

COLEGIO HELVETIA  
ENGLISH CLASS  
SEVENTH GRADE  
BASIC LEVEL  
FIRST SEMESTER  
ENGLISH EXAM: FIRST BIMESTER

**Instructions.**

Complete the following questions based on the abilities and topics developed during the class. Write the answers in the answer sheet provided.

**LANGUAGE ABILITY. LISTENING.**

**PART 1.** Listen to Max talking to his cousin about his friends. What did Max and his friends do on Sunday? For the following questions, write a letter A – H next to each person. **You will hear the conversation twice.**

Example:

0. Max	<input type="checkbox"/> B	A. went to a party
6. Josh	<input type="checkbox"/>	B. stayed at home
7. Matt	<input type="checkbox"/>	C. played football
8. Elisa	<input type="checkbox"/>	D. surfed the internet
9. Susie	<input type="checkbox"/>	E. watched a match
10. Nick	<input type="checkbox"/>	F. saw a film
		G. had dinner in a restaurant

**PART 2.** Listen to Zappa family talking about their experiences on the road. For the following questions choose the correct option (A or B).

1. Have the Zappa ever had problems on the journey?
  - a. Yes, they have.
  - b. No, they haven't.
2. Has the car ever stopped working?
  - a. Yes, it has.
  - b. No, it hasn't.
3. Has the car travelled faster than 55 km per hour?
  - a. Yes, it has.
  - b. No, it hasn't.
4. Have the children seen any wild animals?
  - a. Yes, they have.
  - b. No, they haven't.

5. Have they ever been to Vietnam?

- Yes, they have.
- No, they haven't

**PART 3.** You will hear a woman talking to a receptionist about photography lessons. Listen and complete each question. You will hear the information twice.

**Photography lessons**

Start: 3rd October

Classes on: (1) .....

Evening course costs: (2) £ .....

College closed in: (3) .....

Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9:30 am to 12:45 pm and 5:30 pm to (4) .....

Address: (5) 59 .....

### LANGUAGE ABILITY: READING.

**READING 1.** You will read a text about three students talking about their writing preferences. For the following questions, select the person who suits best to each statement. Choose A, B, or C.

<b>Tasha</b>  Last year I wrote for my college magazine, which I found really difficult, but I don't think it's hard to write a good blog. Mine is about things from daily life that make me laugh. My older brother also has a blog, but we're writing about different subjects. We don't discuss what we're planning, but we read each other's blogs sometimes. I like giving advice to people who write in asking for it – it's good to know I've helped.
<b>Danni</b>  I started writing my popular film blog because I love movies. I like it when readers send me articles by email about a film they've seen, and I put these on my blog for everyone to read. I'm still at college, so I'm careful about spending too long on my blog, which is difficult as writing well takes time. I don't think I'll write it for much longer. I'm busy, and it's time to do something new.
<b>Chrissie</b>  I began writing on a school magazine. I stopped after a few years, but I missed it, so I started my own – I'm still writing it now! The blog's new for me, and I write about daily life. I get ideas from friends or my sister when I can't decide what to write about – we always think of something interesting, sad or serious. At first, almost nobody visited my site, but now more do. I've had some lovely comments.

**PART 2.** You will read a text about a family of dancers. For the following questions, select A, B or C depending on the answer you consider correct.

### A family of dancers

The women in the Watson family are all crazy about ballet. These days, Alice Watson gives ballet lessons, but for many years, she was a dancer with the National Ballet Company. Her mother, Hannah, also had a full-time job there, making costumes for the dancers.

Alice's daughter Demi started learning ballet as soon as she could walk. 'I never taught her,' says Alice, 'because she never let me.' Now aged sixteen, Demi is a member of the ballet company where her mother was the star dancer for many years.

Alice's husband, Jack, is an electrician. They met while he was working at a theatre where she was dancing and got married soon after. 'When Demi started dancing, the house was too small for her and Alice to practise in so I made the garage into a dance studio. Now the living room is nice and quiet when I'm watching television!' he says.

Last month, Demi was invited to dance in the ballet *Swan Lake*. Of course, Alice and Hannah were in the audience and even Jack was there, which made it very special for Demi. Jack says, 'I'm not that interested in ballet myself but it's fantastic seeing Demi taking her first steps with Alice's old company!' Demi was wearing a dress that Hannah made for Alice many years before.

'It was very exciting for all of us,' says Hannah. 'Demi's way of dancing is very like Alice's. I know I'm her grandmother, but I think she has a great future!'

- 1. What is Alice Watson's job now?**
  - a. dancer
  - b. teacher
  - c. dress-maker
  
- 2. Demi had her first ballet lessons**
  - a. at a very young age.
  - b. at the National Ballet Company.
  - c. from her mother.
  
- 3. Jack helped his wife and daughter by**
  - a. moving to a larger house.
  - b. letting them use the living room for dancing.
  - c. making a place for them to practise in.
  
- 4. What was the best thing about the *Swan Lake* show for Demi?**
  - a. It was her first show with the company.
  - b. All her family were there.
  - c. She was wearing a new dress

5. **Hannah says that Demi**

- a. will be a star one day.
- b. is her favourite granddaughter.
- c. dances better than Alice did.

**LANGUAGE ABILITY. GRAMMAR.**

**PART 1. VERB TO BE IN PAST.** Complete the following text with the correct form of **VERB TO BE IN PAST**.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ she sad yesterday? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ they at home last Monday? No, \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ you in 1st grade last year? No, \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ your brother ill? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Jack and Sam sleeping at midnight? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ the movie funny? No, \_\_\_\_\_.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ they at school a week ago? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.

**PART 2. VERB TO BE IN PAST – COMPLETE THE TEXT.** Read the following text about William Shakespeare and fill in the blanks with the words below.

Born              Married              Rich              Was              Were              Where              When

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ was William Shakespeare born?
- b. On April, 1564.
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ were his parents from?
- b. A small town called Stratford-upon-Avon, England.
- a. Was he \_\_\_\_\_?
- b. Yes, he was. His wife was called Anne Hathaway.
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ he happy in Stratford?
- b. No, he wasn't. He went to London.
- a. He was an actor, and he was the writer of 37 plays. He was rich at the end of his life.

**GRAMMAR 3. SIMPLE PRESENT OR PRESENT CONTINUOUS.** Read the following sentences and complete them using SIMPLE PRESENT or PRESENT CONTINUOUS. **PAY ATTENTION TO THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB AND THE TIME EXPRESSION.**

1. It often \_\_\_\_\_ in Ireland (rain).
2. \_\_\_\_\_ there now (rain)?
3. Susan \_\_\_\_\_ to her parents every Sunday night (write).

4. Stop at once! You \_\_\_\_\_ the flowers every time the ball \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden (break, land)

5. Where is Kevin? He \_\_\_\_\_ tennis with Sue. (play)

**GRAMMAR 4. POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES AND PRONOUNS.** Select the correct option to complete the following sentences. Think about the difference between possessive pronoun and possessive adjective.

1. This is ..... new car. I bought it yesterday.
  - a. my
  - b. mine
  - c. its
2. Michael's married. ..... wife is an accountant.
  - a. his
  - b. her
  - c. Its
3. The cat belongs to my wife but the dog is .....
  - a. mine
  - b. hers
  - c. my
4. They live on the other side of the street. That's ..... house, the red one.
  - a. they
  - b. theirs
  - c. their
5. Ah. A photo of your family. Which one's ..... sister?
  - a. your
  - b. yours
  - c. you