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### USE OF ENGLISH

**Part I. Questions 1 – 8. Read a summary about an artist.**

**Choose the best answer A, B, or C for each space. WRITE YOUR ANSWERS ON THE ANSWER SHEET PROVIDED. (1 point each. 8 points total).**

#### **Vincent van Gogh**

Vincent van Gogh was born in 1853 in Zundert, the Netherlands, into a religious family. His father was a Protestant minister, and his mother loved art and nature. Vincent had several brothers and sisters, but his brother Theo was the person who supported him. Theo was also one of the (1) ..... important people in Vincent's life. Before becoming an artist, Vincent had several different jobs, including working as an art dealer, a teacher, and a preacher. However, none of these careers was (2) ..... satisfying as painting. At the age of 27, he decided to become an artist and began to study art seriously.

Van Gogh lived and worked in different parts of Europe, and his artistic style changed over time. His paintings became more (3) ..... and expressive as he gained experience. He used stronger brushstrokes and (4) ..... colors than many artists of his time. His paintings were (5) ..... realistic than traditional paintings, but they were often more emotional. During his lifetime, Van Gogh sold very few paintings, so he was (6) ..... famous than many other artists. However, his reputation grew after his death. Today, he is considered one of the (6) ..... influential artists in Western art, and The Starry Night is one of his (7) ..... famous paintings. His story shows that success is not always immediate and that the (8) ..... successful artists during their lifetime can sometimes become the most admired later.

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| 1. | A. as          | B. more        | C. most        |
| 2. | A. most        | B. more        | C. as          |
| 3. | A. colorfulest | B. colorful    | C. colorfuller |
| 4. | A. bright      | B. more bright | C. brighter    |
| 5. | A. more        | B. less        | C. least       |
| 6. | A. most        | B. less        | C. as          |
| 7. | A. more        | B. least       | C. less        |
| 8. | D. least       | E. less        | F. more        |

**Part II. Questions 9-14. Read the following sentences. Write the FOR – SINCE to complete the sentences. WRITE YOUR ANSWERS ON THE ANSWER SHEET PROVIDED. (1 each. 6 points total).**

9. James has been interested in photography .....he was a child
10. We haven't gone to the beach ..... last summer.
11. My sister's had her job .....three years.
12. I've known David ..... 2019.

13. They haven't used the computer ..... yesterday.

14. We've lived here ..... 10 years – from 1964 to 1974.

### Part III.

#### Questions 15- 22

Read the text. Write sentences with **used to** or **didn't use to** and the verbs in brackets. **WRITE YOUR ANSWERS ON THE ANSWER SHEET PROVIDED. (2 points each. 8 points total).**

#### **She used to be a professional athlete!**

Laura Bennett lives in a quiet town and works as a sports photographer. She enjoys taking pictures of athletes and spending time with her family. However, she wasn't always so relaxed. When she was younger, Laura was a professional swimmer and trained every day for several hours. She travelled to different countries for competitions and followed a very strict diet. She won several important races, but she retired from swimming when she was 30. Now, she has a completely different lifestyle. But what did her life use to be like?

15 - 16. She (train) every morning.

17 - 18. She (stay) at home very often.

19 - 20. She (spend) most weekends at swimming competitions.

21 - 22. She (work) as a sports photographer.

### PART IV.

#### Questions 23 - 29

Read the text about the history of money. Use the present or past passive form of the verbs in brackets. **WRITE YOUR ANSWERS ON THE ANSWER SHEET PROVIDED. (1 point each. 7 points total).**

It's certainly hard to imagine life without it, but money (23)..... (**not invented**) until several thousand years ago in China. Tiny models of weapons (24)..... (**use**) as money and people changed them for goods and services. The first coins (25)..... (produce) 2,500 years ago in Lydia, in what is now Turkey and was made of electrum a mixture of gold and silver. The first paper banknotes (26) ..... (print) by the Chinese around that time.

Today most goods and services (27)..... (**buy**) with credit and debit cards or even using smartphone. Huge sums (28)..... (**send**) from bank to bank without touching any banknote. Some virtual currencies like Bitcoin (29)..... (**accept**) in some shops and online. Will notes and coins disappear complete in the future?



Part V. Questions 30 - 35. Read the email about Barbara's for the future.

Choose the best answer. WRITE YOUR ANSWERS ON THE ANSWER SHEET PROVIDED. (1 point each. 6 points total).

Reaching my goal: Be a professional American football player. – By Aaron.

I haven't written here for a few weeks, but I've been really busy working on my new business. I'm starting an online clothing company, and I'm sure it will be successful. If everything goes well, (30) *I'll open / I open / I'm opening* my first physical store next year.

I'd love to become a successful entrepreneur. I enjoy designing clothes and (31) *creating / to create / create* new ideas for my business. My parents often ask me, "What kind of products (32) *will you / won't you / you will* sell if you open your store?" They think I should concentrate on sports clothes, but I want to offer something different. I'm sure I'll manage (33) *to find / finding / find* the right style for my customers.

My friend is helping me with the business, and he's working on the website at the moment. If (34) *he will have / has / have* the website ready soon, we will launch the online store next month. I know starting a business isn't easy, but I'm really excited about the future. I **keep** (35) *work / to work/ working* so the company will be a success!

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