

SENIOR SIX EXAM



SECTION A: READING COMPREHENSION

You are going to read an article about minor 'crimes'. For questions 1-10, choose from the list (A-D). The crimes may be chosen more than once.

Which criminal?

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| • wanted to be arrested | 0. <u> C </u> |
| • didn't want to be arrested | 1. <u> </u> |
| • benefited from the crime | 2. <u> </u> |
| • illegally connected to another computer | 3. <u> </u> |
| • has the support of other people | 4. <u> </u> |
| • might encourage further crime | 5. <u> </u> |
| • wanted some new clothes | 6. <u> </u> |
| • hadn't expected to meet so many people | 7. <u> </u> |
| • illegally entered a building | 8. <u> </u> |
| • hasn't been caught yet | 9. <u> </u> |
| • tried to hurt a policeman | 10. <u> </u> |

POLICE WATCH

Your monthly round-up of the mad, bad and not-so-dangerous crimes from around the world.

A. One way to impress your future employer

A 14-year-old boy whose favourite pastime was hacking into the confidential computer records of banks and government organizations was finally caught by police last week.

However, rather than receive a prison sentence or fine, the child-criminal has now been offered a job with a software developer specializing in anti-virus programs. The company that made the job offer said the boy had more than met their requirements, but one government minister commented that this kind of reward set a bad example for other youngsters thinking of breaking into systems. The software company defended its decision saying the boy had shown real initiative and that his approach to the crime would be more effective than sending him to juvenile prison.

C. Lock me up – now!

Many burglars are probably prepared to deal with alarms or maybe one or two large dogs at the front door but a burglar in Osaka, Japan, had a surprise when he broke into a house where 15 sumo wrestlers were staying the night. Shiro Morioka, 42, had broken in through the back of the house and climbed into a bedroom in the middle of the night. He was in the process of looking for something to steal when he met a 130-kilo sumo wrestler. That would have been bad enough but Mr Morioka was even more horrified to find that the whole house was full of sumo wrestlers. 'First, I was caught by a massive man. When the lights turned on, I was surrounded by sumo wrestlers,' Mr. Morioka told reporters. He instantly surrendered himself and was relieved when the police took him away to the safety of a police cell.

B. When is a crime not a crime?

Do you often think that your town may benefit from more green spaces? Would you prefer fewer roads and buildings in favour of trees and flowers instead? If your answer is 'yes', then you might be surprised to hear about the local council in the English town of Blakenthorpe, which is currently trying to arrest people for 'planting flowers'. It all began when flowers and plants started appearing at road sides and areas around the city. The town council, which is responsible for green spaces in Blakenthorpe, has blamed 'Green Vandals' for doing some 'midnight gardening.' However, the council and police shouldn't expect much help from local residents who say this is the best kind of vandalism. As one person said, 'These so-called law-breakers are just doing the job that our local council should be doing. I wish them the best of luck!'

D. A criminal whose bark was worse than his bite!

Police arrested a 76-year-old man last night for shoplifting and also accused him of attacking a police officer. The man had tried to escape by biting the officer. Unfortunately, he'd left his false teeth on his bedside table at home. The pensioner, who tried to steal some trousers from a shop, sank his gums into the officer's arm – but it had no effect and the policeman was unhurt. A spokesperson for the police said, 'He had forgotten to put his false teeth in.' Journalists had arranged to have an interview with the ageing shoplifter but it was later reported that he was unavailable for comment. However, it is believed that he may simply be incapable of answering any questions without his teeth in!

SECTION B: USE OF ENGLISH

I. Choose the correct alternative to complete these sentences.

1. Some scientists say that dinosaurs _____ when a comet hit the Earth and caused a nuclear winter.
2. During the year my investment portfolio frequently went down, but because of some gains near the end of the year, I was able to _____ and didn't actually lose a cent.
3. Jonas is so _____ that it took him over twenty minutes to find his glasses on top of his head.
4. My mum is not fooled that easily, she can always _____ when you are not telling the truth!
5. The little girl was _____ about her first swimming lesson, but once she was in the pool, she had a great time.

II. Fill in the gaps in this text with a suitable option.

PERCY JACKSON AND THE OLYMPIANS

Twelve-year-(0) _____ Percy Jackson is about (1) _____ from school... again. No matter how hard he tries, he can't seem to stay out of trouble. But can he really be expected to simply watch while a bully picks on his best friend? Or not defend himself against his math teacher when she turns into a monster and tries (2) _____ him? Yet, no one believes Percy about the monster incident; he's not even sure he believes it himself.

That is, until the Minotaur, a hideous mythological monster, chases him to Camp Half-Blood, a secretive summer camp which is, in fact, training ground of demigods. He barely manages to get away from this monster when, suddenly, strange and dangerous creatures seem to be walking straight out of the pages of Percy's Greek mythology textbook and into his life. The gods on Mount Olympus are very much alive! And worse, he's made a few of them angry: Zeus's weapon, his master lightning bolt has been stolen, and many suspect Percy could have done it during his last Christmas break. If only he (3) _____ where to find it ...

Now Percy has just ten days to find and return Zeus's weapon, and bring peace to Mount Olympus. On a long and dangerous trip from their summer camp in New York to the gates of the Underworld in Los Angeles, Percy and his friends, Grover and Annabeth, will face a host of enemies determined to stop them. To succeed in his adventure, Percy will have to do more than catch the true thief: he must accept the father who abandoned him and solve the riddle of Oracle while (4) _____ a plan to destroy Olympus by an entity more powerful than the gods themselves.

Now, if you thought that meant too much action, then you (5) _____ wrong!

In his next adventure, Percy and his friends must recover the Golden Fleece from the Island of the Cyclopes by the end of the summer or Camp Half-Blood will have disappeared when they return. But first, Percy will learn a new secret about his family – one that makes him question whether being claimed a Poseidon's son is an honor or simply a cruel joke.

0.	old	age	young
1.	to be expelled	to expel	to have been expelled
2.	to kill	killing	kill
3.	had known	knew	would know
4.	discover	discovering	discovers
5.	had been	have been	were

III. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1. 'I wouldn't trust Fran with your money if I were you, Carl', I said. (TRUST)

I advised _____ Frank with money.

2. Could you please feed my dog when I'm on holiday? Don't forget! (REMEMBER)

Please _____ when I'm on holiday.

3. Elizabeth has a bad cough because she started smoking cigarettes. (IF)

Elizabeth wouldn't _____ she hadn't started smoking cigarettes.

4. Everyone expects Tom will accept the job within the next few days. (TO)

Tom is _____ the job within the next few days.

5. I'm sure Alan wasn't driving carelessly when he had the accident. (BEEN)

Alan _____ carelessly when he had the accident.

6. Sasha changed classes because her teacher recommended it. (IF)

Sasha wouldn't _____ her teacher hadn't recommended it.

7. Some teachers claim students do not study as hard as they did in the past. (STUDY)

Some teachers claim students _____ harder in the past.

8. It's a pity we didn't go home for Christmas. (GONE)

I wish _____ for Christmas.

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

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Franklin Roberts was a commercial airline pilot with more than 21,000 hours of flying time behind him. However, in spite of his great experience, he _____ (not/explain) something that happened to him in the summer of 1981. As he _____ (fly) over Lake Michigan, an object appeared in the sky which took him completely by surprise. Whatever it was, it raced through the sky ahead of his plane and then turned across his path, before finally _____ (disappear) in the distance. He _____ (never/see) anything like that before.

This could _____ (be) just one more 'strange' sighting, but it is the kind of incident that fascinates Richard Haines, a psychologist who works at a research institute in California, and investigates reports like this as a hobby. Over the last twelve years, he _____ (collect) thousands of reports on UFOs _____ (see) by plane crews. He has concentrated on the stories told him by pilots, since he believes they are more likely to be accurate. Pilots _____ (train) in observation and make reliable witnesses. They would generally know that they are looking at if it _____ (be) something familiar. Critics of Haines's work say that there is, in fact, nothing special about pilots. They claim that pilots are as capable of making mistakes as anyone else. However, none of this has stopped Haines, who continues _____ (investigate) UFO reports with enthusiasm.

SECTION C: WRITING

YOU MUST DO BOTH, EXERCISE I AND II.

- A) You have decided to enter a short story competition. The competition rules say that the story must begin with the following words: *"When they met for the first time, Paul knew immediately that they would be good friends."* **Write your story for the competition. Write about 150 words.**

B) Choose **ONE** of the following tasks. Write between **150-180** words.

- Your class has been doing a project on zoos. As part of this project, your teacher has asked you to write an article giving your opinion on the following question: *Is there a need for zoos in the modern world?* Write the **article** providing your **opinion** and discussing the **advantages and disadvantages** of zoos.
- You see this advertisement in a social newspaper. Write your **review**.

Restaurant reviewers needed!

Send us a **review** of a restaurant you have visited recently, including your **views on the food, service and atmosphere**. Say whether you **would recommend** the restaurant to anyone else. The best review will receive a voucher for a meal at a top restaurant!

- Look at the following headline: *Stopped by the Police*. Write a **newspaper article** about it.