PRE- FIRST CERTIFICATE

MID TERM TEST

Student's name: _____

Date: _____

1. Reading. Multiple choice. For questions **1–10** choose the correct beach (A, B, C or D).

Famous Beaches

A. Waikiki Beach, Hawaii

Waikiki Beach is located on the southern side of the island of Honolulu. The beach is very popular because of the warm climate, clear blue skies and beautiful views, as well as the good surf. On windy days the waves can be very strong what makes it ideal for all types of surfing and swimming. The shore line now has a number of tall buildings and hotel resorts. The first hotels opened in the 1880s and from the 1890s the resort grew in popularity with tourists from the mainland, although the area had been a retreat for the Hawaiian royal family for many decades before that. The beach hosts many events each year, including surfing competitions, outrigger canoe races and hula dancing. Over time the beach has suffered from erosion and there have been a number of projects to try to protect the beach and replenish lost sand. At one time sand was shipped over from California although from the 1970s projects have focused on reducing further loss and sustaining the existing sand.

B. Bondi Beach, Australia

Bondi beach is a well-known and popular beach. Its name comes from the Aboriginal word meaning water breaking over rocks. Bondi beach became increasingly popular during the nineteenth century and was declared a public beach in 1882. It remains popular with locals and visitors and is particularly popular with British and Irish tourists on Christmas day. Areas safe for swimming are shown by red and yellow flags and the southern end is generally reserved for surfing. Sharks, however, do not present much of a risk as the beach is protected by an underwater shark net during the summer. During their months of migration it is possible to see whales and dolphins in the area and very occasionally penguins. The beach regularly hosts many public events including a short film festival and a sculpture exhibition. During the 2000 Sydney Olympics the beach was the site for the beach volleyball competition.

C. Copacabana Beach, Brazil

Copacabana beach gets its name from the area of Rio de Janeiro in which it is situated. The beach is 4 kilometres long and has historic forts at either end. The beach has been the site for all sorts of outdoor events; it has hosted the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup many times and in recent years has been the venue for huge free concerts. It is also where millions of people go every year to celebrate on New Year's Eve. When it was announced that Rio de Janeiro would be hosting the 2016 Olympic, locals congregated on the beach to celebrate. There are many hotels, hostels, bars, nightclubs and restaurants along the promenade and the promenade is itself a work of art; a 4 kilometre-long pavement landscape of Portuguese design. Copacabana is well linked to the rest of the city; it has 3 metro stations and numerous bus services as well as 3 major roads.

D. Praia de Marinha, Portugal

Praia de Marinha, beach of the Navy in English, is one of the most well-known of many spectacular beaches in the Algarve, the southern coastal area of Portugal. It's famous for its stunning cliffs and clear clean water. It has been used in many advertising campaigns and in promotional material for Portugal. In 1998 the Portuguese Ministry of Environment awarded it the Golden Beach award for its outstanding natural qualities. There are many other beautiful beaches along the same stretch of coast; the south facing coastline of the Algarve is over 150 kilometres long. In addition to well-known natural beauty spots, nice beaches and a warm mild climate, tourists are attracted by the growing number of high quality golf courses. Tourism is now the most important economic activity in the area.

According to the text, which beach… (write the letter: A, B, C or D)

1. is just one of many attractive beaches in the area?	
2. was popular with the country's royal family in the past?	
3. has hosted a lot of music events?	
4. has needed to have sand imported from other beaches?	
5. has won an award for natural beauty?	
6. is well connected by public transport?	
7. sometimes has marine animals passing through the areas?	
8. attracts a lot of foreigners at Christmas?	
9. has been used in a lot of publicity material?	
10. has held a world sports event recently?	

2. **Use of English.** Word transformation. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use between two and five words including the word given. Do not change the word given.

Buying and selling online

Whether you're getting rid of old stuff or buying something new, here are some tips you may find useful: Have in mind a price that is **(1)**..... – buyers won't pay more than they think is fair. Do some research on similar **(2)**.....so you have a good idea of what something should be worth. When you're selling, ensure you have an easy-to-use payment method set up and be sure to include postage and **(3)**.....costs. Be careful when writing a **(4)**.....of an object you want to sell. Accuracy is of great **(5)**..... , because you don't want **(6)**..... customers who might write bad reviews and affect your potential sales. If you are a buyer, you need to have confidence in the seller, so check them out carefully before you purchase anything. Finally, be **(7)**..... . It may take a while for your items to sell.	**REAL** **PRODUCE** **DELIVER/DESCRIBE** **IMPORTANT/SATISFY** **PATIENCE**

3. **Use of English.** Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use between two and five words including the word given. Do not change the word given.

1. It won't be satisfied until I have the letter in my possession. **ONLY**
   I will …… the letter is in my possession.
2. Please tell me as soon as he arrives. **KNOW**
   Please …… as he arrives.

3. We can go out for a walk tomorrow if it doesn't rain all day. **RAINS**
   We can go out for a walk tomorrow …….. all day.
4. The food in the hotel was so disappointing. **A**
   The food in the hotel …….. disappointment.
5. I really didn't think I would do so well in the exam. **TO**
   I really didn't …….. so well in the exam.

4. **Multiple choice.** Choose the correct word (a, b, c or d) for each gap.

Brighton

This popular seaside **(0)** ....A.....on the south coast of England is so close to London it has sometimes been called 'London by the sea'. It is one of the United Kingdom's top ten beach destinations and was recently **(1)** .....the UK's Green Capital. Brighton has also always had a reputation for being very stylish and fashionable and in particular 'funky'. It's a very cool place and has plenty to **(2)**.....every kind of visitor. Those interested in history or architecture should **(3)** ..... the Brighton Pavilion. Originally a farmhouse, the Pavilion was transformed into an exotic seaside home for the Prince Regent, who later became King George IV, between 1815 and 1822. It's a beautiful mixture of Indian and classical architecture and is quite **(4)** ..... in style. For fantastic shopping you should **(5)** ..... an afternoon walking through the lanes; you'll find all sorts of unusual and interesting shops there. If you want fun and good food you should visit the famous Victorian pier. This stretches out over the sea and is **(6)** .....of life. There are amusement arcades, cafes and shops as well as places to try some very authentic fish and chips. The beach front is also a **(7)**..... place with more shops, cafes and stylish bars. There's plenty of nightlife too. Even the beach has made a name for itself as a great place for a party. There's just a wonderful holiday **(8)**..... .

0-	**A-** resort	**B-** complex	**C-** site	**D-** place
1-	**A-** chosen	**B-** voted	**C-** elected	**D-** decided
2-	**A-** offer	**B-** give	**C-** suggest	**D-** invite
3-	**A-** visit	**B-** go	**C-** look	**D-** sightsee
4-	**A-** unique	**B-** alone	**C-** single	**D-** solo
5-	**A-** pass	**B-** have	**C-** waste	**D-** spend
6-	**A-** complete	**B-** whole	**C-** full	**D-** plenty
7-	**A-** occupied	**B-** exciting	**C-** busy	**D-** engaged
8-	**A-** atmosphere	**B-** environment	**C-** experience	**D-** sensation

5. **Writing.** Choose ONE of the following options and write it in the appropriate style.

   1. Essay

   Write an essay using all the notes and give the reasons for your point of view.

   It is better to keep up to date by reading newspapers, rather than blogs and websites. Do you agree?

   Notes. Write about:

a. Professional journalism
b. Specialist news (free access on internet/ not all contributors are experts)
c. Your own idea

Write an essay in **140 – 190** words.

2. Article

You have seen this announcement on an English-language website for students.

> **My perfect school**
>
> If you could choose any school or university to go to, where would it be located? What kind of things would you be able to do there? What facilities would it have?
>
> The best articles will be published there on our website.

Write your article in **140 – 190** words.

6. Listening.

Listen to the conversation between two old friends and say if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

1. Patrick and Selina have never met each other before. ____

2. Selina still lives in London. ____

3. Selina didn't like her job in London. ____

4. Selina is living with her parents. _____

5. Patrick also went to London. ____