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**ΤΟ ΕΞΕΤΑΣΤΙΚΟ ΔΟΚΙΜΙΟ ΑΠΟΤΕΛΕΙΤΑΙ ΑΠΟ ΟΚΤΩ (8) ΣΕΛΙΔΕΣ
ΟΛΕΣ ΟΙ ΑΠΑΝΤΗΣΕΙΣ ΝΑ ΓΡΑΦΟΥΝ ΣΤΟ ΤΕΤΡΑΔΙΟ ΑΠΑΝΤΗΣΕΩΝ
ΠΡΙΝ ΑΠΟ ΚΑΘΕ ΑΠΑΝΤΗΣΗ ΝΑ ΣΗΜΕΙΩΣΕΤΕ ΤΑ ΣΤΟΙΧΕΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΡΩΤΗΣΗΣ**

PART II: READING COMPREHENSION

(60 MARKS)

1) For each text, choose the correct answer A, B or C.

(5x2=10 marks)

1. Architects needed We are looking for architects to design our new school library. Applicants must have at least five years of experience. Send your portfolio and CV to contact@lakesideschool.net by 20 th , August 2026.	What is the purpose of this message? A. To invite students to join an architecture course. B. To advertise a job for experienced architects. C. To announce the opening of a new library.
2. Winter View Ski Park The ski park will be closed tomorrow morning due to heavy snow. It will reopen in the afternoon if the weather improves.	A. The ski park is closed all week. B. The ski park will be open all morning. C. The ski park might open later tomorrow.
3. Attention! Our cleaner cannot come today, so please allow some time to tidy up your own desks before leaving. Thank you.	A. Everyone should clean their desks today. B. The cleaner will clean the desks later. C. The cleaner is coming earlier than usual.
4. Hi Linda, I'm feeling really inspired after we visited that art gallery last week! I think I'll start painting again. Melinda.	A. Melinda wants to buy a painting. B. Melinda feels bored after going to the gallery. C. Melinda feels motivated to paint after visiting the gallery.

5. Willow Tree Cottage Rentals Are you looking for a quiet place to relax? Stay in our cottage by the lake. It is perfect for families that want peace and enjoy being in nature!	A. The cottage is only for one person. B. The cottage is near the beach. C. The cottage is suitable for people who want a calm holiday.
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2) Match the people (1-5) to the events (A-H). There are THREE EXTRA events you do not need to use. (5x2=10 marks)

1. Emma has been feeling tired recently and would like a change of environment. She enjoys slow-paced activities and places where she can clear her mind.
2. James often spends his evenings listening to music and appreciates events that focus on skill and performance rather than modern trends.
3. Olivia enjoys spending her free time learning new practical skills. She prefers activities where she can be actively involved rather than just watching.
4. Liam works long hours and looks forward to events where he can relax, socialise, and enjoy light-hearted entertainment.
5. Sophia is interested in taking part in something meaningful. She likes events where people come together to support a shared goal.

WEEKEND EVENTS

A. Evening of Classical Elegance Enjoy a concert of classical music performed by highly skilled performers from the city orchestra. A perfect night for music lovers in a historic venue.	E. Mountain Challenge Race Take part in an exciting 10 km mountain run! This demanding outdoor event is especially designed for participants who love sports, adventure and enjoy testing their limits.
B. Handmade Wonders Workshop Spend a creative weekend making your own jewellery and home decorations while experimenting with different materials. Experienced artists will guide you and assist you if needed.	F. Summer Comedy Night Do you want to relax after a long week? Enjoy a night of jokes and laughter with local comedians at the Riverside Theatre. Refreshments are included!
C. Forest Retreat Weekend If you want to get away from your busy schedule, come to our peaceful cottages near Greenhill Lake. Enjoy yoga, long walks, and quiet evenings by the fire while being surrounded by natural scenery.	G. Charity Dinner & Concert Join us for an evening combining exceptional food and live music. All the money collected from the tickets will be used to raise funds for local children's hospitals.

D. City Street Food Festival

Join us in this outdoor event where you can try delicious food from around the world! You will have the chance to meet new people, watch live performers, and enjoy great entertainment all day long in a beautiful lively atmosphere.

H. Young Artists Exhibition

Visit our gallery to see exceptional paintings and sculptures created by students from the local art school. Entrance is free and visitors will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite artist in the live art show.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
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3) Read the text and the questions below. For each question, choose the correct answer A, B, C or D. (5x2=10 marks)

A town that lives in one building

Located in the beautiful state of Alaska, the small town of Whittier is surrounded by mountains and the ocean. This town is hard to reach: the only ways to get there are by ferry or through a one-lane tunnel that goes through the mountains. The tunnel is shared by both vehicles and trains, so a strict schedule is needed for safe travel.

Whittier's port is the main source of work for the town's residents. Cargo ships bring containers that are sent across Alaska by train. The town also has a grocery store, a museum, two hotels, and provides jobs for police officers, teachers, and marina staff. Tourism is growing and brings more income. Visitors come to see the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel, go on glacier jet ski tours, and enjoy scenic boat trips to see wildlife and icebergs.

The most unusual thing about Whittier is that almost all of its 200 residents live in the same building. Begich Towers is a 14-storey building that has apartments, a grocery store, a police station, and even a school nearby that is connected by a tunnel. This makes life easier during the harsh winter months when heavy snow and strong winds are common. Residents do not need to go outside for basic activities, which is very convenient in such cold weather.

Whittier's unusual living situation began in the early 1900s when the area was chosen for a military base. The location was perfect because it was protected by mountains and the bay never froze. Soldiers first lived in wooden camps, but later two big buildings were constructed: the Buckner Building and the Begich Towers. The tunnel, built in the 1940s to bring trains and cargo to the town, made Whittier an important port. After the military left in the 1960s, the Buckner Building was abandoned, and Begich Towers became the main place to live.

Today, residents can easily walk or use the elevator to go shopping, visit the police station, or see friends. There is also a small health clinic for minor medical problems. Living in Begich Towers

creates a close community, as people meet in the café, attend meetings, and support one another. This way of living encourages cooperation and friendship among residents.

Although Whittier is small, it is a remarkable example of human creativity and community. This single-building town, which is surrounded by Alaska's mountains and ocean, shows how people can adapt to extreme weather and live comfortably together. The town is a unique place where residents have built a strong and supportive group while enjoying one of the most beautiful landscapes in the world.

(Adapted from: https://test-english.com/reading/b1/a-town-that-lives-in-one-building-b1-english-reading/?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

1. Why is the tunnel to Whittier carefully scheduled?

- A. Because it is very long and narrow.
- B. Because it is used by all the available means of transport.
- C. Because only local residents can use it.
- D. Because it is sometimes closed in winter.

2. How does the port influence life in Whittier?

- A. It provides jobs for residents and helps the town's economy.
- B. It is only important during the summer.
- C. It is mostly used for fishing activities.
- D. It only brings tourists who stay in hotels.

3. Why don't children in Whittier need to go outside to attend school?

- A. Because the school is far away, so they stay home.
- B. Because classes are held online due to the weather.
- C. Because a covered passageway connects the school and the building.
- D. Because they are home-schooled by their parents.

4. Why was Begich Towers built as one big building?

- A. To attract tourists to Whittier.
- B. Because people needed a safe place to live and work during harsh winters.
- C. Because there was no space for other buildings.
- D. To be closer to port.

5. What is a main advantage of living in Begich Towers?

- A. People can travel easily to other cities.
- B. Residents can avoid working at the port.
- C. It is closer to the mountains for outdoor activities.
- D. All services and facilities are within the building, creating a united community.

4) Five sentences have been removed from the text below. For each gap, choose the correct sentences A-G. There are TWO extra sentences you do not need to use.

(5x2=10 marks)

A Greek Nobel Prize Winner



Odysseus Elytis was a famous Greek poet, who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1979. He was born in Heraklion in 1911. 1. ____.

2. _____. When he was young, though, he stopped using his family name because he wanted his writing to be separate from the family business. He studied law at Athens University but focused on poetry. He was inspired by French Surrealist poets and began publishing his poems in the 1930s. His early poems were original and had a unique style.

3. _____. Elytis' experiences in the war inspired some of his poems, which honoured the bravery of soldiers and expressed hope for freedom.

After the Greek Civil War, he stopped publishing for almost 15 years. 4. _____. Mikis Theodorakis, one of the most celebrated music composers of Greece, created the music for this poem, which made it even more popular.

Elytis is considered one of the greatest Greek poets of the 20th century. His work was often related to Greek history, culture, and nature. 5. _____. His beautiful lyrical style as well as his reflections on life and Greece, earned him international recognition. He was a truly influential and exceptional poet!

(Adapted from: <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Odysseus-Elytis>)

- A. He returned with a famous long poem about his life, Greece and its people, called "To Axion Esti."
- B. This is a city located on the northern coast of Crete, facing the Aegean Sea.
- C. It combined his personal feelings with the identity of his country.
- D. She was therefore able to have the same kind of education.
- E. Elytis was born into a wealthy family from Lesbos.
- F. The talented musician could play instruments at the age of 4.
- G. During World War II, Elytis fought in Albania as part of the Greek army.

Did Mozart have a sister?

Maria Anna Mozart was a talented musician from Salzburg, Austria. She was the older sister of the famous composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. From a very young age, Maria Anna learnt to play the keyboard and became an excellent performer. She was taught music by her father, who (1) _____ her and helped her follow in her parents' (2) _____. She practiced hard every day, and her dedication (3) _____ her to perform with

her younger brother Wolfgang on concert tours across Europe. People often said they looked (4) _____ and that they had a lot in (5) _____.

Maria Anna performed for important audiences and (6) _____ her feelings through music. However, when she became an adult, her public performing career ended. At that time, women were not always (7) _____ to continue performing in public. Although her own musical career stopped, Maria Anna's early success helped her brother and influenced his later work. Many historians believe her talent and support (8) _____ played a part in shaping Wolfgang's future. Maria Anna's support and (9) _____ for Wolfgang influenced him, and their close (10) _____ helped him become one of history's greatest composers.

(Adapted from: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maria_Anna_Mozart)

1.	A. applied	B. inspired	C. managed	D. cared
2.	A. footsteps	B. shoulders	C. bonds	D. feet
3.	A. allowed	B. followed	C. believed	D. learnt
4.	A. unexpected	B. frosty	C. original	D. alike
5.	A. brilliant	B. spectacular	C. common	D. awesome
6.	A. said	B. told	C. expressed	D. located
7.	A. permitted	B. graduated	C. participated	D. concentrated
8.	A. fashionably	B. definitely	C. noisily	D. horribly
9.	A. cares	B. careful	C. caring	D. care
10.	A. relations	B. salaries	C. sites	D. destinations

6) Read the short text below and complete the gaps with ONE word.

(10x1=10 marks)

Batman



Batman is one of the (1) _____ famous fictional characters in the world. (2) _____ a child, Bruce Wayne saw his parents die in a terrible crime. This moment changed (3) _____ life forever. From that day, he decided (4) _____ fight crime and protect others, so they would (5) _____ suffer as he did. He trained his body and mind for (6) _____ years and (7) _____ very strong, fast, and intelligent. Unlike other superheroes, Batman does not have special powers. Instead, (8) _____ uses his skills, discipline, and advanced technology. He has many useful gadgets and vehicles that help (9) _____ fight criminals.

During the day, Bruce Wayne lives as a rich businessman. His money allows him to live comfortably and support his secret work. He lives in a large house (10) _____ his loyal butler, Alfred, who helps and advises him. At night, Bruce becomes Batman. Wearing his dark costume, he moves through the streets of Gotham City, bringing fear to criminals and hope to ordinary people.

(Adapted from: <https://www.dc.com/characters/batman>)

PART III: WRITING

(40 MARKS)

You **must** answer this question.

(1x20=20 marks)

Write your answer in about 100 words.

7. Read the email from your friend Michael and the notes you have made.

Tell Michael how you are.

Tell Michael if you have a best friend.

From: Michael
Subject: Best friend

Hi friend,

How are you? Thanks for your last email.

I haven't made any new friends yet. I guess it takes time to achieve this when you move to a new town. Do you have a best friend? What is he or she like as a person? What does he or she look like? What do you usually do together?

Write back soon!

Take care,
Michael.

Describe your best friend's personality and appearance.

Describe what you do together.

Write your **email** to Michael using all your notes.

8. Choose **ONE** of these questions. Write your answer in about 100 words. (1x20=20 marks)

- A. You have decided to enter **a short story** competition. The competition rules say that the story must end with the following sentence:

“It was a day I will never forget”.

Your story should be about 100 words.

- B. You have a blog that is about the best places in the world. Write **a blog entry** with the following title:

The city where I would choose to live

Your blog entry should be about 100 words.

GOOD LUCK!!