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Track 3 (JL)



FORM 4	ENGLISH LANGUAGE								TIME: 2 hrs.	
Section	ORAL	LC	A	B	C	D	E	F		Global Mark
Max. Mark	10	10	5	5	10	10	20	30		100
Mark										

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

Name: _____

Class: _____

A. Add a prefix (dis-, in-, ir-, mis- or re-) to the following root words, then fill the gaps in the sentences below. (5 marks)

advantage	correct	formal	like	responsible
agree	dependent	honest	print	write

1. It was very _____ of her to cheat in the examination.
2. It was very _____ of you to go away for the weekend without telling your parents where you were.
3. It is a great _____ nowadays not to be able to drive - especially when applying for a job.
4. You don't need to wear a suit or a jacket; it's going to be a very _____ party.
5. I'm not very happy with this essay. I think I'll _____ it.
6. 17 plus 18 doesn't make 46. That's _____. The right answer is 35.
7. There was an amusing _____ in today's newspaper.
8. This year our country will have been _____ for 40 years.
9. "I think shops should be closed on Sundays." "I _____! I think they should be open seven days a week."
10. I _____ all animals - especially dogs. My sister, on the other hand, loves them.

B. Add a suffix (-er, -or, -ian, or -ist) to the following words, then fill the gaps in the sentences below. (5 marks)

art	direct	guitar	write	terror
collect	electric	library	own	survive

1. If you need to find a particular book, the _____ will help you.
2. She was the only _____ of the plane crash. Everyone else was killed.
3. "Would the _____ of the blue Volvo, registration number DAC 679, please remove it as it is blocking the entrance?"
4. There are very few people who have never heard of the Dutch _____ Vincent Van Gogh.
5. Alfred Hitchcock is the film _____ I admire most.
6. He had always wanted to be a _____, so we weren't at all surprised to hear that he had published a novel.
7. She could play several musical instruments, but it was as a _____ that she became famous.
8. To prevent a _____ attack, there is always very tight security at international airports.
9. She has been a stamp _____ since she was a child.
10. My son is training to be an _____. That should be handy for us when we rewire our house.

C. Fill in the blanks by changing the verbs (printed in bold type) into nouns.

(10 marks)

1. You should always take special care with your _____ (**appear**) when you go for an interview.
2. The children's _____ (**behave**) at the party was dreadful.
3. It is my _____ (**believe**) that a UFO will land in a city on Earth in the year 2012.
4. There is no _____ (**compare**) between his latest book and his earlier ones.
5. They say that _____ (**compete**) between companies helps to keep prices down.
6. Well, we can't stay here all day talking, can we? We've got to take a _____ (**decide**) soon.
7. Their _____ (**depart**) was delayed because of bad weather.
8. The bombs caused terrible _____ (**destroy**).
9. Holiday camps usually provide free _____ (**entertain**).

10. I wrote to the company asking for further _____ (**inform**) about their offer.
11. I'm afraid I can't come with you tonight, Pete. I've got to go to a _____ (**meet**).
12. This is a very early _____ (**paint**) by Caravaggio.
13. We had to get special _____ (**permit**) to leave early.
14. Goodbye. It's been a _____ (**please**) to meet you.
15. I want _____ (**prove**) of your love. Lend me £1,000!
16. There was a _____ (**rob**) at the local post office at the weekend.
17. The _____ (**serve**) at the hotel was excellent.
18. As best man, he had to make a _____ (**speak**) at the wedding.
19. They've made a very good job of this _____ (**translate**). It's almost as good as the original.
20. If you want to lose _____ (**weigh**), you'd better eat less.

D. Read the passage below and fill in the missing words by choosing from the following list.
(10 marks)

non smoking	duty free	boarding	boarding pass
security check	Gate	departure lounge	passport control
passport	airline ticket	baggage reclaim	took off
flight	landed	Terminal	immigration officer
check-in desk	departures board	Customs	airport

After Penny Dawson had parked her car in the long-term car park at (1) _____
3 at Heathrow (2) _____, she made her way to the British Airways (3) _____
_____. She was going to Paris for the weekend and only had one small suitcase to check-in. She had also a shoulder-bag, but that would go as hand luggage.

She handed over her (4) _____ to the girl and asked if she could sit in a
(5) _____ seat.

“Aisle or window?”

“Aisle, please,” Penny answered.

The British Airways girl gave her a (6) _____ and wished her a pleasant
(7) _____. Penny thanked her and made her way towards the
(8) _____. Before she got there she had to go through a
(9) _____ where her bag was X-rayed, and then she had to show her
(10) _____ to an (11) _____.

The first thing she did was to buy some cheap (12) _____ goods for the friends she was going to stay with. Then she sat down near the large (13) _____ to wait for her flight to be called.

Eventually, the board showed that Flight BA 325 to Paris was now (14) _____ through (15) _____ 25.

The plane (16) _____ on time and, forty-five minutes later, (17) _____ at Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris. Once off the plane, she followed her fellow-passengers to the (18) _____ area to pick up her suitcase. Before getting there she had to go through (19) _____ and show her passport again.

After a short wait, her suitcase finally appeared on the conveyor belt. She quickly picked it up and passed through (20) _____ where her friends, she hoped, would be waiting for her.

E. Comprehension

(20 marks)

Read the following passage and then answer the questions below:

Mr. Price, the antique dealer, lived alone in a small flat above his shop. Because of the many valuable articles which he kept on the premises, he was always afraid that one night someone would break in and rob him. Years before, when he had first come to live there, he had shutters fitted to all the ground-floor windows and strong locks put on all the doors. **In addition**, he locked up most of his valuable articles in a cupboard, which he had had specially made for this purpose. But, in spite of these precautions, he never felt safe, particularly when he had a lot of money in the flat after a good day's business.

One Saturday night, when he counted his money after closing the shop, he found that he had earned nearly two thousand pounds that day. This was an exceptionally large sum and the thought of keeping it in the house made him feel very nervous. He knew that it would be better to take it to his son's house, where there was a small safe, but it was a foggy evening and his son lived on the other side of town. In the end, he took the money with him to his bedroom, put it in the pocket of one of his overcoats and locked the wardrobe door. He put the key under his pillow and went to bed.

Mr. Price lay awake for a long time, wondering if his money was really safe, and it was **well** after midnight before he fell asleep. Almost immediately, or so it seemed, he was woken up by the loud ringing of the shop doorbell. He sat up in bed. Could he have been dreaming? Surely, he

thought, no one could want to see him at this hour of the night. The doorbell rang again, echoing through the silent house. He **could not help** thinking of a story he had read about a man who had been attacked and robbed when he went to answer the door at night. Once again the doorbell rang, more **persistently** this time.

Mr. Price got out of bed and went across to the window. The fog had **cleared slightly**. He opened the window and looked out. He could just make out the **shadowy** figure of a man standing on the pavement below. "What do you want?" Mr. Price called out in a nervous voice. The figure stepped back until it was standing under the street lamp. It was a policeman. "Sorry to disturb you, sir," said the policeman, "but there is a light on in your shop. I think you have forgotten to turn it off."

Say whether the following statements are true or false and copy the phrases or sentences which indicate this.

1. It was not unusual for Mr. Price to have two thousand pounds in the house after a good day's business.

_____ : _____

(1 mark)

2. Mr. Price locked up the money in his shop.

_____ : _____

(1 mark)

3. It took Mr. Price a long time to get to sleep.

_____ : _____

(1 mark)

4. Mr. Price did not think it was safe to answer the door at night.

_____ : _____

(1 mark)

5. Mr. Price could see the policeman clearly as soon as he looked out of the window.

_____ : _____

(1 mark)

Answer the following questions briefly, in your own words as far as possible. Use one complete sentence for each answer.

6. What precautions had Mr. Price taken to prevent anyone from breaking into his shop?

(1 mark)

7. Why didn't Mr. Price take the two thousand pounds to his son's house?

(1 mark)

8. How many times did the doorbell ring?

(1 mark)

9. Why did the policeman disturb Mr. Price?

(1 mark)

Complete the following sentences. Your answers must be related to the ideas contained in the passage.

10. The cupboard in which _____
had been specially made for this purpose.

(1 mark)

11. Instead of taking the money to his son's house, Mr. Price _____

(1 mark)

12. When Mr. Price first woke up, he wondered _____

(1 mark)

13. Mr. Price could not see clearly who was at the door until _____
_____.
(1 mark)

14. The policeman apologized for _____.
(1 mark)

Explain the meaning of the following words and phrases as they are used in the passage:

15. in addition - _____

16. well - _____

17. could not help - _____

18. persistently - _____

19. cleared slightly - _____

20. shadowy - _____
(6 marks)

F. Composition (30 marks)

Write a composition of between 250 and 300 words on one of the following:

1. Write a story called 'Buried Alive'.
2. Describe the radio or television programme you enjoy listening to most and say why you find it interesting.
3. Write a letter to your Headmaster complaining about the things you don't like in your school. Remember to offer solutions as well.
4. A typical day in the year 2070.