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**ΤΟ ΕΞΕΤΑΣΤΙΚΟ ΔΟΚΙΜΙΟ ΑΠΟΤΕΛΕΙΤΑΙ ΑΠΟ ΤΕΣΣΕΡΙΣ (4) ΣΕΛΙΔΕΣ
ΟΛΕΣ ΟΙ ΑΠΑΝΤΗΣΕΙΣ ΝΑ ΔΟΘΟΥΝ ΣΤΟ ΤΕΤΡΑΔΙΟ ΑΠΑΝΤΗΣΕΩΝ**

PART I: COMPOSITION

(40 MARKS)

Write an essay of **250-300 words** on the following topic:

Do you think teenagers should be allowed to go on holiday with their friends? Discuss.

PART II: READING COMPREHENSION

(30 MARKS)

Read the following text and then do all the exercises that follow.

What if we all thought the same?

If we all thought the same, we could perhaps live in peace and harmony. However, this would depend on what our thoughts were. For example, we might have the primitive thought that everyone who lived outside our village or city was our enemy. If this were the case, think how many wars or civil wars would be fought.

Apart from this serious fact, we would not need to debate any issues, or read what philosophers have to say. We would not be able to exercise our critical thinking, and would accept whatever everyone else did. There would be no arguments, of course, and no need for several political parties. Democracy would become irrelevant because there would only be one ideology. It would not really matter which party governed a country.

How boring it would be if all people shared the same opinions! How often do you have different opinions from your friends? How long do you spend discussing or debating the issues which arise from these differences? If we all thought the same, what would be the point of conversation? If you asked a question, you would already know the answer, so why ask? And how would you spend your time if you did not converse?

There would also be consequences in the field of the arts. If we all thought the same, there would not be different painting styles. All art would be stylized, so what would be

the use of painting? Everyone would paint in a similar way and there would be no innovation. The same would be true of music, literature, film and so on.

If we all thought the same, we would probably wear the same clothes, buy the same food, furniture, or whatever, and become uniform. Because we would all like the same things, there would be far less choice. Therefore, there would be fewer items on the market. Not only our mental world, but also the material one, would be boring. In some science fiction stories there is, however, usually one person who attempts to change such a scenario. But would that happen in real life?

A. Choose the best answer according to the text.

(5x3=15 marks)

1. According to the writer, there would be wars if we ...

- A. all lived outside a big city.
- B. all lived in a small village.
- C. considered our thoughts primitive.
- D. considered others as our enemies.

2. If we all thought the same, there wouldn't be ...

- A. different political ideas.
- B. different successful politicians.
- C. any reason to have friends.
- D. any need for a government.

3. The writer believes that if we all thought the same, ...

- A. life would be a series of problems.
- B. life would be very boring.
- C. we wouldn't be able to talk to each other.
- D. we would waste our time for no reason.

4. If we all thought the same, in painting ...

- A. everyone would paint the same things.
- B. there would never be a different style.
- C. artists would become like robots.
- D. art would finally be very stylish.

5. The writer says that, in some stories, ...

- A. everyone has the same nightmare.
- B. consumers have fewer items to choose from.
- C. someone tries to change the situation.
- D. nothing can be done or said correctly.

B. Answer the following questions according to the text. (3x3=9 marks)

1. What, according to the writer, would be the results of our having the same opinions as our friends?
2. How would our consumer society change if we all had the same ideas?
3. How would life be different if every individual thought differently from everybody else? Use information from the whole text. Give at least three examples.

C. Find words in the text which have the same or similar meaning as the following: (6x1=6 marks)

1. ancient
2. discuss
3. unrelated
4. talk
5. improvement
6. consequently

PART III: USE OF ENGLISH (30 MARKS)

A. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. (5x2=10 marks)

1. I don't find it strange to stay in luxury hotels. **(staying)**
I _____ in luxury hotels.
2. A great deal has changed in this area since the new shopping centre opened. **(many)**
There _____ in this area since the new shopping centre opened.
3. I want to study computing, but my grades are not good enough. **(would)**
If my grades _____ study computing.
4. I'd prefer you not to smoke in here. **(rather)**
I _____ smoke in here.
5. Although he is blind, Brian can run 100 metres in under 11 seconds. **(spite)**
Brian can run 100 m. in under 11 seconds, _____ that he is blind.

B. Use the words given in brackets to form words that fit the blanks.

(10x1=10 marks)

The Seaview Hotel

The Seaview Hotel is a large building in the centre of the town. From the outside, it looks 1. _____ (**IMPRESS**), but the atmosphere inside is warm and friendly. The 2. _____ (**OWN**) have recently modernized the hotel, but I was 3. _____ (**PLEASE**) that they had managed to keep some of the 4. _____ (**TRADITION**) character of this lovely old building. The hotel has 120 rooms, all of which have bathrooms. There are also three 5. _____ (**LUXURIOUS**) suites for guests who can afford a little more comfort. Other 6. _____ (**FACILITATE**) include a gym and a sauna. The gym is well equipped. 7. _____ (**FORTUNATE**) the sauna was closed when I visited the place. The level of 8. _____ (**SERVE**) was very high. In fact, all the staff seemed very happy to deal with any 9. _____ (**REQUIRE**) – even when I asked for hot chocolate at four o'clock in the morning! In 10. _____ (**CONCLUDE**), the Seaview is a lovely hotel which is perfect for anyone who wants to visit the town.

C. Complete the gaps with ONE suitable word.

(10x1=10 marks)

Freedom at last?

Tina was in her room, anxiously biting her nails. Her parents were downstairs and she could hear 1. ___ little of what they were saying. She did 2. ___ need to hear all of it, anyway. She knew what they were discussing 3. ___ the bits that floated upstairs to her room. She heard her mum say, "Well, it's 4. ___ a very nice location, anyway." Her father's response 5. ___ too quiet to hear. Tina rolled over on her bed and stared 6. ___ the ceiling. For weeks she had been asking her parents for permission to go 7. ___ a holiday with her friends while her friends did the same. In the beginning, they 8. ___ refused without even discussing it but Tina knew that that was just the first round in a long process. Like all parents 9. ___ teenagers, they started from the safest position, the one that caused 10. ___ the least worry.
