Past Tense - Test

A. COMPLETE USING THE PAST TENSE OF TO BE VERB. (8 MARKS)

In the 1960s the Beatles _____ very popular. They _____ four young musicians. They _____ all from Liverpool. The drummer, Ringo Starr, _____the oldest. John Lennon and Paul McCartney _____ the songwriters. John _____ born in 1940, but Paul _____. Their first hit _____ "Love Me Do".

B. REWRITE THE TEXT IN THE PAST TENSE. (10 MARKS)

My favourite uncle Geoff lives in Scotland now. His wife Anne works today in her office. He plays classical music, but Anne doesn't like it. They cook very well. They have a dog. His name is Alf. He sleeps all day.

C. MY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS INTO PAST TENSE. (15 MARKS)

In the school holidays I (1)..... (go) to see Father Christmas. My Mum and Dad and I (2).....(fly) from Glasgow Airport on December 22nd. On the plane we (3).....(watch) videos and (4) ..... (sing) Christmas songs. We (5)..... (have) a big breakfast on the plane, too. We (6)..... (get to) Luoso in Lapland at ten o'clock in the morning. We (7)..... (get dressed) in warm clothes and (8) ..... (travel) on sleighs and snow scooters to Father Christmas's house. There (9) ..... (be) lots of reindeer. I (10).....(talk) to Father Christmas and (11).....(take) a photograph of him. He (12) ..... (give) me a snow scooter driving licence. We (13) ..... (stay) in a log cabin and I (14).....(eat) soup, potatoes and hamburgers. It (15) .....(be) fantastic.

My log cabin

My sleigh

My snow scooter

D. COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION USING PAST TENSE. (7 MARKS)

A: _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (you go) to the disco last night?

B: Yes, I _ _ _ _ _ _. Why _ (you not come)?

A: Oh I'm sorry. I _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (have) too much homework.

B: We _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (wait) for half an hour at the station!

A: I _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (try) to telephone you, but you _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (be) out.

TOTAL 40 MARKS