

Writing Test

Use of English

I Complete the gaps in the text with *a / an, the, or no article (-)*.

My school

There is ¹ _____ school near my house, and I go there. We have ² _____ nice classroom, with lots of interesting pictures on the walls. The school isn't very high-tech, but there is ³ _____ old laptop for the teacher at the front of ⁴ _____ classroom.

My favourite day at school is Friday because we do ⁵ _____ music in ⁶ _____ morning. Then we play basketball in ⁷ _____ gym after ⁸ _____ lunch. We have ⁹ _____ really good English teacher too. She went to ¹⁰ _____ Oxford University, and she's really nice.

II Choose the correct answers.

Pain is not easy to control, and people with conditions that cause constant pain often have ¹ _____ hard time – like Denise, for example. She worked as a nurse ² _____ many years, and she also took part in sports ³ _____ running, hiking and skiing. An old skiing injury annoyed her occasionally, but she ⁴ _____ it. Then she began to have terrible headaches and she became unable to work ⁵ _____ of the constant pain. She talked ⁶ _____ her problem with several doctors, but she didn't ⁷ _____ out exactly what the problem was. One of the most ⁸ _____ things about this kind of problem is that people tell her it's 'all in her head' and that she should just ⁹ _____ over it. Denise sometimes feels very ¹⁰ _____, but she tries to stay optimistic and every day she finds new ways to cope with a problem that may never have a cure.

- | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 a an extremely | b an extreme | c extremely |
| 2 a from | b since | c for |
| 3 a such | b like | c as |
| 4 a ignores | b is ignoring | c ignored |
| 5 a because | b due | c reason |
| 6 a to | b that | c about |
| 7 a look | b find | c search |
| 8 a annoying | b annoyed | c annoy |
| 9 a go | b come | c get |
| 10 a discouraging | b discouraged | c discourage |

III Choose the correct answers.

The photo ¹ ___ a row of eight red kayaks on a river, with a teenager in each one wearing a yellow helmet. It ² ___ as if they're on an adventure holiday and I ³ ___ they're feeling excited about doing something on the water. There is a boy ⁴ ___ the centre of the photo who is standing up with one foot in one kayak, and another foot in the next kayak. He ⁵ ___ to be trying to walk across the line of boats. Judging by his expression, I'd ⁶ ___ he's feeling quite nervous about falling in the water. There's a woman ⁷ ___ the background standing on the bank of the river. She looks ⁸ ___ she is the instructor. She's ⁹ ___ feeling quite calm because they are all wearing life jackets. ¹⁰ ___ the bottom right corner, I can see the end of a paddle. It must belong to another team.

- | | | |
|---------------|----------|------------|
| 1 A looks | B seems | C shows |
| 2 A shows | B looks | C expects |
| 3 A judge | B expect | C probably |
| 4 A in | B at | C on |
| 5 A looks | B shows | C seems |
| 6 A say | B look | C seem |
| 7 A at | B on | C in |
| 8 A like | B as | C for |
| 9 A basically | B must | C probably |
| 10 A In | B On | C At |

Writing

IV Describe the photo below.

- Start by writing what the photo shows in general (Who? What? Where?).
- Mention interesting details.
- Finish with a personal comment or some speculations.

