

SCHOOL OF *English*

Senior intermediate 2024

Name:

1- Read .Write true or false:

Read the text and circle the correct option, true (T) or false (F).

The Birdmen: flying long distances without a plane

People have dreamt of flying since written history began. In the 1400s, Leonardo da Vinci drew detailed plans for human flying machines, but the invention of the plane did not put an end to the dream of flying without the help of a machine. For many enthusiasts, the flight fantasy is the jet pack, a small piece of equipment on your back which allows you to climb vertically into the air and fly forwards, backwards and turn. Eric Scott, a Hollywood action film actor, has used jet packs more than 600 times and propelled himself hundreds of metres into the air. Now he works for an energy-drink company that pays him to travel around the world with his jet pack. As Scott says: 'I get to do what I love and wherever I go I advertise Go Fast drinks. Existing jet packs work for little more than 30 seconds, but people are working on designs which let you fly around for 20 minutes. That would be amazing.'

Paramotoring is another way of getting into the air. It combines a parachute with a small engine and is now becoming popular. Chris Clarke has been flying a paramotor for five years. 'It's as expensive as driving a petrol-powered car, but it's not practical to be punctual to go to work every day because of the impossibility of taking off in strong winds,' says Clarke. Another paramotorist experienced a risky situation when in the air. 'I started to get a warm feeling in my back,' says Patrick. 'I thought I was sweating. But then I started to feel burning and I realized I had to get to the ground fast because my equipment had caught fire.' This risk didn't discourage Patrick, he is even enthusiastic about persuading others to take up paramotoring. However, he warns, 'Although it seems cheaper to try to teach yourself, you will regret it later as you won't have a good technique.'

Paramotoring is fun, but acrobatics is not in the same league. Yves Rossy, who was born in Switzerland in 1959, has been called 'the birdman'. After flying for the air force from the ages of 20 to 28, he went on to do a job as a pilot with a commercial airline from 1988 to 2000. 'The cockpit of a plane is the most beautiful office in the world,' he says, 'but, I didn't have any contact with the air around me. It was like being in a box or a submarine under water.' From then on he concentrated on becoming the first jet-powered man.

Experts insist that jet-powered flying and paramotoring aren't more difficult than riding a motorbike and that as long as they make it, other fliers will want to try it. However, they also admit that even the slightest change in position can cause problems for the flyers.

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1. People have recently started dreaming about flying.
2. Currently, people can't fly for twenty minutes.
3. A paramotor is useful to get to work on time.
4. Patrick hasn't lost enthusiasm after the accident.
5. Yves Rossy would prefer working in an office rather than on a plane.

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2- Vocabulary: write 3 examples:

Material	Food - dishes	music	superstitions

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3 Choose the correct option

- a- My mum.....the guitar. 1- uses to play 2- used to play
- b- My boss let.....the day off . 1- have 2- me have
- c- I forgot.....for the exam. 1- studying 2- to study
- d- She avoids..... meat. 1 eating 2- to eat
- e- He doesn't need.....new clothes 1- buy 2- to buy
- f- If sheill, she' ll go to the doctor. 1- were 2- is
- g- I.....to Greece if I had money. 1- will go 2- would go
- h- Next summer I.....to mexico, I have got the tickets. 1 - will travel
2- am going to travel

4- Choose the correct option

1. When I last saw him, he _____ in London.
A. has lived B. is living C. was living D. has been living
2. We _____ Dorothy since last Saturday.
A. don't see B. haven't seen C. didn't see D. hadn't seen
3. The train _____ half an hour ago.
A. has been leaving B. left C. has left D. had left
4. My sister _____ for you since yesterday.
A. is looking B. was looking C. has been looking D. looked
5. Christopher Columbus _____ American more than 500 years ago.
A. discovered B. has discovered
C. had discovered D. had been discovering
6. He fell down when he _____ towards the church.
A. run B. runs C. was running D. had run
7. I'll come and see you before I _____ for the States.
A. leave B. will leave C. have left D. shall leave
8. John _____ a book when I saw him.
A. is reading B. read C. was reading D. reading

5- Listening: get involved b1 +, end of the year test unit 7-8 standard)

12  Listen to a podcast about young athletes.

Tick (✓) the three things that listeners of the podcast want to know about.

- 1** the best time to keep fit _____
- 2** whether to eat before or after exercise _____
- 3** what activities to do to be more flexible _____
- 4** the best exercise to be more focused _____
- 5** how to fit exercise into a busy schedule _____

Score _____/3

6 – Choose one option and write(50 to 70 words)

A- Write your opinion about the best superstition in your country.
B- Write a short conversation suggesting what to do in new year.