

## Writing Test

### Use of English

#### I Complete the gaps in the text with a / an, the, or no article (-).

##### My school

There is <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ school near my house, and I go there. We have <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ nice classroom, with lots of interesting pictures on the walls. The school isn't very high-tech, but there is <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ old laptop for the teacher at the front of <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ classroom.

My favourite day at school is Friday because we do <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ music in <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ morning. Then we play basketball in <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ gym after <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ lunch. We have <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ really good English teacher too. She went to <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Oxford University, and she's really nice.

#### II Choose the correct answers.

Pain is not easy to control, and people with conditions that cause constant pain often have <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ hard time – like Denise, for example. She worked as a nurse <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ many years, and she also took part in sports <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ running, hiking and skiing. An old skiing injury annoyed her occasionally, but she <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it. Then she began to have terrible headaches and she became unable to work <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of the constant pain. She talked <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ her problem with several doctors, but she didn't <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ out exactly what the problem was. One of the most <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ things about this kind of problem is that people tell her it's 'all in her head' and that she should just <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ over it. Denise sometimes feels very <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, but she tries to stay optimistic and every day she finds new ways to cope with a problem that may never have a cure.

1 a an extremely	b an extreme	c extremely
2 a from	b since	c for
3 a such	b like	c as
4 a ignores	b is ignoring	c ignored
5 a because	b due	c reason
6 a to	b that	c about
7 a look	b find	c search
8 a annoying	b annoyed	c annoy
9 a go	b come	c get
10 a discouraging	b discouraged	c discourage

### III Choose the correct answers.

The photo <sup>1</sup> a row of eight red kayaks on a river, with a teenager in each one wearing a yellow helmet. It <sup>2</sup> as if they're on an adventure holiday and I <sup>3</sup> they're feeling excited about doing something on the water. There is a boy <sup>4</sup> the centre of the photo who is standing up with one foot in one kayak, and another foot in the next kayak. He <sup>5</sup> to be trying to walk across the line of boats. Judging by his expression, I'd <sup>6</sup> he's feeling quite nervous about falling in the water. There's a woman <sup>7</sup> the background standing on the bank of the river. She looks <sup>8</sup> she is the instructor. She's <sup>9</sup> feeling quite calm because they are all wearing life jackets. <sup>10</sup> the bottom right corner, I can see the end of a paddle. It must belong to another team.

1 A looks	B seems	C shows
2 A shows	B looks	C expects
3 A judge	B expect	C probably
4 A in	B at	C on
5 A looks	B shows	C seems
6 A say	B look	C seem
7 A at	B on	C in
8 A like	B as	C for
9 A basically	B must	C probably
10 A In	B On	C At

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#### IV Describe the photo below.

- Start by writing what the photo shows in general (Who? What? Where?).
- Mention interesting details.
- Finish with a personal comment or some speculations.

