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**ΤΟ ΕΞΕΤΑΣΤΙΚΟ ΔΟΚΙΜΙΟ ΑΠΟΤΕΛΕΙΤΑΙ ΑΠΟ ΕΝΝΕΑ (9) ΣΕΛΙΔΕΣ
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PART I: Reading and Use of English

(60 MARKS)

- 1. Read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0). (8 × 1 = 8 marks)**

Affection and Communication in Relationships

Affectionate behaviour can **0. be** a powerful tool for couples to **1. _____** hard times. However, if one partner is **2. _____** in affection, it can have disastrous **3. _____** on the relationship. Partners who do not receive enough love or attention may **4. _____** emotionally, feeling neglected, unloved and unimportant. When difficulties arise, it is important that partners **5. _____** the courage to address the issue and communicate their needs, rather than **6. _____** for a relationship where they feel unseen and unloved.

In **7. _____** conversations can reveal areas where a partner's needs and desires are not being met, and where changes can be made to improve the relationship. When communicating needs, partners should be mindful of how they express themselves, avoiding the temptation to **8. _____** off or attack their partner. Coming across as aggressive or confrontational can damage the relationship further, creating new issues.

Relationships require attention and care. Open communication and affectionate behaviour can build a strong and lasting partnership, while ignoring or denying these needs can be disastrous.

0	A	see	B	have	C	be	D	work
1	A	turn to	B	get through	C	go off	D	lead to
2	A	lacking	B	looking	C	missing	D	causing
3	A	effect	B	affect	C	consequence	D	implications
4	A	arrange	B	destroy	C	ruin	D	collapse
5	A	end up	B	wipe off	C	pluck up	D	get on
6	A	accepting	B	settling	C	rejecting	D	sticking
7	A	depth	B	length	C	width	D	strength
8	A	catch	B	call	C	take	D	tell

2. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0). (8 × 1 = 8 marks)

The first biodegradable shoes



Plastic may not be the first thing that comes to mind when one thinks **0. __of__** shoes. But an important part of modern shoes is **1. _____** made today with plastic materials. The billions of pairs of discarded shoes, flip flops, and sandals that end up in landfills every year take hundreds of years to decompose and pose an environmental challenge. A company hopes to reduce the problem with the first environmentally friendly shoe.

Tom Cooke, the president of the company said that as a surfer, he **2. _____** seen first-hand how polluted the oceans are by plastic. " If people treated the earth with respect, things **3. _____** be quite different today. Fortunately, the first biodegradable shoe is a reality, and everyone can have access **4. _____** it." Tom Cooke added.

It took them six years to create plant-based materials that are strong **5. _____** to replace **6. _____** used in conventional shoes. The resulting shoe successfully decomposes in soil or the ocean within a year.

The company supports that the shoes, available online for \$135, are durable and comfortable and can be treated **7. _____** any other shoe. The only difference? When it's time to discard them, the only thing you will leave behind is footprints. It's time we all **8. _____** part in this effort to save the environment.

Adapted from <https://www.dogonews.com/2022/10/5/worlds-first-fully-biodegradable-shoe-hits-the-market>

3. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap. There is an example at the beginning (0). (8x1= 8 marks)

Obstacles to Success

Realising the goals we set is considered a great 0. accomplishment (ACCOMPLISH) for those who manage to do it but the rest of us are struggling with personal obstacles that hinder us from desired outcomes. Being 1. _____ (DECIDE) is the first one. Throughout our life we encounter 2. _____ (VARY) moments that require us to make choices. Though the available choices are never good enough to pick one and frustrated, we stand still waiting 3. _____ (PATIENCE) for the next opportunity to arise. 4. _____ (OBSESS) also hold us back from our dreams. We are fixated on specific ideas and expect things to be the way we have them in our mind. This makes it almost impossible to take advantage of opportunities that come our way. Negative thoughts and self-doubt can immensely slow down our progress too. We should approach everything we do 5. _____ (ENTHUSIASM) and always keep an open mind. Thus, we will 6. _____ (ABLE) ourselves to achieve greatness. When we get rid of our personal 7. _____ (WEAK) and we 8. _____ (STRONG) our abilities, we can succeed in realising our dreams.

4. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. Here is an example (0). (5X2=10 Marks)

0. I live in the city centre, so I didn't walk to the park last night. WALKED
If I didn't live in the city centre, I would have walked to the park last night.
1. He drives fast. He also ignores the traffic signals. ONLY
Not _____ fast but he also ignores the traffic signals.
2. 'Tina, don't talk so rudely'. RATHER
'Tina, I _____ talk so rudely'.
3. John is the most productive employee in the company. WORKS
Everyone in the company _____ John.
4. People believe that the celebrity couple broke up last month. BELIEVED
The celebrity couple _____ up last month.
5. They are getting married in July. They are going to move house six months later. BEEN
By the time they move house, they _____ for six months.

5. Choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.
(6 × 2 = 12 marks)

Hottest Place on Earth

No one travels alone to the hottest place on earth. You need, for starters, a driver and a Jeep stocked with water and four days of food. There are no places to stay or dine in this desert, so you'll need space for beds and someone who knows how to cook. And finally, because a journey like this costs many thousands of dollars, you'll need some fellow travellers to split the bill and the sort of people who like to fry themselves on vacation.

My father is the easiest recruit. Dad, who naps the best roasting in the afternoon sun, is a lover of extreme heat. He's also an extreme traveller, drawn to places where no one goes on holidays. From my father, I've inherited both tendencies: I'm known for getting bright pink sunburns, and for stalking the edges of maps. The Danakil desert lies on the borders of several countries, which claim a part of this low-lying desert, known for being the cruellest place on earth. I don't have to mention this to my father - not the endless salt flats, lakes the bright colour of mouthwash, or camels by the thousands. When Dad starts calling this desert 'the frying pan', I know he's in.

We enlist three more people and in Mekele, the starting place for our voyage, we merge with four others. We fill five Jeeps and have nothing in common but a love of travel, and a willingness to sweat for it. The Jeeps plunge down mountains for hours. The heat, of course, is brutal. I remind myself this is just a warm-up. The real heat won't strike until we reach the sizzling edge of the frying pan, an uninhabited region, roughly 130 meters below sea level, called Dailol, which holds the record for the highest average annual temperature of 34° C.

As we continue, sand gives way to salt, and soon we're in a landscape of white crystals shining in the fresh morning light. The ground is astonishingly flat. Our driver, who has been battling fine sand, cannot resist to go for it. We rush ahead of the other cars in what looks like a Jeep race across some frozen lake. Suddenly, in the pure white expanse, a huge brown hill appears. We're ordered by our guides to find a full litre of bottled water and to bring it with us up the brown mountain.

At the summit, I find my travel mates standing in a kind of silent daydream. Astonished, they crouch down beside pale green poisonous mushrooms - mineral formations whose glossy tops are smooth as marble. The hottest place on earth is an assault of colour: yellow and deep rust, pea green and purple. Some of the formations look like coral reefs, others like eggshells, air-blown from the hot breath of the earth below. Everyone wanders off alone, tasting the earth, heads down, staring at the ground and shaking their heads.

I know the ground is hot - you can even hear the water boiling underground. Everywhere we step, things break. Just when I work up the nerve to step with force, the purple ground collapses beneath my foot. The sneaker I pull back out is covered in the bright yellow stuff. You start to think we really shouldn't be here. This desert wasn't built to handle a human intrusion, and the human body certainly wasn't built to handle this desert.

Back in the Jeeps, blazing towards the white horizon, I look down at my sneakers. The fluorescent yellow stuff has faded into neutral dirt, like that was all just some fever dream up there, a place we made up.

Adapted from <https://www.esleschool.com/hottest-place-on-earth/>

1. What point does the writer make in the first paragraph?

- A. Travelling to the desert requires an insignificant amount of money.
- B. Organising a trip to the desert is a simple task.
- C. Travellers to the desert can encounter difficulties due to the temperature.
- D. Travelling to the desert by themselves is not advisable.

2. What statement is NOT true about the Danakil desert?

- A. It can be approached from several countries.
- B. It is a part of one country.
- C. It is at a lower level than its surroundings.
- D. It has salty and colourful lakes.

3. What does the writer mean with “...this is just the warm-up” in paragraph three.

- A. They haven't faced the real challenge of the journey yet.
- B. They still have a considerable distance to cover until they arrive.
- C. They are still getting to know each other on the Jeeps.
- D. They have finished their warm-up and now they are ready to exercise.

4. In paragraph four the writer is impressed by the...

- A. shiny salt.
- B. white landscape.
- C. level of the earth.
- D. fine sand.

5. When the travellers reach the summit, they feel...

- A. sleepy and tired after the long journey.
- B. disappointed with the brightness of the colours.
- C. unbelievably hungry.
- D. extremely impressed by the landscape.

6. How does the writer feel towards the end?

- A. nervous when the earth collapses.
- B. angry when her shoes get dirty.
- C. uncertain about her decision to be there.
- D. worried that she might not survive.

6. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A – G the one which fits each gap (). There is one extra sentence that you do not need to use.

(6 × 1 = 6 marks)

Reality Television

Reality television is a type of television programming. It is claimed to present unscripted dramatic or humorous situations and films actual events. It also presents ordinary people rather than professional actors. It could be described as a form of artificial documentary. Although this type of programming has existed in some form or another since the early years of television, 1._____.

2._____, from game or quiz shows, which are sometimes embarrassing, to surveillance where participants are monitored by live television cameras as well as personal audio microphones daily. Productions such as Big Brother is an example.

Critics say that the term "reality television" is not appropriate. 3._____ Participants are put in exotic places or abnormal situations. They are coached to act in certain ways, since the storyline is written ahead of time. Events on the screen are edited too to serve the channel's initial goals.

Part of reality television's appeal is due to its ability to place ordinary people in extraordinary situations. 4._____ Reality television also has the potential to turn its participants into national celebrities, especially talent and performance programs such as Pop Idol. 5._____

Some critics have said that the name "reality television" is an inaccurate description for several styles of program included in the genre. In competition programs such as Big Brother and Survivor, the producers design the format of the show and control the contestants' daily activities and the environment. They create a completely artificial world in which the competition plays out. Producers specifically select the participants. 6._____ Mark Burnett, creator of Survivor and other reality shows, has agreed with this criticism, and avoids the word "reality" to describe his shows. He has said, "I tell good stories. It really is not reality TV. It really is unscripted drama."

Adapted from <https://www.usingenglish.com/comprehension/8.html>

Sentences

- A. However, frequently Survivor and Big Brother participants also reach some degree of celebrity.
- B. For example, on the ABC show, The Bachelor, a male dates a dozen women at the same time, travelling on extraordinary dates to spectacular locations.
- C. Reality television covers a wide range of television programmes
- D. They use carefully designed scenarios, challenges, events, and settings to encourage particular behaviours and conflicts.
- E. its current rise to popularity dates from around 2000.
- F. Reality TV relies on the camera capturing everything as it happens.
- G. They claim that such shows frequently do not reflect reality.

7. Read the text and choose the correct answer. The sections may be chosen more than once. (8 × 1 = 8 marks)

Local campaigns

A. Homes For All

Organisations that help the homeless are warning that people will face even greater hardship this winter unless urgent action is taken to offer shelter to those without a home. This warning follows publication of figures showing an increase in the number of homeless people. Susan Evans of the organisation 'Homes for All' said: "With a shortage of accommodation, more people than ever before - young and old - are having to sleep outdoors. A cold winter is predicted this year which means that these people will have to put up with sub-zero temperatures. Action must be taken urgently to offer these people shelter." A nationwide demonstration to raise awareness of the problem will take place this weekend. Supporters welcome.

B. Village Protest

Residents of local village, Shilden, are preparing for a night of protest to save their village from Government planners. Proposals for a new motorway to be built that will run within 2 kilometres of Shilden have caused uproar amongst residents. They claim that they were given insufficient time to respond to the proposal. Tony Fellows, spokesperson for the 'Village Protest' campaign explains: "The planned route cuts across some of the most picturesque countryside in the region. Shilden welcomes thousands of tourists each year. Many of the shopkeepers depend on this trade and would almost certainly face ruin if tourists were put off coming by the damage this road is likely to cause". The all-night protest will take place in the fields where the building work is likely to begin.

C. New Youth Club

Youngsters in the city-centre will lose out on a much-loved project if substantial funds are not found this year. The 'New Youth Club', which is open to young people from the ages of 10 to 17, is being threatened to be closed down by Health and Safety officials who claim the youth club is unsafe. The club, built 30 years ago, was badly damaged by heavy storms last year and city engineers estimate that one hundred thousand pounds is needed to repair structural damage. With only limited funds at their disposal, managers fear the club will have to close. Youngsters from the club have organised an Open Day on Tuesday in an effort to raise some of the money needed to enable the repairs to be undertaken. "This alone won't be enough, however" warned Adam Ross, Youth Leader.

D. Save Lea Valley

A rare species of butterfly and many native plants face extinction if the 'Lea Valley office complex' project goes ahead. This is the claim made by local environmentalists involved in the 'Save Lea Valley' campaign. They argue that the proposed development, to be built on the site of woodland dating back hundreds of years, will rob the country of several rare species of wildlife. 'Local people would be horrified if they knew of the consequences of this project,' claimed environmentalist Ian Wilson yesterday. "We need to initiate a local campaign to alert everyone to the dangers. We are starting by writing letters to everyone in the area asking for their support. The office complex developers must not be allowed to do this."

Which campaign	Text
1.refers to weather conditions which have been destructive.	
2.aims to comfort people in need.	
3.supports that the residents in the area are not aware of the future effects.	
4.supports that the problem is getting worse and worse.	
5.is organised due to financial difficulties.	
6.aims to prevent a building company's plans.	
7.refers to policies designed without the locals' approval.	
8.refers to future financial effects which will be disastrous.	

PART II: WRITING

(2 X 20 = 40 MARKS)

You must answer **BOTH** writing tasks 8 and 9.

8. Write 140 - 180 words on the following topic in an appropriate style: (20 Marks)

In your English class, you have been talking about the advantages and disadvantages of playing competitive sports. Now, your English teacher has asked you to write an **essay**.

Write an **essay** using **all** the notes and giving reasons for your point of view.

Notes:

Write about:

- Pressure on players
- Improvement of teamwork skills
-(your own idea)

9. Write an answer to ONE OF THE THREE questions in this part. Put the question number: 9A, 9B OR 9C next to your answer on your answer booklet.

Write your answer in **140 – 180 words** in an appropriate style. **(20 Marks)**

9A - You see this announcement on an English-language website.

Articles wanted

“Animals are better friends than humans”.

In what ways are animals better companions?

What do you consider as the most negative aspects of having pets?

The best articles will be published on our website.

Write your **article**.

9B - You see this announcement in your college English-language magazine.

Concert reviews wanted.

Have you been to an impressive music concert lately?

Write us a review of the concert, explaining what made it so impressive and how the singer's performance and the atmosphere were.

Tell us whether you would recommend this concert to other people.

Write your **review**.

9C - You have received this email from your English-speaking friend David.

From: David

Subject: reunion party

Hi!

I'm writing because, as you know, I couldn't make it to the reunion party. I want to hear all the juicy details. Was everybody there? Did you enjoy the music and the food at the venue? What stories did you share from the past?

Best wishes,

David

Write your **email**.

GOOD LUCK