Entrance Examination

English for International Students
Year 9

Time allowed: 60 minutes

Dictionaries and translators are not allowed.

Name: ________________________________________

Date of Birth: ______________________

You should spend about:
25 minutes on Section A
10 minutes on Section B
25 minutes on Section C

In Section A, there is 1 mark for each correct answer, except for question 14, which is worth 2 marks, and question 15, which is worth 3.
In Section B, there is 1 mark for each correct answer.
Section C is worth 15 marks.

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Instructions to Supervisors
When this paper is printed, if printed in booklet form, page 2 must face page 3 so that the candidate can easily consult the text in answering the questions.
If printed as a set of single pages, the candidate must be able to separate them so that she can put the text and questions side by side.
Section A

You should spend about 25 minutes on this section.

Choose the best words from those below to fill in the gaps in the following passage.

1. There was once a town in the heart of America where all life seemed to live in ___ 1 ___ with its surroundings. The town lay in the midst of a checkerboard of prosperous farms, with fields of grain and hillside orchards where, in spring, white clouds of bloom drifted above the green fields. In autumn, oak and maple and birch set up a blaze of colour that flamed across a backdrop of pines. Then foxes barked in the hills and deer silently crossed the fields, half hidden in the mists of the fall mornings.

2. Along the roads, laurel, viburnum and alder, great ferns and wildflowers ___ 2 ___ the traveller's eye through much of the year. Even in winter the roadsides were places of beauty, where countless birds came to feed on the berries and on the seed heads of the dried weeds rising above the snow. The countryside was famous for the abundance and variety of its bird life, and when the flood of migrants was pouring through in spring and fall people travelled from great distances to observe them. Others came to fish the streams, which flowed clear and cold out of the hills and contained shady pools where trout lay. So it had been from the days many years ago when the first ___ 3 ___ raised their houses, sank their wells, and built their barns.

3. Then a strange blight crept over the area and everything began to ___ 4 ___. Some evil spell had settled on the community: mysterious maladies swept the flocks of chickens; the cattle and sheep sickened and died. Everywhere was a shadow of death. The farmers spoke of much illness among their families. In the town the doctors had become more and more ___ 5 ___ by new kinds of sickness appearing among their patients. There had been several sudden and unexplained deaths, not only among adults but even among children, who would be stricken suddenly while at play and die within a few hours.

4. There was a strange ___ 6 ___. The birds, for example; where had they gone? Many people spoke of them, puzzled and disturbed. The feeding stations in the backyards were deserted. The few remaining birds trembled violently and could not fly. It was a spring without voices. On the mornings that had once thrrobbed with the dawn chorus of robins, catbirds, doves, jays, wrens, and scores of other bird voices there was now no sound; only silence lay over the fields and woods and marsh.

5. On the farms the hens brooded, but no chicks hatched. The farmers ___ 7 ___ that they were unable to raise any pigs; the litters were small and the young ___ 8 ___ only a few days. The apple trees were coming into bloom but no bees droned among the blossoms, so there was no pollination and there would be no fruit.

6. The roadsides, ___ 9 ___ so attractive, were now lined with browned and withered vegetation as though swept by fire. These, too, were silent, deserted by all living things. Even the streams were now lifeless. Anglers no longer visited them, for all the fish had died.

7. In the gutters, under the eaves and between the shingles of the roofs, a white powder still showed a few patches; some weeks before it had fallen like snow upon the roofs and the lawns, the fields and streams.

8. No witchcraft, no enemy action had ___ 10 ___ the rebirth of new life in this stricken world. The people had done it themselves.

Adapted from “The Silent Spring” by Rachel Carson
Choose the best words to fill the numbered gaps.

1. A peace  B harmony  C friendship  D love
2. A struck  B delighted  C saw  D viewed
3. A people  B natives  C settlers  D Americans
4. A change  B develop  C transform  D differ
5. A confused  B puzzled  C excited  D surprised
6. A vacuum  B peace  C stillness  D event
7. A wept  B felt  C complained  D uttered
8. A were  B lasted  C died  D survived
9. A although  B once  C then  D past
10. A prevented  B denied  C cursed  D paused

11. Which word or phrase best explains “oak and maple and birch set up a blaze of colour that flamed…” (line 4)
   A wild fires burnt these trees
   B the leaves on these trees were yellow, orange and red like fire
   C the fruit on these trees was the colour of flames
   D these trees provided firewood as it got colder

12. “The flood of migrants” (line 11) refers to
   A the many people who came to work for a short time there
   B the large numbers of birds that passed through the area.
   C the overflowing rivers
   D the people who came to that place from other countries

13. The writer describes how, before the change, people “came to fish the streams, which flowed clear and cold out of the hills and contained shady pools where trout lay” (lines 12-13). Which two sentences describe how the situation was different after the change? [2 marks]

14. What do you think caused the change described in the passage? Why do you think this? [3 marks]

Section B

Put a ring [ ] around the answer that correctly fills the gap, as in the example:  0

0 “Whose mobile phone is that?” “It’s ______________________.”
   a) Mary’s  b) Maries  c) of Mary  d) Marys

1 We ____________________ any cooking since we arrived in England.
   a) aren’t doing  b) haven’t done  c) didn’t do  d) don’t do

2 Her father is very tall. He is ____________________
   a) as tall as yours.  b) as tall as your one.  c) so tall as your one.  d) so tall as yours.
3 I gave ______________ for her birthday.
   a) to her a T-shirt  b) her a T-shirt  c) a T-shirt her.  d) some T-shirt to her.

4 ______________ the thing you use to make holes in paper?
   a) How do you call  b) What do you call  c) What is it called  d) What you call

5 When ________________, bring her to me.
   a) Janet will arrive  b) Janet arrives  c) is Janet arriving  d) Janet arrive

6 “How’s your sister?” “______________.”
   a) She’s there.  b) He’s fine.  c) She’s fine.  d) That’s she.

7 My parents are coming at 7 o’clock ________________.
   a) this evening.  b) in this evening.  c) at this night.  d) this night.

8 Jennifer goes to _______________ Nancy.
   a) the same school  b) the school the same as  c) the same school as  d) same school as

9 Last Sunday, _______________ thousands of people in the square.
   a) they were  b) it was  c) there was  d) there were

10 WHO stands ___ World Health Organisation.
    a) for  b) to  c) in  d) as

11 _______________ it was raining, we still went for a picnic,
   a) Despite  b) Although  c) Despite of  d) In spite of

12 I thought I saw Sarah in assembly, but it _______________. She is away ill.
   a) must have been her  b) cannot be her  c) can’t have been her  d) can’t be her

13 They live __________ the other side of the road.
   a) in  b) for  c) on  d) opposite

14 She isn’t _______________ to carry that heavy suitcase.
   a) enough strong  b) so strong  c) as strong  d) strong enough

15 _______________ you’re happy, it doesn’t matter if you haven’t got much money.
   a) As long as  b) as far as  c) During  d) Meanwhile

16 If I _______________ my name on my textbook, I might have got it back.
   a) had  b) would have  c) had had  d) have had

17 Don’t wait for me if you _______________ a hurry.
   a) will be in  b) have  c) are in  d) will have

18 Take a bottle of water ________________.
   a) in case you get thirsty.  b) in case you will get thirsty.
   c) if you will get thirsty  d) if you get thirsty.
Write an article for your school magazine about your hopes and fears as you look forward to going to school abroad.

(Don’t forget to give it a title!)