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Section 1 – Language and Vocabulary

Ex A. Complete the following sentences using the adjectives in brackets in the comparative – ex. big -bigger, small-smaller, intelligent - more intelligent or superlative form. the biggest, the smallest, the most intelligent. (other words may be added if necessary)

Example: He is *..the tallest...* man in our village. (tall) (4 marks)

1. Angela is person in class. (young)
2. Your son's behaviour isin the whole class. (bad)
3. It was film I had ever seen. (boring)
4. She worksthan Julian but notthan Alan. (quick / fast)
5. The bill isn'tas I thought it would be. (expensive)
6. Corinne speaks good French but Lucia speaks it (good)

Ex B. Write the correct word from those in brackets in the space provided. (5 marks)

1. The driver of the car wasinjured. (serious/seriously)
2. Don't go up that ladder. It doesn't look (safe/safely)
3. Everything was very quiet. There wassilence. (complete/completely)
4. You did veryin your exams. (good/well)
5. I play tennis but I am not very (good/well)
6. We did not go out because it was raining (heavy/heavily)
7. There was a change in the weather. (sudden/suddenly)
8. The driver of the car hadinjuries. (serious/seriously)
9. He looked at mewhen I interrupted him. (angry/angrily)
10. I cooked this mealfor you, so I hope you like it. (special/specially)

Ex C. Put the verb in brackets in the correct tense.

(10 marks)

Last night I (1) (have) a very strange dream. When the dream (2) (begin), I (3)(sit) alone on a big rock in the middle of a lake and I (4) (look) at my reflection in the water. Suddenly a wicked witch (5) (appear) behind me and (6) (turn) me into a fat green frog. Needless to say, I (7) (not know) what to do as I (8) (never be) in such a horrible situation before.

Before my awful transformation, I (9) (walk) towards the city centre to meet my husband. He had called me earlier in the day to invite me to have dinner with him at an elegant French restaurant. Now, sitting there on the rock in the middle of the lake, I (10) (wonder) how I (11) (go) to get myself out of this situation in time to meet my husband., While these thoughts (12) (run) through my mind, I suddenly (13) (see) a waiter from the restaurant in the middle of the lake. He was creeping quietly through the water and he (14) (seem) to be coming straight towards me. In his hand he (15) (hold) a big butterfly net. Before I (16) (know) it, he caught me and (17) (bring) me back to the restaurant where my husband (18) (wait) patiently. I (19) (can see) from the expectant look on his face that he (20) (already order) his favourite French dish, Frog's Legs a la Crème. 'Is this frog to your liking, sir?' said the waiter, holding me up in full view. 'We've just brought it in from the lake.' Luckily, the alarm clock went off before my dearly beloved had a chance to answer!

Ex D. Change the following sentences into the plural. Make whatever changes are necessary.

Sometimes you have to use other words such as *some*, *few* or *a couple*

(6 marks)

Example *He spent an hour walking along this street.*
 They spent some hours walking along these streets.

1. A church is usually a cool place even on a very hot day.

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2. I spent a week in London last summer.

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3. There's a good hotel a kilometer outside this village.

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4. A dog usually loves its master more than its house; with a cat it's the other way round.

5. Will you bring me a biscuit, please?

6. If you're not ready in a minute, I'll have to leave without you.

Ex E. Complete the sentences. Use 'although' and a sentence from the following: (8 marks)

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| <i>I didn't speak the language</i> | <i>he has a very important job</i> |
| <i>I had never seen her before</i> | <i>we don't like them very much</i> |
| <i>It was quite cold</i> | <i>the heating was on</i> |
| <i>I'd met her twice before</i> | <i>we've known each other for a long time</i> |

-he isn't particularly well-paid.
-I recognized her from a photograph.
- She wasn't wearing a coat.....
- We thought we'd better invite them to the party
-, I managed to make myself understood.
-, the room was quite cold.
- I didn't recognize her
- We're not very good friends

Ex F. Complete the sentences using one of these verbs in the correct form. All the sentences are in the passive. (7 marks)

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| <u>cause</u> | <i>damage</i> | <i>hold</i> | <i>write</i> | <i>invite</i> |
| | <i>make</i> | <i>show</i> | <i>translate</i> | |

- Many accidents*are caused* by dangerous driving.
- Cheesefrom milk.
- The roof of the buildingin a storm a few days ago.
- You.....to the wedding. Why didn't you go?
- A cinema is a place where films.....
- In the United States, elections for Presidentevery four years.
- Originally the book.....in Spanish and a few years ago itinto English.

Section 2. Comprehension – Read the following and answer the questions below.

(30 marks)

All the students at Pisa University went to the city’s lovely cathedral, and they all saw the swinging lamp. Only one of them noticed that each swing took the same time, no matter how far it went. He checked his observation – not with a watch, for he did not carry one, but with that human clock called the pulse. Then he went home and experimented with a piece of metal tied on a piece of string. Big swings and small swings, they all took the same time. What a wonderful means, he thought, of measuring time! It is the method used in grandfather clocks today. The student Galileo Galilei, had invented the pendulum.

The famous Leaning Tower of the cathedral at Pisa was already leaning in Galileo’s time, nearly four hundred years ago. It could have been built for a demonstration of one of Galileo’s most remarkable theories – that if two objects of unequal weight were dropped at the same moment from the same height they would hit the ground at the same time.

The famous Greek philosopher Aristotle had said the heavier object would strike the ground first, and almost everyone believed him. Galileo, now a professor at Pisa University, was criticized for daring to doubt. So, before a great crowd of people he climbed to the top of the Leaning Tower and put the issue to the test. Sure enough, objects of unequal weight landed simultaneously below.

About twenty years later, after making more important scientific discoveries, Galileo heard a rumour about the invention of a telescope in Holland. He could not find out any details, but he applied his optical knowledge and, after some trial and error, designed and made a telescope. He used it to look at the moon and the stars. His discoveries in the heavens, however, led him to trouble with the church.

Another scientist, a Pole named Nicolaus Copernicus, had already astonished the world with his theory that the earth revolved round the sun. Galileo proved that the Copernican theory was true. His enemies accused him of refusing the Scriptures. He denied the charge, and went to Rome to see the Pope.

The audience was a friendly one, but the Pope said that the Copernican theory was considered contrary to Scripture and warned Galileo not to hold or defend such doctrines. The church had decided that the sun revolved round the earth.

Eighty years later, Galileo returned to Rome and tried to convert the new Pope to the Copernican theory. The Pope gave him six audiences and listened to him with interest and enjoyment, but was unconvinced. After another eight years Galileo published his theory of the universe. Not only did his book restate the Copernican doctrine but it was also thought to ridicule the Pope.

1. Which university did Galileo attend as a student?

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2. Where did he see the hanging lamp?

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3. What surprised him about the lamp?

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4. Who was Aristotle?

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5. Why did Galileo disagree with him?

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6. What experiment did Galileo do to prove Aristotle was wrong?

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7. Where was the telescope invented?

8. What was the nationality of Copernicus

9. What discovery did he make?

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10. Whom did Galileo try to convince that Copernicus was right?

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11. Why did Galileo's discussion about the heavens lead him to trouble with the church.

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12. What was the opinion of the church about the earth and the sun at that time?

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13. Do you think Galileo was a great scientist? Why?

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