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SENIOR FIVE FINAL EXAM

Paper 1 "L"
Time allowed: 2hs

SECTION A: Reading Comprehension

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

The happiest profession

You might be thinking, 'What job can I do when I leave school? Which one will bring me the most satisfaction? Which one could be the most useful to society?' And what about where you'll work? Will you be sitting at a desk all day, running around meeting people or travelling around the world? Will you be doing an unusual job, like tea tester for example? But you might not have asked yourself a simple but very basic question: 'Which job is going to make me *happiest*?'

Well, data from a recent survey conducted by Cambridge University revealed some surprising results. It shows that a top salary, the possibility of promotion and a high status in society are not the only important criteria. Flexible hours, a good relationship with your colleagues and seeing fast results in your work are also key factors to being happy at work. Professions such as bankers, lawyers and accountants do badly in the survey because they often work long hours, which can get very stressful.

In contrast, the top jobs in the survey are hairdressers, gardeners, plumbers and even florists! Why? Because all four have a high satisfaction rating. Workers see very fast results and their customers are usually happy with the outcome. These workers also feel that their training has paid off because they use these skills on a daily basis, something which many people in office jobs don't experience. People who have set up their own business are also happier because they have more choice about what work to do and when.

To celebrate these 'happy jobs', the BBC recently ran a different kind of talent contest. Instead of focusing on singers and dancers, the producers wanted to showcase the skills needed in everyday jobs, rather than in glamorous ones. Young people between sixteen and twenty-five were tested on their skills at farming, gardening, plumbing and hairdressing. The challenges they faced may be more modest but they are no less important to society. In fact, the contest was such a success among young people in the UK and there were so many applicants to participate in the show that the British government decided to use it as a launchpad for a new training programme in schools all around the country. What both the BBC and the government want to show is that there is a wide variety of possibilities when choosing a career path and that conventional professions and jobs do not always satisfy workers as much as it is commonly believed.

Adapted from: Wider World Student's Book 4- Peason

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1. According to the Cambridge Survey, having a high salary is the only important criteria when people decide which job will make them happy. **T / F**
2. One reason why bankers and lawyers scored poorly in the survey is that they often work very long hours. **T / F**
3. People who work as hairdressers or plumbers tend to feel happier at work because they can see quick results from what they do. **T / F**
4. The BBC contest focused on traditional office jobs rather than manual or practical ones. **T / F**
5. The government decided to promote more vocational training in schools. **T / F**

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SECTION B: Language in Use

I) Read the passage below. Choose the correct option for each gap and write it in the box.

So you want to be an astronaut?

Becoming an astronaut isn't easy. If you want to go into space one day, you'll have to spend many years training, studying and becoming physically fit. And that's just the beginning. Only 0_____ small number of the people 1_____ apply will successfully become astronauts.

The first step is getting a university qualification. NASA requires at least a first degree in 2_____ Engineering or Science. But if you really want to succeed, you'll get a Master's degree or even a PhD. Attending space camp when you are a teenager can help too. But that's only the start. There are 3_____ requirements. You also need at least three years' professional experience in something similar such as flying a plane with a pilot's license. Alternatively, NASA will also look for people that 4_____as teachers at some point in their careers.

You also need to be physically fit, with 20/20 vision, normal blood pressure and between 157 and 190.5 cm tall. It's important that you're healthy, because if you became ill in space, it 5_____ be very expensive to bring you home for a medical emergency.

If you 6_____, you'll begin a two-year training programme as an 'astronaut candidate' and spend your time scuba diving, learning Russian, training in a weightless environment and many other things. Part of this training involves 7_____ in the 'vomit comet', a special aeroplane which flies up and down 8_____ simulate weightlessness (and will often make people sick).

If there are no problems, it will be many years before you receive an assignment to go on a mission. 9_____this time, you'll do more training and work on the ground, helping with missions still out in space.

Becoming an astronaut takes a lot of hard work, patience and determination, but if you're lucky, you'll become one of the 10_____ people to see Earth from space!

Adapted from: Wider World Workbook 4- Pearson

0 A	**A. a**	**B. an**	**C. the**	**D.-**
1 ___	**A. which**	**B. who**	**C. whose**	**D. what**
2 ___	**A. either**	**B. neither**	**C. all**	**D. every**
3 ___	**A. another**	**B. other**	**C. any**	**D. much**
4 ___	**A. has worked**	**B. had worked**	**C. work**	**D. have worked**
5 ___	**A. will**	**B. is going to**	**C. would**	**D. won't**
6 ___	**A. selected**	**B. be selected**	**C. are selected**	**D. were selected**
7 ___	**A. going up**	**B. go up**	**C. to go up**	**D. gone up**
8 ___	**A. so**	**B. so that**	**C. because**	**D. in order to**
9 ___	**A. While**	**B. Meanwhile**	**C. Still**	**D. During**
10___	**A. little**	**B. few**	**C. any**	**D. some**

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II) Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form. Use modals if necessary.

An Unexpected Night in the Forest

I usually spend my weekends at home, reading or watching films, but last Saturday was different. My friend Emma called and said she had heard about a meteor shower that was going to be visible from the hills. She asked if I 1_____(want) to join her, and I agreed.

When we reached the forest, the sun 2_____ (set) and there was a soft breeze. We spread a blanket on the grass and watched the sky. Suddenly, a strange light 3_____ (appear). At first, I thought it was a plane, but it moved far too quickly. "If we stay here, we 4_____ (see) something amazing," Emma whispered. I nodded, nervous but excited.

Around midnight, we heard a noise. I turned and saw a small silver object on the ground. It was warm and smooth. If someone had told me I would find something like that, I 5 _____ (not believe) them.
The object was extremely unusual so the next morning, a scientist 6 _____ (invite) to examine it.
He explained it was a meteor fragment and said people 7_____(not touch) such things because they can be extremely dangerous. Later, when I told my parents, they said Emma 8_____ (just/call) them to tell them the news.

Now, whenever I 9_____ (look) at the stars, I remember how an ordinary evening 10_____(turn) into an unforgettable adventure.

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III) Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. You must use **up to 5 words**, including the **word in capital letters** and cannot change it.

1. The trip was so good that we'll never forget it. **SUCH**

   It was _____ that we'll never forget it.

2. Our mom gave us some money for the journey. **GIVEN**

   We _____for the journey by our mom.

3. The Marvel movies were very successful years ago. They lack quality nowadays. **WHICH**

   The Marvel movies,_____years ago, lack quality nowadays.

4. 'Please, come to the party with me. We'll have so much fun.' Chris said. **PERSUADE**

   Chris tried to _____ to the party with him saying we would have so much fun.

5. This course of English was much better than my previous one. **AS**

   My previous course of English was _____ this one.

6. We started living together 5 years ago. **BEEN**

   We _____ 5 years.

7. If you want people to rent this apartment, you need to hire someone to paint it. **HAVE**

   You need to _____ if you want people to rent it.

8. 'Is someone coming to help you?' the taxi driver asked. **IF**

   The taxi driver wanted to know_____ to help me.

9. I'm certain this is the right address. The house looks exactly like the one in the picture. **BE**

   This _____ address. The house looks exactly like the one in the picture.

10. They can't come because they have lots of work to do. **DIDN'T**

    If _____ of work to do, they would come.

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SECTION C: Writing

Choose **ONE** of the following and write about **150** words.

1. You have decided to enter a **short story** competition. Write a story that **begins** with these words:

   As he read the tasks on the first page of the test, John realised he had forgotten to revise half the contents from his coursebook.

Write your **story.**

2. Your school newspaper is asking students to contribute with their opinions on the topic of **money.** Write an **essay** giving your **opinion** on the following statement:

   'In the future, cash money is likely to disappear since almost all transactions are done using credit cards or digital wallets.'

Write your **essay.**

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