

TEENS 2 FINAL EXAM 2023

Time allowed: 110 min (75 min. 11. 30)

SECTION A: Reading Comprehension

Read the text and choose the correct option, true (T) or false (F).

Marathon Des Sables

Every year in March, marathon runners from many different countries travel to Morocco to take part in the famous *Marathon des Sables*. It is one of the world's most dangerous marathons because of the extremely hot temperatures, sandstorms and freezing cold nights. Runners try to complete a distance of 234 kilometres, in six or seven days. While they run, they carry all their food in a backpack. They can only stop for water at special places along the route.

In 1994 Mauro Prosperi, a 39-year old police officer from Sicily, took part in the marathon. He was a good marathon runner, so he wasn't afraid. On the fourth day, he was in seventh place!

Just after he took another bottle of water, there was a sandstorm. In a sandstorm, runners stop, and wait for the storm to finish. But Prosperi didn't stop running. He covered his head and face with a scarf and ran further. When the storm finished, six hours later, he couldn't find the other runners. He was lost in the desert with only a little bit of water in his bottle.

Helicopters looked for him but nobody could find him. Prosperi walked for nine days. It was 120° C. He didn't have any food or water. Sometimes he ate insects and drank the water from leaves in the morning. Finally some Bedouins found him. The journey to hospital took two more days. But Prosperi survived. Three years later he ran the *Marathon des Sables* again – and he still does it every year. He says, 'I love the desert. It's stronger than me.'

(Adapted from "Marathon Des Sables" in *Sure Elementary*, Helbling Languages, 2014)

- 1) The Marathon des Sables is very popular. T / F
- 2) Prosperi had no experience of running marathons. T / F
- 3) Prosperi didn't wait for the storm to finish. T / F
- 4) Prosperi didn't drink any water for nine days. T / F
- 5) Prosperi ran the *Marathon des Sables* again in 1997. T / F

SECTION B: Language in Use

I. Choose the correct answer.

e.g.: I've broken _____ ankle.

- a. mine **b. my** c. me

1. I came home _____ I heard the news.

- a. when b. while c. but

2. _____ been to a trap concert?

- a. Never have you b. You have ever c. Have you ever

3. "What time's the Zoom meeting?" "I think it's _____ 4 o'clock."

- a. at b. in c. on

4. How often do you _____ karate?

- a. go b. do c. play

5. I can't help you now. I don't have _____ time.

- a. many b. some c. much

6. The French toast tasted _____ than the cupcakes.

- a. better b. the best c. good

7. You _____ save any money to go on holiday, I'll lend you some!

- a. mustn't b. don't have to c. should

8. I don't mind _____ the same uniform every day.

- a. wear b. wearing c. to wear

9. This is the _____ time I've watched this movie.

- a. three b. third c. thirdly

10. My room's always messy. I never tidy it _____.

- a. on b. in c. up

II - Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form.

Hi Beth,

This is the second day of our trip to Switzerland. The mountains 1) _____ (be) really amazing! I'm here with my parents and my best friend, Susan. We always 2) _____ (go) on holiday together.

Yesterday, we 3) _____ (go) hiking in the forest. It was a very long walk but I 4) _____ (not feel) tired. While we 5) _____ (look) at some flowers, a goat came up to us and started eating them! I have a great picture of that scene. I don't usually take a lot of photos, but now I 6) _____ (take) a lot. If I have time, I 7) _____ (start) a photo blog when I get back home.

I should 8) _____ (stop) writing now because it's late and we mustn't stay up late tonight! Tomorrow we 9) _____ (visit) a farm and we have to leave early in the morning.

Write soon and 10) _____ (tell) me about your holidays.

Jane

(Adapted from "Cumulative grammar" in *Smart Planet 3* Workbook, CUP, 2015)

III- Write questions about the underlined information.

Rose meets her neighbour Tom at the station.

Rose: Hi Tom! 0) _____ How are you _____ ?

Tom: I'm fine. And you?

Rose: I'm fine too. I'm going to university

Tom: Are you? 1) _____ studying / what / you / are _____ ?

Rose: I'm studying biochemistry.

Tom: That's really interesting. 2) _____ did / when / you / the course / start _____ ?

Rose: I started the course five months ago.

Tom: I see... 3) _____ have/ do / you / a lot of friends _____ ?

Rose: Yes, I do – I have a lot of friends and they helped me a lot with my exams last month.

Tom: Exams? 4) _____ exams / how many / you / take / did _____ ?

Rose: I took four exams.

Tom: Oh... 5) _____ were/ hard / they / very _____ ?

Rose: Yes, they were very hard. But I passed them all!

Tom: Congratulations!

Rose: Thank you! Look – here's our train.

SECTION C: Writing

Choose **ONE** of the following topics and write about 50 words on it.

1. **Read** this part of an email from a new friend. Then write **an email** to your friend and **answer** his questions.

*"Hi! I'm Chris and I'm from New York. I love playing online games. My favourite one is League of Legends. It's great! What about you? **What's your favourite game? What is it about? How often do you play it? Why do you like it?**"*

2. **Read** the beginning of a story. Then **continue** the story **answering** the questions.

*It was a dark and stormy night and I was all alone at home. (**What** did you hear? / **What** did you do? / **Which** problem did you have? / **What** did you find there?)*