

Midterm English Exam

3rd Level

Name: _____ Date: _____

I. Change to **the past tense**; write the correct form of the verb in the blanks.

It worths 10 points _____



1. He is a good student. _____
2. We are in the park. _____
3. The door is open. _____
4. There is someone at the door. _____
5. There is a magazine on this desk. _____

II: Write **was** or **were** according with the sentences.

It worths 10 points _____



Yesterday (1) _____ great for me. Because my father (2) _____ back to home. My father (3) _____ in Spain last weekend for the business. It (4) _____ the first time when we (5) _____ apart. It (6) _____ a tiring weekend for him and he (7) _____ very busy. My mother and I (8) _____ worried about him because he (9) _____ afraid of travelling by plane.

After a short flight, he (10) _____ safe and happy.

III. Complete the texts with **was/were** or **there was/there were** in the correct form.

It worths 30 points _____



Nelson Mandela was the winner of the Nobel Prize in 1993. He (1) _____ a political activist- he wanted equality for black people. Years ago, in South Africa, (2) _____ a policy called apartheid. (3) _____ black people and white people in the country, but their lives (4) _____ completely separate. Life (5) _____ much more difficult for black people. Nelson Mandela (6) _____ in prisión for 27 years. Then, in 1994, (7) _____ democratic elections for the first time in South Africa. After that, Mandela (8) _____ the president until 1999. He has had an extraordinary life.



In 2004, Wangari Maathai (9) _____ the first African woman to win a Nobel Peace Prize. Her great achievement (10) _____ to plant trees in Kenya. When Wangari (11) _____ young, (12) _____ o lot of trees in her country, but later (13) _____ a process of deforestation. As a result, (14) _____ enough food and clean wáter. Wangari and her Friends (15) _____ very hard-working- they planted 30 million trees!

IV: Camila is going to talk about her last vacations. **Write was, were, wasn't or weren't.**

It worths 10 points _____



My name is Camilla. Last summer I (1) in the United States. The voyage by plane (2)..... long and tiring and the plane ticket (3)..... quite expensive. It took me 10 hours to get to the New York airport.

My friend Katie (4)..... there waiting for me. I (5)..... surprised by the size of the JFK airport. It (6) huge and there (7) very many people. I was glad my friend (8)..... there, otherwise I would probably get lost.

A few minutes later we (9) in a cab. It (10) a typical NY cab – big and yellow. We were in the car for an hour.

V. _WRITE WHAT THERE WAS (+)OR WASN'T

Were, weren't (-) IN VIRE IN 1950 It worths 10 points _____



A THEATRE+

SMALL SHOPS+ A CLOCK TOWER+ LOTS OF CAFES+

A SUPERMARKET-

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2-----

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VI. Reading activity. Read the text and complete it correctly.

It worths 10 points _____

THERE WAS / THERE WERE / WAS / WERE

My countryside town _____ (1) very different in the past. _____ (2) less shops and no cinema. When my Grandmother _____ (3) 18, she left my town and moved to the city. The city _____ (4) bigger and busier. _____ (5) more job opportunities for her. One day, she got a job in a clothes shop. She _____ (6) very happy because there were lots of clothes for her to try on and buy. It was very busy and _____ (7) lots of customers. Often, she _____ (8) very stressed. There was always lots of work.

In the end, she decided to go back to the country because _____ (9) lots of fields and trees, and it _____ (10) quieter and more peaceful.



VII. Speaking activity.

It worths 10 points _____

Talk about the biography of someone famous or you can talk about one member of your family.

Remember that you have to use was or were, months of the year, days of the week, ordinaris numbers and time expressions.

VIII. Listening activity. (Was Were/Simple Past form of To Be) It worths 10 points _____

An old and lovely couple are remembering their memories in the past when they were Young.

Select the correct option **T or F** according with listening.



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| 1. There was a fountain here. It wasn't very beautiful. | T F |
| 2. And that cinema. It was a theatre and it wasn't red. | T F |
| 3. That supermarket. It was a restaurant. It was purple. Your favourite colour. | T F |
| 4. I was a waiter there. I was very awkward. You weren't a student . | T F |
| 5. I remember, I was 19 years old. I was very beautiful | T F |
| 6. You were 22. You were always on the corner. | T F |
| 7. And my eyes were always on you. And your father was always at the balcony. | T F |
| 8. He was always angry with me. | T F |
| 9. There was a dance club at the end of the road. | T F |
| 10. I will never forget it, because it was the place where I felt in love with you. | T F |

THOSE WERE DAYS

