

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

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

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. HOTEL IN IRELAND

You will hear someone talking on the radio about a hotel in Ireland. Listen and complete the information.

HOTEL IN IRELAND

Best time to visit: June Name: (1) The _____ Hotel

Where: (2) _____ Island

Hotel first built in in the year (3) _____

Number of bedrooms; (4) _____

Restaurant famous for: (5) _____

PART 2. SPORTS CENTER LISTENING

Listen to Michael talking to Marina about a new sports center. Click A B or C.

1. Where is the new sports center?

- a. Long Road
- b. Bridge Street
- c. Station Road

2. What sport can't you do at the sports center?

- a. tennis
- b. table-tennis
- c. volleyball

3. How much must Marina pay?

- a. £14 a year
- b. £30a year
- c. £50 a year

- 4. How many days a week is the sports center open late?**
- a. 2
 - b. 3
 - c. 4
- 5. Which bus goes to the sports center?**
- a. number 10
 - b. number 16
 - c. number 60
- 6. When will Michael and Marina go to the sports center?**
- a. Tuesday
 - b. Thursday
 - c. Friday

LANGUAGE ABILITY. READING.

READING 1.

You will read a text about computer games. For the following questions, select the person who suits best to each statement. Choose A, B, or C.

Computer Games

Star City



Star City is a city-building game available for X-box, PlayStation, and Windows PC. Players have to build and look after a city in the future on another world. They have to decide what to do in an ever-changing city and be sure that the city and its people have everything they need to live. There are lots of problems and difficult things for the players to do but this makes the player think carefully so that they can make the best decision. This will probably help them in the real world. Players must be over eighteen years old to play this game.

Fast Drive



Fast Drive is a game that has lots of dangerous driving in it. Players are rewarded for driving on the wrong side of the road, driving into other cars or motorbikes, and creating problems all over a city. Parents of new teenage drivers might want to think about the fact that playing some racing games can make their children want to drive in such a way in real life. This game also has an online part that allows for chat, so each player will hear everything that other online players say.

Dinosaurs



What kid hasn't thought about how much fun it would be to have a pet dinosaur as a best friend, or maybe to go for a ride on the back of a fire-eating animal? *Dinosaurs* is perfect for children aged between 10 and 14. The players work with dinosaurs that they have found. The game is all about becoming friends with your dinosaur and it is like going on an adventure with a loved family pet that has big teeth. Sometimes the player has to repeat some actions too many times, which might be a bit boring, but most of the game is interesting.

	Star City	Fast Drive	Dinosaurs
Which game allows players to listen to other people?	A	B	C
Which game is about having a strange friend?	A	B	C
Which game tells players to do bad things?	A	B	C
Which game asks players to help someone?	A	B	C
Which game can be useful for players in their life?	A	B	C
Which game is not very exciting sometimes?	A	B	C
Which game is suitable only for adults?	A	B	C

PART 2.

You will read a text about the challenge of the Three Peaks. For the following questions, select A, B or C depending on the answer you consider correct.

A family of dancers

The Three Peaks Challenge

My name is Shaun Perkins. I am seventeen years old and I have just done the famous *Three Peaks Challenge*. This is a walking challenge which means that you have to walk up three high mountains. I did it to get money for my local children's hospital because they had helped my brother when he was very sick.

I did the walk with a special group because it can be quite dangerous especially if the weather is bad. They have a guide who shows you where to walk. When we started on the first mountain, I was worried that it would be too difficult for me but actually it wasn't as bad as I thought it was going to be.

We did the walk in the summer so that the weather would be good. The first two mountains were lovely as the sun was shining. However, we were half way up the third mountain when a storm suddenly came. It was raining and there was a heavy thunderstorm. I was very afraid. No one was hurt but we did get very wet.

The most important thing about this challenge is the clothes you wear. That means you need good walking boots, trousers and jacket, and a hat for the sun. It doesn't matter what your clothes look like but they must be comfortable. Also, you need a small bag.

I had a brilliant time on the challenge even though it rained. I didn't really have many people to talk to but the places where we walked were really beautiful and I loved looking all around me, on the mountains.



Why did Shaun want to do the Three Peaks Challenge?

- A. to help his brother get better
- B. to help the hospital in his town
- C. to pay for his brother's hospital bill

What does Shaun say about the first mountain?

- A. It wasn't as much of a problem as he had thought.
- B. It was very difficult to walk up.
- C. The guide helped him when he got lost.

What happened to Shaun on the last mountain?

- A. He got wet but he wasn't worried.
- B. He had an accident because the weather was bad.
- C. He was worried about the weather but it was OK in the end.

Shaun says that

- A. you should take a big bag with you.
- B. you need to wear the right clothes.
- C. you should wear a nice looking hat.

What did Shaun enjoy most?

- A. the countryside
- B. the weather
- C. the people

LANGUAGE ABILITY. GRAMMAR.

PART 1.

Complete the following text with the correct form of verb to be.

- 1 If you buy the puzzle, I _____ (help) you do it.
- 2 If Grandma _____ (come) for a visit this weekend, we will play cards.
- 3 I _____ (buy) a new toy dinosaur if Mum gives me the money for it.
- 4 If they _____ (not get) here soon, we'll leave without them.
- 5 Gerard will save us a seat at the theatre if we _____ (ask) him to.
- 6 If they don't clean this pool, I _____ (not swim) here again.
- 7 I _____ (cook) some pizza if you are hungry later.
- 8 If Sarah _____ (not do) her homework properly this time, Dad will be really annoyed.

PART 2. PRESENT PERFECT.

Complete the following exercises using the structure of Present Perfect practiced in class.

Part 1. Complete the sentences with have or has.

1. We _____ missed the train.
2. I _____ ridden a motorbike.
3. He _____ won the Tour de France.
4. A plane _____ crashed in Russia.
5. They _____ flown in a hot-air balloon.
6. She _____ broken a world record.

Part 2. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. I _____ the Eiffel Tower in Paris. (not visit)
2. Alison _____ her car home during her trip in London. (not drive)
3. They _____ in a hot-air balloon, but they didn't like it. (travel)
4. You _____ all the cake, including my slice! (eat)
5. I _____ a list of all the sights to see on our trip. (make)
6. Nicolas _____ a new car. It is very fast. (buy)

Exercise 3. Write sentences using the present perfect. Use the prompts.

1. How long / you / live here?

2. They / celebrate this day / hundreds of years

3. I / not see them / last Tuesday

4. We / just / see / the firework display

5. I / never / eat / pancakes
