

USE OF ENGLISH

TOTAL: ____/25

PART ONE

SCORE: __/10

Read the text and choose the best word.

Weather

Weather influences the lives of everyone. The climate of any country depends on its position on Earth, its (1) from the sea and how high it is. In countries which have sea all (2) them, like Britain and New Zealand, winters are mild and summers are cool. There is not huge change from one season to (3)

Countries near the Equator have hot weather all year with some (4) rain, except in deserts where it rains (5) little. Above the desert there are no clouds in the sky, so the (6) of the sun can easily warm the ground during the day, but it gets very cold at night.

People are always (7) in unusual weather, and pictures of tornadoes, for example, are shown on television. Strong winds and rain can (8) a lot of damage to buildings, and in spite of modern (9) of weather forecasting they can (10) surprise us.

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| 1. | a. distance | b. space | c. depth | d. length |
| 2. | a. through | b. beside | c. around | d. near |
| 3. | a. next | b. another | c. later | d. other |
| 4. | a. thick | b. light | c. heavy | d. great |
| 5. | a. not | b. quite | c. more | d. very |
| 6. | a. heat | b. fire | c. light | d. temperature |
| 7. | a. attracted | b. interested | c. keen | d. excited |
| 8. | a. make | b. happen | c. have | d. cause |
| 9. | a. jobs | b. tools | c. methods | d. plans |
| 10. | a. yet | b. still | c. already | d. ever |

PART TWO

SCORE: __/6

Influencers

Are all influencers just interested in being famous and making money? Not in the case of Hannah Alper, born in 2003. Hannah (1) born in Canada and brought up there. At the age of nine, she took up blogging. She wanted (2) share her worries about the world with other people. She hopes that we will all think more about the environment and how our actions might have an effect (3) animals. Hannah doesn't only write about her opinions. She (4) also spoken to large audiences on a range of topics. These have been topics (5) protecting wildlife to respecting one another.

Hannah hopes that her words will encourage others to go out and do something. (6) doesn't matter how young someone is, Hannah believes we can all do something to help protect the environment.



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PART THREE

SCORE: ___/5

Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using no more than three words

- The flood destroyed the dam.
The dam by the flood.
- John was caught by the police, so he went to prison.
If John by the police, he wouldn't have gone to prison.
- My aunt asked me if I wanted to come to their wedding anniversary.
My aunt asked " to come to our wedding anniversary?"
- Alice and Jane don't speak Chinese.
..... Jane speak Chinese.
- The evidence indicates that she is the thief.
She the thief according to the evidence.

PART FOUR

SCORE: ___/4

Transform the word so that it fits the sentence.

The increasing polarisation of political debate is a significant challenge for modern democracies. (1) is crucial for guiding a country through complex times. The need for quick and effective (2) calls for strong minds. Citizens are more likely to involve themselves with a government that takes an (3) approach. Political elections require (4) debates to inform the public.

LEAD

JUDGE

INFLUENCE

COURAGE

LISTENING

TOTAL: ___/12

PART ONE

SCORE: ___/ 6

For each question, choose the correct answer.

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- You will hear two friends talking about a teacher.
They agree that
A the teacher makes them worry.
B the teacher's lessons are difficult.
C the teacher is patient.
- You hear two friends talking about a school trip.
What have they still got to pack?
A travel documents
B more shoes
C spending money
- You will hear two friends talking about learning to play tennis.
The girl advises the boy to
A practise more often.
B concentrate on one thing.
C ask his coach for help.
- You will hear two friends talking about a website.
What don't they both like about it?
A having to pay so much
B the interrupted music
C the website's design
- You will hear two friends talking about jobs.
The girl thinks the most important thing in a job is
A money.
B travel.
C pleasure.
- You will hear two friends talking about their holidays.
What did the girl NOT like about the cruise in the beginning?
A She got bored.
B She kept getting lost.
C She had no company.

LISTENING

PART TWO

SCORE: ____ / 6

You will hear a radio interview with an environmentalist called Jane.

- Jane thinks that people need to
 - read more news reports.
 - be more positive.
 - accept that there is little they can do.
- What can you do in four weeks, according to Jane?
 - learn how to recycle
 - start throwing away useful things
 - have a new positive habit
- Which of the following does Jane NOT mention?
 - turning off the oven
 - wasting water
 - charging a phone
- What does the interviewer suggest?
 - People should arrange to have fewer bills.
 - People could save money if they were more careful.
 - People should spend more money on their house.
- What does Jane say people should do?
 - put one or two pounds in the bank every day
 - go on less expensive holidays
 - spend less money on energy
- Jane believes that
 - young people can make a difference to the planet.
 - ordinary people can do very little to save the environment.
 - governments are doing everything that they can.

READING

TOTAL: ____ / 10

PART ONE

SCORE: ____ / 5

Growing Up An Only Child

Growing up an only child was a unique experience for me. A lot of people think it must be lonely, but I never felt that way. **1** I was the sole focus of my parents' attention, which had its pros and cons.

2 They always had time to help me with my homework or play games with me. However, it also meant I was under constant scrutiny. Whatever I was doing, whatever I was thinking of doing, there were two pairs of eyes on me at all times!

Another advantage of being an only child was that I had a lot of time for myself. I didn't have to share my toys or fight over the TV remote. **3** But at the same time, it also made me value friendship more since I didn't have siblings to play with at home. I built up a good strong group of friends that I am close to even today.

As an only child, I was often perceived as being spoilt. **4** This was a stereotype I constantly had to fight against. But honestly, I was just like any other kid, my parents set boundaries and expected me to follow rules.

Finally, being an only child helped me to become independent at a young age. **5** This helped me a lot when I left home to go to university.

Looking back, being an only child has shaped who I am today. While there were challenges, I enjoyed my childhood and wouldn't change it for anything.

- I often had to entertain myself and this led to a strong sense of imagination.
- Yes, I had all the toys I wanted, but it didn't mean I was spoilt.
- The house was always quiet, which was nice, but could also be a bit lonely.
- In my case, it wasn't lonely at all.
- Even something simple like a birthday became a problem for me.
- I was the only one they cheered for at school events.
- They also had high expectations for me.
- Since I had no siblings, I often had to do things on my own.



Mark Charles: Extreme Weather Photographer

Mark Charles is a storm chaser and a weather photographer. During his career, he's taken photos of all kinds of amazing weather, including tornadoes, thunderstorms and hurricanes. His photos have appeared in many scientific magazines.

Mark has also successfully appeared in documentaries on American TV to discuss severe weather, storm chasing and global warming. He's an energetic and keen speaker. He's written fascinating articles about our changing weather and is the author of a very popular blog about extreme weather and several books. So how did Mark begin his career?

Mark grew up in Wisconsin in the USA, where ice storms, blizzards, floods and tornadoes are common. When he was six years old, he saw his first hurricane at close hand and he never forgot the experience. A few years later, his mother bought him a camera. Mark was more interested in recording the sound effects of weather than taking photographs. He used to spend hours recording sound outdoors. He did it as a hobby when he was a little boy, but he soon became very interested in extreme weather. He has journals with notes and some pictures that he collected. He discovered how some weather factors interacted and when you could expect to have a thunderstorm or ice storms. He was just an observer but that was enough to teach him quite a lot about the world around him. When he was a teenager, he used to read about all sorts of extreme weather events in the newspaper and he sometimes went to the library to look for scientific magazines on specific topics. He even joined an after school club that organized trips to observe weather patterns.

Mark studied journalism, not photography, at university and began his career as a writer working on local newspapers. He was good at his job and he never regretted that he'd become a journalist, but he kept his childhood interest in storms and when, in his late twenties, he saw an advert for a storm-chasing holiday in Tornado Alley, he joined the group and took his camera with him. Eventually, Mark's photography took over from journalism and he became the artist he is today.

1. What does the writer say about Mark's photos?
 - A They show a lot of incredible weather conditions.
 - B They have been published in many important books.
 - C They have been the subject of several popular documentaries.
 - D They have changed a surprising amount over time.
2. What does the writer say about Mark?
 - A He can't share his knowledge about extreme weather on the Internet.
 - B He's good at talking about weather.
 - C He dislikes writing about extreme weather events.
 - D He isn't keen on appearing in the media.
3. What do we learn about Mark's childhood?
 - A He enjoyed taking photographs of hurricanes.
 - B He became interested in extreme weather.
 - C He was afraid of severe storms.
 - D He got hurt during a hurricane.
4. What does the writer say about Mark's early career?
 - A He wished he had studied photography at university.
 - B He was good at writing about the news.
 - C He took excellent photographs of local events.
 - D He was better at art than at journalism.
5. What is the writer's main aim in writing the text?
 - A to give advice on becoming a photographer
 - B to encourage people to take up photography
 - C to describe the career of one photographer
 - D to explain how to take photos of extreme weather



