b) to help him know what activity to do first
- c) to help him write a longer list of things to do

9. What does “beneficial” mean?

- a) something that makes you fitter
- b) something that doesn’t take a lot of time
- c) something that is good for you or has a good effect.

10. Brandon thinks that answering emails is...

- a) usually important but not urgent for him.
- b) always urgent and important for him.
- c) usually urgent but not usually important for him.

READING SECTION (0,5 points):

A. Read the text and answer the questions.

Are you a fan of thrilling TV shows that keep you on the edge of your seat? Well, you're not alone! Many people, especially teenagers like us, enjoy binge-watching their favorite series and getting lost in the suspenseful storylines. Whether it's a gripping crime drama or a spooky supernatural soap opera, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Let's take a closer look at two popular shows from different eras that have captivated audiences. First up, we have "Dark Shadows," a gothic soap opera that aired from 1966 to 1971. This show followed the lives of the wealthy Collins family and their encounters with supernatural occurrences in Collinsport, Maine. What made "Dark Shadows" stand out was its introduction of the vampire character Barnabas Collins, which skyrocketed its popularity. The series featured a wide range of supernatural elements, including ghosts, werewolves, witches, and time travel. With its melodramatic performances and memorable storylines, "Dark Shadows" developed a dedicated cult following and even attracted a large teenage audience. It's no wonder that this show became ABC's highest-rated daytime series at the time. Next, let's fast forward to the modern era and talk about "House of Cards," a political thriller series that premiered in 2013. This show, based on a novel of the same name, revolves around the manipulative politician Frank Underwood and his ambitious wife Claire. Together, they navigate the ruthless world of Washington, D.C., using manipulation and betrayal to attain power. "House of Cards" received critical acclaim and numerous award nominations, including Emmy and Golden Globe nominations. It was also the first original online-only streaming series to receive major Emmy nominations. Although the show faced controversy due to allegations against one of its lead actors, it continued to captivate audiences until its final season in 2018. These two shows are just a glimpse into the world of thrilling TV series. Whether you prefer the supernatural drama of "Dark Shadows" or the political intrigue of "House of Cards," there's no shortage of options to satisfy your binge-watching cravings. So, grab some popcorn, get cozy on the couch, and prepare to be enthralled by the suspenseful twists and turns of these captivating shows!

1. What evidence does the text provide to support the claim that 'House of Cards' received critical acclaim?

- a) The show faced controversy due to allegations against one of its lead actors.
- b) It was the first original online-only streaming series to receive major Emmy nominations.
- c) The show continued to captivate audiences until its final season in 2018.

2. According to the text, what made 'Dark Shadows' stand out?

- a) The show followed the lives of the wealthy Collins family and their encounters with supernatural occurrences in Collinsport, Maine.
- b) The show featured a wide range of supernatural elements, including ghosts, werewolves, witches, and time travel.
- c) The show developed a dedicated cult following and even attracted a large teenage audience.

3. What is the main idea of this passage?

- a) There are many options for thrilling TV shows to satisfy binge-watching cravings.
- b) Television shows have become increasingly popular among teenagers.
- c) 'Dark Shadows' and 'House of Cards' are two popular TV shows from different eras.

4. What made “Dark Shadows” stand out and become popular?

- a) It was the first show to win an Emmy award for best drama.
- b) It focused on the daily life of a wealthy family without any supernatural themes.
- c) It introduced the vampire character Barnabas Collins and featured various supernatural elements.

5. What controversy did 'House of Cards' face during its run?

- a) It was canceled after only one season due to low ratings.
- b) The show was criticized for its supernatural content.
- c) It faced controversy due to allegations against one of its lead actors.

B. Read the story and choose the best answer.

Once upon a time, in a small town called Maplewood, lived a young woman named Lily. Lily had always dreamed of starting her own business, but she didn't know where to begin. She wanted to create handmade candles that would bring warmth and comfort to people's homes. This was her passion, and she was determined to make it a reality.

Lily researched different candle-making techniques and materials. She watched countless tutorial videos online and read books on the subject. Armed with knowledge, she set out to acquire the necessary supplies. She visited local craft stores and ordered some specialty items online. Slowly but surely, she gathered all the materials she needed.

Next came the process of actually making the candles. Lily spent hours experimenting with different scents, colors, and waxes. She mixed and melted, poured and cooled. Some attempts were successful, while others ended up in the trash. But Lily didn't give up. She learned from her mistakes and kept refining her technique.

As she worked on her candles, Lily faced various challenges. Sometimes the wax wouldn't set properly, or the scent wouldn't be strong enough. But she persevered, adjusting her methods until she achieved the desired results.

Word started to spread about Lily's beautiful handmade candles. Friends and family encouraged her to sell them. Lily saw this as an opportunity to turn her passion into a small business. She created a website and social media accounts to showcase her products. She took high-quality photos and wrote engaging descriptions.

Soon enough, orders started pouring in. Lily was thrilled to see her hard work paying off. She carefully packaged each candle and shipped them to customers all over the country. The positive feedback and repeat orders brought her immense joy and satisfaction.

One day, a local boutique owner stumbled upon Lily's candles online and reached out to her. They offered her the opportunity to display and sell her candles in their store. Lily couldn't believe her luck. This was a big step towards achieving her dream.

With the boutique's support, Lily's business flourished. She expanded her product range and started attending local craft fairs. Her handmade candles became a favorite among customers who appreciated the care and attention to detail she put into each one.

Lily's journey from a small-town dreamer to a successful candle maker wasn't easy. It involved hard work, determination, and a willingness to learn from her mistakes. But in the end, her dedication paid off, and she achieved her goal of starting her own business. Lily's story serves as an inspiration to anyone with a dream – with the right mindset and perseverance, anything is possible.

6. What challenges did Lily face while making candles?

- a) The wax wouldn't set properly.

b) The scent wasn't strong enough.
c) Both A and B.

7. **How did Lily promote her candles?**
a) Through word of mouth.
b) By creating a website and social media accounts.
c) By advertising on television.

8. **What happened when a local boutique owner discovered Lily's candles?**
a) They offered her a job.
b) They asked her to teach candle-making workshops.
c) They invited her to sell her candles in their store.

9. **How did Lily's business expand?**
a) She started attending local craft fairs.
b) She opened her own boutique.
c) She hired employees to help with production.

10. **What is the main message of Lily's story?**
a) Dreams can come true with hard work and determination.
b) Starting a business is easy if you have passion.
c) Candle-making is a profitable industry.

USE OF LANGUAGE (0,5 points)

A. Choose the correct answer.

1. 'How long (*have you waited / have you been waiting*) for the bus?' 'Only about five minutes.'
2. I've (*recorded / been recording*) the last three episodes of my favorite soap.
3. I've (*learned / been learning*) French for three months. I'm about elementary level.
4. My hands are dirty because I've (*worked / been working*) in the garden.
5. How much time (*have you spent / have you been spending*) doing your homework this evening?

B. Rewrite these sentences so they mean the same thing, using AS ... AS and one of the words in brackets () .

EXAMPLE: Comedies are funnier than dramas.

Dramas are not as funny as comedies.

6. Lions are more dangerous than monkeys.
Monkeys _____ lions. (dangerous/safe)
7. I'm healthier than you are.
You _____ me. (healthy/unhealthy)
8. Greece is hotter than the UK.
The UK _____ Greece. (hot/cold)

9. My Spanish is worse than your French.
My Spanish _____ your French. (bad/good)

10. My sister is younger than me.
My sister _____ me. (young/old)

C. Read the following sentences. Circle the correct answer.

11. I've been ***making / doing / getting*** good progress with my science project. I've almost finished. it.

12. I'm getting ***anywhere / nowhere / everywhere***. Every time I try to find information on the Internet, I start watching videos on YouTube.

13. I know. I used to have ***progress / a chance / problems*** with that too. I put a program on my computer which stops me from visiting my favorite pages.

14. That's a great idea. Can you help me with something? I'm having ***problem / trouble / progress*** with my book report for English.

15. Even though the math homework is really difficult, I'm doing my ***progress / best / do*** to finish it on time.

VOCABULARY

D. Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There is an extra word.

change	chores	process	achievement
success	job	opportunity	

EXAMPLE:

Traveling to the US was the perfect opportunity for Paulo to practice his English.

16. Doing _____ at home is important, but I don't really enjoy washing the dishes.

17. The _____ of a new business depends on luck and hard work.

18. Nathan never travels outside the US, so a trip to South America will be a complete _____ for him.

19. Diego's dad gave him the difficult _____ of cleaning the garage, but it didn't take him long.

20. Getting into college is a long and complicated _____