



**Time limit: 120 minutes**

**Maximum score: 100**

## **READING (15 points)**

### **Task 1. (1-5) Read the text and choose the correct option:**

However, he perceived now that it did not greatly matter what kind of soldiers he was going to fight, so long as they fought, which fact no one disputed. There was a more serious problem. He lay in his bunk pondering upon it. He tried to mathematically prove to himself that he would not run from a battle. Previously he had never felt obliged to wrestle too seriously with this question.

In his life, he had taken certain things for granted, never challenging his belief in ultimate success, and bothering little about means and roads. But here he was confronted with a thing of moment. It had suddenly appeared to him that perhaps in a battle he might run. He was forced to admit that as far as war was concerned he knew nothing of himself. A sufficient time before he would have allowed the problem to kick its heels at the outer portals of his mind, but now he felt compelled to give serious attention to it. A little panic-fear grew in his mind. As his imagination went forward to a fight, he saw hideous possibilities. He contemplated the lurking menaces of the future, and failed in an effort to see himself standing stoutly in the midst of them. He recalled his visions of broken-bladed glory, but in the shadow of the impending tumult he suspected them to be impossible pictures. He sprang from the bunk and began to pace nervously to and fro. “Good Lord, what’s th’ matter with me?” he said aloud.

He felt that in this crisis his laws of life were useless. Whatever he had learned of himself was here of no avail. He was an unknown quantity. He saw that he would again be obliged to experiment as he had in early youth. He must accumulate information of himself, and meanwhile he resolved to remain close upon his guard lest those qualities of which he knew nothing should everlastingly disgrace him. “Good Lord!” he repeated in dismay.

- 1) The main character ... about the people he would have to fight.
  - A. thought a lot
  - B. didn't care
  - C. was worried
  - D. contemplated
  
- 2) During his life the character ... some things that happened.
  - A. challenged
  - B. couldn't believe
  - C. just accepted
  - D. doubted
  
- 3) The character had to accept the fact that he ... at war.
  - A. didn't know how he would behave
  - B. would be very brave
  - C. wasn't ready to be a general
  - D. didn't understand why people fought each other
  
- 4) The character was so worried that he ... .
  - A. couldn't move
  - B. was walking around the room
  - C. sat still for hours
  - D. couldn't talk to anyone the whole day
  
- 5) The character repeated his words in dismay, which means that he was ... .
  - A. happy
  - B. relieved
  - C. exhausted
  - D. disappointed

**Task 2. (6-10) Find in the text expressions that correspond the following definitions:**

This was very uncomfortable, and I was half-afraid. However, the only thing to be done being to knock at the door, I knocked, and was told from within to enter. I entered, therefore, and found myself in a pretty large room, well lighted with wax candles. No glimpse of daylight was to be seen in it. It was a dressing room, as I supposed from the furniture, though much of it was of forms and uses then quite unknown to me. But prominent in it was a draped table with a gilded looking-glass, and that I made out at first sight to be a fine lady's dressing-table. Whether I should have made out this object so soon if there had been no fine lady sitting at it, I cannot say.

In an armchair, with an elbow resting on the table and her head leaning on that hand, sat the strangest lady I have ever seen, or shall ever see. She was dressed in rich materials, —satins, and lace, and silks, —all of white. Her shoes were white. And she had a long white veil dependent from her hair, and she had bridal flowers in her hair, but her hair was white. Some bright jewels sparkled on her neck and on her hands, and some other jewels lay sparkling on the table. Dresses, less splendid than the dress she wore, and half-packed trunks, were scattered about. She had not quite finished dressing, for she had but one shoe on,—the other was on the table near her hand,—her veil was but half arranged, her watch and chain were not put on, and some lace for her bosom lay with those trinkets, and with her handkerchief, and gloves, and some flowers, and a Prayer-Book all confusedly heaped about the looking-glass.

- 6) not like everything else, big and attention-grabbing
- 7) spread across a certain area
- 8) a piece of thin cloth which is used to hide your face
- 9) a brief look at something
- 10) small items of jewellery (or something nice and beautiful) that do not have any real value

## **VOCABULARY (20 points)**

**Task 1. For items 1 — 5, choose one word that fits all three sentences.**

**Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.**

1. The company put an \_\_\_\_\_ in the local newspaper, offering a high salary for the right candidate.

Oxford, Cambridge and Imperial College London are a great \_\_\_\_\_ for British higher education.

In the old days I used to think the performances of my horses was a good enough \_\_\_\_\_ .

2. Her earliest \_\_\_\_\_ is of singing at the age of four to wounded soldiers.

The Parliament opened with a minute's silence in \_\_\_\_\_ of those who died in the struggle.

A student with a poor \_\_\_\_\_ may struggle in school.

3. We stopped off for dinner in a \_\_\_\_\_ little Welsh town.

Under an apple tree in the left corner of the orchard was a \_\_\_\_\_ timber built shed.

When we come to Tallinn we usually rent a small house in the \_\_\_\_\_ old quarter of town.

4. I rang for the \_\_\_\_\_ and asked for some water.

Only an old physiologist in his sixties, and a staff \_\_\_\_\_ were on duty in reception.

Parents will become too busy and robots will \_\_\_\_\_ and play with children.

5. The Arizona highways stretched out \_\_\_\_\_ and straight ahead.

All staff of the company should pay a \_\_\_\_\_ rate of £320 annually.

A \_\_\_\_\_ denial of any involvement has been issued by the Cabinet.

**Task 2. For items 6 — 10, read the idioms below and decide which idiom fits each gap best. You can use each idiom only once. There are extra idioms. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.**

(A) be caught red-handed	(F) black sheep
(B) gild the lily	(G) tail that wags the dog
(C) guinea pig	(H) bouquet of orchids
(D) bite one's tongue	(I) forest for the trees
(E) slave driver	(J) turn a blind eye

6. I got the impression they weren't sure of the possible outcome and that I was being used as a \_\_\_\_\_.

7. If she became the \_\_\_\_\_ of the family they were probably glad to have her gone.

8. My sisters will all tell you that when I was in charge I was a real \_\_\_\_\_.

9. She won the difficult case and it was obvious that she deserved a \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Her boyfriend and her brother wanted to rob a store but they didn't want to \_\_\_\_\_, so they created an alibi.

## GRAMMAR (15 points)

**Task 1. For items 1 — 5, write the missing part of the second sentence using a given word, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Do not change the given word. You must use between three and six words, including the given word. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.**

1. “Will the economy ever produce enough jobs to meet the need”, wondered Professor Schwarz.

### IF

Professor Schwarz wondered \_\_\_\_\_ enough jobs to meet the need.

2. It didn't matter how hard I tried, I still could not get her to lower the price.

### HARD

\_\_\_\_\_ I still could not get her to lower the price.

3. The factory was able to reduce its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 20 % last year.

### SUCCEED

The factory \_\_\_\_\_ back its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 20 % last year.

4. She is not to be disturbed under any circumstances.

### NO

\_\_\_\_\_ she to be disturbed.

5. During the winter period I prefer staying home to going out.

### SOONER

During the winter period I \_\_\_\_\_ go out.

**Task 2. (6-10) Choose the word or phrase a, b, c or d, which best completes each sentence. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.**

6. He will regret ... that to me.  
 a. having said    b. to say    c. to have said    d. her saying
7. The judge wanted him to confine himself ... the questions.  
 a. answer    b. to answer    c. answering    d. to answering
8. What ... you find but a huge spider.  
 a. would    b. should    c. did    d. will
9. I brought a witness ... they should think I'm not telling the truth.  
 a. lest    b. in order    c. that    d. so that
10. The parcel was sent ages ago. ... to arrive any time now.  
 a. Is bound    b. It's likely    c. It's bound    d. Is likely

**CULTURE STUDY (30 points)**

**Tasks (1-7)**

**Task 1:** Arrange these events of the Wars of Roses in the chronological order. Put the appropriate number in the right column. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

The Second Battle of St Albans	
The Battle of Stoke Field	
The Battle of Towton	
The First Battle of St Albans	
The Battle of Bosworth	
The Battle of Blore Heath	

**Task 2:** Arrange these events of the American Civil War in the chronological order. Put the appropriate number in the right column. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

The Battle at Gettysburg	
The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln	
The Emancipation Proclamation issued	
The First Battle of Bull Run	
Abraham Lincoln elected president	
The Battle at Antietam	
Jefferson Davis elected president	

**Task 3:** Arrange these periods and events of British History in the chronological order. Put the appropriate number in the right column. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

Edward VIII relinquishing the throne for a divorce	
The Creation of the National Health Service of the UK	
The Balfour Declaration	
The Irish Free State becoming independent	
The Battle of Britain	
The Victorian Age	
The Reign of Edward VII	

**Task 4:** Arrange these American presidents in the chronological order of their presidential terms. Put the appropriate number in the right column. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

William J. Clinton	
Harry S. Truman	
Richard M. Nixon	
George W. Bush	
Franklin D. Roosevelt	
John F. Kennedy	
Ronald Reagan	
Abraham Lincoln	
Thomas Jefferson	

**Task 5:** Arrange these books according to the year of publishing. Put the appropriate number in the right column. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

Alice's Adventures in the Wonderland	
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	
The Sun Also Rises	
The History of Tom Jones, a Foundling	
The Lord of the Rings	
Nineteen Eighty-four	
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	
Frankenstein	
The Hobbit, or There and Back Again	

**Task 6:** Match the tradition with the holiday. Two options are extra. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

1. Easter Monday	a. Marching in the streets in green attire and shamrocks
2. Good Friday	b. Pulling crackers and burning letters in the fireplace
3. May Day	c. In the past the day servants in wealthy households would receive a Christmas gift from the head of the family
4. Thanksgiving	d. Egg hunts
5. Christmas	e. Eating hot cross buns and fish
6. Hogmanay	f. Maypole dancing
	g. First-footing
	h. Cooking and sharing traditional food, holding parades as well as sport events

**Task 7:** Match the song with the singer. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.

1. Michael Jackson	a. "Family Portrait"
2. Elvis Presley	b. "Men in Black"
3. Frank Sinatra	c. "Golden Eye"
4. Whitney Houston	d. "My Way"
5. Selena Gomez	e. "Can't Help Falling in Love"
6. Tina Turner	f. "I Will Always Love You"
7. Will Smith	g. "We Don't Talk Any More"
8. Pink	h. "Earth Song"

**Tasks (8-10) Choose the correct option. Transfer your answers onto the answer sheet.**

**8.** Which statements about London is not true?

- 1) There are four UNESCO world heritage sights.
- 2) There are 11 national museums.
- 3) The Mayor's Thames Festival is the biggest street festival in the southern hemisphere.
- 4) "Big Ben" is the name of the bell not the tower itself.



9. Which statement is true?

- 1) Delaware was the first state to accept the first American Constitution.
- 2) The USA doesn't have a national anthem.
- 3) There are 14 stripes on the American flag that symbolize 14 colonies.
- 4) The Mount Rushmore National Memorial features heads of four American presidents who wrote the American Constitution.

10. Which statement about employment and education in the UK is false?

- 1) The minimum age to study a degree programme at a university is 21 years old.
- 2) The youngest age a child can work part-time is 13.
- 3) A young person must be in part-time education or training until they're 18.
- 4) The minimum school leaving age in the UK is 16.

### **CREATIVE WRITING (20 points)**

**Choose one topic:**

**1. Educational institutions should actively encourage their students to choose fields of study that will prepare them for lucrative careers.**

*Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you either agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position. You should write about 250 – 300 words.*

**2. In any profession - education, business, politics - those in power should resign after five years.**

*Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you either agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position. You should write about 250 – 300 words.*

