

VOCABULARY (10 points)

3. Choose the correct answer:

1. She was a popular and _____ teacher always taking care to do her best.
a) reserved b) neurotic c) conscientious d) suspicious
2. I think I might _____ the repairs next month.
a) tackle b) follow c) recall d) splash out
3. Every student should _____ in mind the upcoming exam.
a) call b) memorise c) respond d) bear
4. The job would suit someone with a _____ in engineering.
a) quality b) background c) sense d) flair
5. The machine from which you can get money from your bank account using a special plastic card is called a _____.
a) bargain b) cashpoint c) locker d) depot
6. A good teacher should _____ students for their effort.
a) ridicule b) concern c) respond d) praise
7. There is a growing _____ of global climate change.
a) awareness b) agenda c) appearance d) tension
8. The plot of most love stories is so _____ that you know in advance what it will happen.
a) valuable b) frequent c) deceitful d) predictable
9. I'm afraid the material you'd like to order is temporarily out of _____.
a) run b) topic c) stock d) sorts
10. Lots of famous people don't really want their children growing up in the eye.
a) like-minded b) well-known c) public d) densely-populated

Score: 10 points

USE OF ENGLISH (20 points)

4. Choose the correct option a, b, or c.

- A: Is it just me or is this information _____ ?
B: It's not just you. I don't get it either.
a) confusing b) confuse c) confused
- A: Shall I get the bill?
B: Norah insisted _____ paying it before she left.
A: That was kind of her. I'll get it next time.
a) of b) on c) in
- A: Are you sure it's OK to drink the tap water here?
B: Yes, don't worry. It's _____.
a) perfectly good b) perfectly ridiculous c) perfectly safe
- A: I'm off to the airport now.
B: OK. Call me as _____ as your flight lands.
a) soon b) unless c) if
- A: What experiences gave you pleasure?
B: I got pleasure from _____ a cup of coffee.
a) drink b) drinking c) drank

Score: 10 points

5. Rewrite the sentences so the meaning of the original sentence stays the same.

- 1.** They have banned teenagers from entering this shop.

Teenagers _____

- 2.** It isn't necessary to have a degree in finance for this post.

You _____

- 3.** We couldn't use mobile phones when I was at school.

We weren't _____

- 4.** Remember they won't admit you into the restaurant if you're wearing shorts or trainers.

You are reminded that anyone wearing _____

- 5.** It was a mistake for you not to ask for his permission.

You ought to _____

Score: 10 points

FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE (10 points)

6. Match the gaps in the conversations with the sentences below. One sentence does not fit any gap.

1)

A: Who has been using my toothbrush?

B: Don't blame me. (1) _____ .

A: Well. Who was it then?

C: I guess (2)_____ . I was in a rush and I might have used yours. Sorry!

A: For crying out loud! (3) _____! Make sure you use your own toothbrush next time.

C: My bad. I'll make it up to you.

A: Ok. (4)_____ . I'll buy a new one.

C: (5)_____ . I'm going to the shops and I'll get you one.

A: Works for me...

- A. I have to own up
- B. I'm only asking
- C. Leave it to me
- D. I had nothing to do with it
- E. It's no big deal
- F. You should've been more careful

Score: 5 points

2)

A: Thanks for coming everyone. (1)_____ . Before we begin our meeting I'd like to introduce our new colleague. (2)_____ Alberto? He's just joined the team.

B: Hi everyone. Nice to meet you.

A: Ok. (3)_____ . The purpose of the meeting is to discuss next year's projects. Sophie, over to you.

C: Ok. We've decided to go on with two events: the summer party and the fashion show ...

D: (4) _____ , Sophie. Do you think you could clarify why we're not doing the interview project?

C: Let's try to stay on topic Bernard, we've already made a decision.

A: Sophie's right. Let's talk only about the things on the agenda.

D: Right then. (5) _____ !

- A. Let me interrupt you there
- B. Let's get down to business
- C. Have you all got a copy of the agenda
- D. Have you all met
- E. It's good to see you all here
- F. Let's save that for another meeting

Score: 5 points

READING (15 points)

7. Match the texts with the topics below. Two topics don't fit any of the texts.

A) Science B) Film C) Technology D) Books E) Business F) Sport G) Fashion

1. _____

The State of the Climate report for 2021 highlights a world that is "changing before our eyes." The 20-year temperature average from 2002 is on course to exceed 1C above pre-industrial levels for the first time. And global sea levels rose to a new high in 2021, according to the study. These latest figures for 2021 are being released early by the WMO to coincide with the start of the UN climate conference in Glasgow known as COP26.

2. _____

Vaccinated tourists from more than 60 "low-risk" nations are allowed to enter the country and avoid hotel quarantine. Tourist numbers are forecast to jump to as much as 15 million next year, bringing in more than \$30bn (£22bn). However, much of country still faces restrictions, with only around 42% of the population fully-vaccinated.

3. _____

Kirsten Dunst was 19 when a producer took her to get her teeth fixed. She didn't know that was the plan – not until the car pulled up at the dentist's office. Poised on the brink of stardom, preparing to play Peter Parker's winsome love interest Mary Jane in the \$130m comic-book adaptation, Dunst had everything producers were looking for: talent, youth, beauty. But wouldn't that upside-down kiss look better with straight teeth?

4. _____

Simon Harrison's outfit thrived behind Zoe Harrison's excellent displays as the No 1 ranked side in the world outclassed the world champions. Tries from Abbie Ward (2), Ellie Kildunne, Lark Davies, Holly Aitchison, Abbie Dow and Harrison added to the Black Ferns' misery. Aitchison was filling in for the injured Emily Scarratt, making an impressive debut after starring at the Olympics in sevens.

5. _____

Angelina Jolie made a unique fashion statement during an appearance at the Eternals film premiere in Los Angeles on Monday night, wearing an eye-catching chin cuff. The actor, 46, wowed crowds in a taupe coloured Balmain dress, but it was her choice of accessories and her unusual facial jewellery that really turned heads. As

well as various pieces of gold jewellery including a wrist full of bangles adding some glam to her outfit, Jolie also sported a very unusual gold chin cuff.

Score: 5 points

8. Read the text and answer the questions by choosing ONE option.

Dating in an offline world By Sophie Black

I'm a pretty reserved person so don't have much luck making friends, either online or in the real world. I don't belong to any clubs and I mostly work from home, so the only person I converse with regularly is my 65-year-old postman. I was fed up of being single so one day I gathered some courage and asked my friend Josie to set me up on a blind date. She thought I was mad but, after some persuasion, agreed.

For those of you who aren't familiar with traditional dating, a blind date is one where you don't know each other. It's usually organised by a friend who thinks you'll hit it off. All I knew about my date was that his name was Lucas, he was Josie's colleague and he was a couple of years older than me.

On the day of the date, it took me far longer to get ready than normal. I wanted to be sure that I looked my best and made a positive first impression. I also wanted to be in a familiar setting to put me at ease so I suggested that we meet at an Italian restaurant not far from where I live. It's an old favourite – somewhere nice but not too formal.

By the time I got to the restaurant, my heart was thumping in my chest and I couldn't quite catch my breath. So much for being at ease. It wasn't unusual for me to feel this way but I wanted to avoid a full-blown panic attack, so I forced myself to take some deep breaths to calm down. It seemed to work, which was just as well because right at that moment, Lucas walked in. He turned and smiled at me. I felt immediately relieved. We sat down and fell into easy conversation where we both chatted a lot. He showed an interest in my work and I asked him a lot about his job and his family. He told me that he could tell I was a journalist! At the end of the evening, we swapped mobile numbers and agreed to keep in touch.

So, how was the experience? Well, like anything, there were pros and cons. The main benefit for me was the fact that we knew nothing about each other at the start of the date. These days, we usually make judgements about a person before we meet them based on their social media profile. It was great to get to know the real Lucas and not the one he portrays online.

On the other hand, two hours is a long time to spend with someone in awkward silence. It wasn't the case with Lucas, but it could be with someone else, and that's a downside for me. You can't just walk off in the way you can switch off your phone when a conversation isn't going your way.

Will I stick with traditional dating? Possibly. It was an enjoyable experience – and, despite its drawbacks, one I'd certainly recommend to friends who limit themselves to online dating. However, as it's not the normal way to meet people any more, probably not. I think I'll just have to make more of an effort online or join a club.

1. Sophie Black, the author of the article,
 - a) has a lot of courage.
 - b) doesn't like to talk about or show her feelings.
 - c) is mad at her friend Josie.
2. Sophie had a blind date
 - a) with a 65-year-old postman.
 - b) with her friend Josie.
 - c) with a friend of Josie's.
3. Josie suggested the Italian restaurant for the blind date because
 - a) she loved Italian cuisine.
 - b) the place was well known to her.
 - c) Lucas was of Italian background.
4. When Lucas walked into the restaurant and smiled at Sophie,
 - a) she couldn't catch her breath.

- b) she panicked.
- c) she felt happy and relaxed.

5. How likely is Sophie to go to another blind date?

- a) She is likely to go.
- b) She is unlikely to go.
- c) She definitely won't go.

Score: 10 points

WRITING (10 points)

9. Write an email to a friend you haven't seen for a while. Use 80-150 words.

- include an apology and explain it
- give some current news about yourself
- ask what news she/he has
- suggest an outing together

Score: 10 points