



**INSTITUTO KENSINGTON** | **ART KINGDOM**  
SCHOOL of ENGLISH

PLACEMENT TEST- UPPER-INTERMEDIATE

NAME AND SURNAME:

E-MAIL:

MOBILE:

AGE:

<b>USE OF ENGLISH</b>
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1. We \_\_\_\_\_ you that your application for the job has been turned down.

- a) regret to inform    b) regret informing    c) regret being informed

2. We can have dinner at home but I'd rather \_\_\_\_\_ to a restaurant.

- a) we have gone out    b) we went out    c) we will go out

3. I wish \_\_\_\_\_ to the wedding last week.

- a) I was invited    b) I had been invited    c) were invited

4. If I had not lost your phone number \_\_\_\_\_ you yesterday.

- a) I would call    b) I might call    c) I would have called

5. She \_\_\_\_\_ her holidays alone.  
a) objected to spending    b) objected spending    c) objected to spend
6. If you can't get to sleep, \_\_\_\_\_ sheep.  
a) try to count    b) try counting    c) try not to count
7. \_\_\_\_\_ the movie, I did not want to read the book.  
a) To have seen    b) To have been seen    c) Having seen
8. They \_\_\_\_\_ for 3 hours when they decided they needed to have a rest.  
a) were walking    b) had been walking    c) would have walked
9. I will put on my raincoat \_\_\_\_\_ it rains.  
a) in case    b) even if    c) unless
10. \_\_\_\_\_, we did not go to bed.  
a) In case we were tired    b) Despite being tired    c) Providing we were tired

<b>LISTENING</b>
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Listen to the audio and circle the best answer according to the radio programmes. (2 marks)

**1. Extract 1**

- a. All anxiety disorders are called simple phobias.
- b. Most people have a phobia of some type of animal.
- c. Exaggerated or irrational fears are phobias.

**2. Extract 1**

- a. Friendships can suffer as a result of phobias.
- b. Most of us will feel dizzy and sweat when we see a tarantula.

- c. Phobia sufferers are difficult to live with.

### **3. Extract 1**

- a. Children inherit phobias from their parents.
- b. Scary encounters we have as children can cause phobias.
- c. Most people who have a fear of dogs also suffer from aquaphobia.

### **4. Extract 2**

- a. Everyone screams when they feel scared on a roller coaster.
- b. Many of us feel frightened during a horror film.
- c. We prefer watching horror films as teenagers.

### **5. Extract 2**

- a. We can't control the reaction in our body when we're in danger.
- b. The more dangerous the situation, the more likely we are to use critical thought.
- c. When faced with danger our body produces either high levels of energy or pain-blocking chemicals.

### **6. Extract 2**

- a. Our bodies can't distinguish between real and false danger.
- b. Our bodies can distinguish between false and real danger.
- c. It depends on the person whether the body can distinguish between real and false danger.

### **7. Extract 3**

- a. Liz suffers physical symptoms because of her fear.
- b. Liz always loses consciousness when she sees a needle.
- c. Liz first remembers her fear while watching a horror film.

### **8. Extract 3**

- a. Abi had been diagnosed with coulrophobia by her doctor.
- b. Abi prefers clowns that smile.
- c. Abi feels just as scared now as she did as a child.

### **9. Extract 3**

- a. Ben has fewer fears now than he used to.
- b. Ben avoids situations that cause his fears.
- c. Ben is having therapy to overcome his fears.

**READING:** Read this article and do tasks A and B

The world's earliest writing system seems to have been used by the Sumerians, who lived in the Middle East, where Iraq is today. They had a kind of picture writing with over 1500 signs for different objects, numbers and other ideas. **A** \_\_\_\_\_, then baked to preserve the writing.

Where did the complicated Sumerian writing system come from? Who invented it or was it developed from an earlier, simpler writing system used by somebody else? **B** \_\_\_\_\_,

but archaeologists have not found another writing system although they have excavated thousands of sites in the Middle East.

The archaeologist Denise Schmandt-Besserat has an interesting theory: **C** \_\_\_\_\_. These small things were used for keeping records. Almost everywhere in the Middle East they have found them in different shapes: cones, discs, pyramids and cylinders. The earliest ones date from 10500 years ago at about the time when farming was beginning.

When the first cities grew, the clay objects were like spheres filled with as many stones as animals or goods sent to the cities. But later people had the idea of marking the outside of the sphere: **D** \_\_\_\_\_. And as time went on, the pictures were used to write other kinds of messages. Writing has begun and spread all across Western Asia.

**Task A** *Insert extracts 1 to 4 in the corresponding blank and complete the boxes with **A, B, C** or **D**.*

- 1 writing may have developed from the use of stones and other objects for accounting
- 2 nobody knows the answer to these questions
- 3 they made pictures of the objects they were sending
- 4 they were written with a piece of wood on clay tablets


**Task B** *Circle T for true and F for false*

5	The article is about the origins of writing.	T	F
6	Denise Schmandt-Besserat suggests that communicating people's opinions was the reason for creating writing.	T	F
7	The first signs were made with metal objects on soft materials.	T	F
8	Writing developed when people started living in urban places.	T	F
WRITING		10 marks	

*Write one composition using 120 to 160 words. Choose either option A or option and circle the letter corresponding to your choice.*

a. You read an advertisement in the local newspaper inviting students of languages to write an article giving advice to people considering learning a foreign language. Write your **ARTICLE**.

B. Write an ESSAY about the advantages and disadvantages of having children while young.

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