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English Entrance Exam
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Section 1. Grammar and Vocabulary

40 marks

Ex A. Choose the word which best completes each sentence. You only need to make a circle around the letter you choose a, b, c, or d.

6 marks

1. I don't have a job. I'm
a) unused b) unemployed c) sick d) lonely
- 2 Which horse shall weon in the 2.5 race?
a) back b) place c)win d) bet
3. A room in a hospital where people needing treatment stay is called a
a) room b) theatre c) ward d) word
4. If you work for someone, then you are
a) an employer b) unemployed c) an employee d) a slave
5. He wants to get to the top before he is forty. He is very
a) intelligent b) ambitious c) industrial d) tall
6. Thearound this town is very beautiful.
a) country b) countryside c) nature d) scene
7. The person in charge of a newspaper is called
a) a journalist b) an announcer c) an editor d) a leader
8. Brighton and Bath are two holidayon the South coast of England. a) ports b) resorts c) places d) districts

Ex B. Fill the gaps with the appropriate verb from the list below in the correct past tense. There are two extra verbs which you do not need.

8 marks

arrive, break, carry, charge, drive, happen, hold, skid, slip, take,

Three people were injured in a crash involving two lorries and a van on the A45 on Saturday. The accident (1) in heavy rain at approximately 2.45 p.m. when a lorry which (2) grain (3) on the wet surface of the road, spilling its load across both lanes. According to a police spokesperson, the driver of the lorry (4)suddenly to avoid hitting a dog which had ran out into the road in front of him. The drivers of the two other vehicles involved (5)too close behind to be able to stop in time. Ambulances, which (6).....on the scene within minutes, (7)the injured to the nearby clinic. Holmes has three broken ribs and is still under observation. The drivers of the other two lorries were treated for minor injuries. The police (8)all drivers with dangerous driving.

Ex C. Complete the sentences with *during, until, at, on, by, or in*.

4 marks

- 1 We usually finish work earlyFridays.
- 2the time you get this letter, I shall be in Paris.
- 3 She read this book.....her holiday.
- 4 He won't give us the parcelwe pay him.
- 5 The children aren't here.....the moment, but will be back..... a few minutes.
- 6 Please don't touch anythingthe police arrive.
- 7 I'd like to hold our next meeting.....26th June. Will that be ok?
- 8 Will you finish worktime to do the shopping.?

Ex D. Read the text and fill the gaps with an appropriate word. An example is given. 5 marks

Jana Schneider , (0) ..who.. is in her early forties, has an unusual job (1)a woman; she is a war photographer. Jana, (2).....pictures of the devastation of war have earned her worldwide recognition, has travelled (3).....over the world in her job. Some call her brave, others crazy, but Jana's secret is knowledge of herself and the enemy. 'You have (4)..... concentrate on what you want to do and forget about (5)..... might happen to you,' she says. Jana has faced death several times but says that it does (6)..... frighten her as she is a religious person. Her husband, rock musician and composer Tom Wilson, to (7).....she has been married for over ten years, wants (8).....to give up her career. Jana admits that he worries (9).....her and is getting tired (10).....goodbyes at the airport but says she cannot imagine doing anything else.

Ex E. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

Use up to five words including the word given.

12 marks

1. 'You'd better not swim there. It's dangerous.' The man told us. **warned**

The manthere because it was dangerous.

2. 'Take that chewing gum out of your mouth, Claire!' the teacher ordered. **told**

The teacher the chewing gum out of her mouth.

3. In the winter we played football. **used**

Wein the winter.

4. Maria works so hard that she always gets the highest exam marks. **such**

Maria isthat she always gets the highest exam marks.

5. I didn't answer the phone because I didn't know it was you. **had**

If I, I would have answered the phone.

6. If she'd had my address with her, she would have sent me a postcard. **because**

She didn't send me a postcard.....my address with her.

7. Pete regrets forgetting to send Sally a Valentine card. **remembered**

Pete wishesSally a Valentine card.

8. 'I'd love to be the same height as my sister,' said Jane **tall**

Jane wishesher sister.

Ex F. Fill in the blanks with one of the following words. Who, whom, whose, where, which. **5 marks**

1 Do you remember Mike, the boy withwe went on holiday last year?

2 I met a girlsister won a silver medal in the recent sports events.

3 Afterwards we'll go to London,we can visit famous cathedrals, museums and parks.

4 The book I bought last week was very interesting.

5 The placewe went on holiday was an extraordinary one.

6 I was unsure as to I could ask for help.

7car did you borrow?

8 Please may I speak to the studentbrother lives in Greece.

9 Please take me to a shop from..... I can buy some stamps.

10 I have not managed to find anyone with I can go on holiday this year.

Section 2. Read the following text and then answer the questions. **30 marks**

One hundred and twenty feet below the surface of the Mediterranean, a diver cautiously enters a black hole ringed with coral and sea fans. His suit protects him from the rough rock as he maneuvers his air tanks in the metre-wide passage. In absolute darkness, that even his diving light cannot pierce, he moves slowly forward on short flipper thrusts. Will I ever reach the end of this tunnel? **5**

Henri Cosquer, a 35-year-old professional diver in Cassis near Marseille, had chanced upon the tunnel mouth weeks before, at the foot of a rock slide in the Morgiou inlet. Without light or other special equipment, he probed only 35 feet of the shaft. A second time he had ventured about 130 feet into the tunnel, where it widened to six or ten feet. But fine silt on the floor had risen up in a cloud, forcing him back. **10**

Now, on a bright September morning in 1985, he continued cautiously through the flooded crannies of the cliff. After 30 minutes, he broke the surface. Straining his eyes in the darkness, he stood up in waist-deep water at the edge of a small lake – to the incredible sight of a vaulted cavern some 200 feet wide.

Cosquer was tempted to take off his equipment and explore the cave immediately, but **15** diving time is strictly rationed, and he could not be sure the air was safe to breathe. However no one had set foot there for a long time, and it seemed unlikely that decomposing

vegetation would have poisoned the cave's air. So with a firm hand, he removed his regulator and took a mouthful. It seemed all right. Then he took a deep breath – no prickling feeling in the throat, no hint of headache. Cosquer now knew that he could return here at 20 will.

In July 1990 he planned an expedition to the cave for his two Belgian diver friends. On that big day the two divers observed that the cave was even more beautiful than Cosquer had described it. Through a hole in the side they saw another chamber about 100 feet high.

Finally on July 9th he entered the tunnel once again, with three experienced divers from 25 his club. Immediately they were in they started to take photographs.

After probing the second pool and finding no further exits Cosquer resurfaced and set his light down on a rock. "My God! What's that?" he cried. The narrow beam shining on the rock wall brought the outline of a hand surging out of the darkness.

"We have to get a picture of that," one of his friends said. "What if it's a prehistoric 30 drawing?"

Two days later, when Cosquer picked up his developed slide, he discovered that there was not one hand in the photo, but three. He began to think he'd hit on something amazing and combed all the archeology books he could find.

The group re-entered the cave four days later with floodlights, cameras and a waterproof 35 video camera. What they found exceeded their wildest hopes. Along the western side of the chamber, just above the waterline ran a frieze of small horses. Another, more elongated, horse faced them on the opposite wall. The drawings were traced in black, like charcoal, and covered with translucent calcite.

Camera flashes glittered around the vast room. On the roof they found a black bighorn 40 goat, a stag and yet another horse. No trace was found in this cave of tools, arrowheads or bones, which means that our ancestors probably went there for purely ritual reasons.

1. Why does the diver move slowly forward (line 4) and not at the usual speed?
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2. What does the expression 'had chanced upon' (line 6) mean?
3. In line 8 we read 'probed' and in line 9, we have 'ventured'. What is the difference between these two words?
4. What prevented the diver from going further inside the second time? (line 9)
5. How do we know that the cave was very wide but not deep?
6. The diver could not explore the cave the first time he reached it. Why?

7. What could have made the air dangerous to breathe, which in fact was not the case?

8. If the air had not been safe what would the diver have felt after breathing some of it?

9. Explain the expression 'exceeded their wildest hopes'?
10. Why is it possible that the cave was used only for religious ceremonies and rites?
11. Which words in the passage have the same meaning as the following.
- To act skillfully and with controlled movement.
 - Deposit of sediment.....
 - Decay through chemical breakdown.....
 - Shine by reflection.....

Section 3. Essay. Write an essay of about 180 words on ONE of the following: 30 marks

- Describe the things that you find most enjoyable and those that you find most boring in life.
- The death or birth of a member of your family.
- When I opened the door I could not believe my eyes.
- Looking out of the window on a cold, rainy day.
- A friend in need is a friend indeed.
- Which invention, in your opinion, really changed the world?

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