



OPTION A

Part 1: Argumentative essay

Write an argumentative essay on the following topic (275-300 words):

Rent control is coming. Would you agree with using a ceiling to the price of housing and rent? What benefits and to whom do you think it would bring? **(4 points)**

Part 2: Language test

Task 1. Cloze test (1 point)

For questions 1-10, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each gap. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.

Global English exists (1) _____ a political and cultural reality. Many misguided theories attempt to explain why the English language should have succeeded internationally, whilst (2) _____ have not. Is it because there is something inherently logical or beautiful about the structure of English? Does its simple grammar make it easy to learn? Such ideas are misconceived. Latin was once a major international language, (3) _____ having a complicated grammatical structure, and English also presents learners with all manner of real difficulties, (4) _____ least its spelling system. Ease of learning, therefore, has little to do with it. (5) _____ all, children learn to speak their mother tongue in approximately the same period of time, (6) _____ of their language. English has spread not (7) _____ much for linguistic reasons, but rather because it has often found (8) _____ in the right place, at the right time. Since the 1960s, two major developments have contributed to strengthening this global status. Firstly, in a number of countries, English is now used in addition to national or regional languages. As (9) _____ as this, an electronic revolution has taken place. It is estimated that (10) _____ the region of 80% of worldwide electronic communication is now in English.

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Task 2. Vocabulary (1 point)

Choose the word or phrase which best completes each sentence. For each question, indicate on your answer sheet *the letter A, B, C or D* against the number of the question.

1-The stuntman seemed to show a total disregard _____ fear as he performed his daredevil tricks.



A) of B) over C) for D) about

2-Police have _____ to the public to come forward with any information which might help them in their enquiries.

A) urged B) claimed C) appealed D) called

3-I think my fear of spiders must _____ from a horror film which I saw as a child.

A) lead B) rise C) start D) stem

4-My hopes of becoming a lawyer _____ when I failed my A levels.

A) cracked B) crumbled C) crashed D) smashed

5-I should like to point out that two months have _____ since you promised to come and repair my washing machine.

A) expired B) lapsed C) transpired D) elapsed

6-Since we had only one day left, we decided to make an _____ effort to finish the run in record time.

A) all-in B) all-out C) overall D) all-round

7-His jokes seemed to _____ very well with his audience, if their laughter was any indication.

A) go off B) go down C) go along D) go by

8-He was _____ a mile of the hotel when he ran out of petrol.

A) within B) inside C) only D) hardly

9-Why don't you have a night out? It would take your _____ off your worries.

A) thoughts B) heart C) head D) mind

10-The newspaper was ordered to pay him €1,500 _____ for printing the libellous story about him.

A) damages B) refund C) penalty D) restitution



Task 3. Word formation (1 point)

Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the space. Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

Musical Greatness

Like all artists, musicians are often astonishingly precocious. It is well known, for example, that Mozart's first public performance took place when he was only six. Chopin, a skilled concert (1) (PIANO) as well as composer, wrote his first work for piano when he was seven. In both cases, of course, indications of (2)..... (ORDINARY) musical skill were recognised during childhood and encouraged. Had their talents gone (3).....(NOTICE), however, they would not have had the opportunity to utilise their skill and would never have developed their greatness. It is a (4).....(SOBER) thought that thousands of potentially (5) (STAND) artists may have lived or died without ever knowing that they had an inherent ability to become great.

For a reason which is (6)(DOUBT) associated with the unusual development of a special part of the brain, brilliant artists frequently possess an awareness of their own importance and a (7)..... (CLEAR) of purpose lacking in most other people. They may also feel a tremendous (8)(COMPEL) to utilise their gifts to the full, (9)..... (REGARD) of the consequences to them or to anyone else. Beethoven, who died from illness and exhaustion, was said to have been (10).....(WILL) to give up work until lying on his deathbed. "I shall hear music in heaven" were his final words.

Task 4. Keyword transformation (1 point)

Keyword Transformation. Complete the second sentence so that its meaning is as similar as possible to the first sentence. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and six words, including the word given. Copy the **COMPLETE SENTENCE** in your answer sheet.

1. I was just about to call you to tell you about the rearranged meeting.

POINT

I was _____ you to tell you about the rearranged meeting.

2. Staying another night would have meant paying more.

IF

I would have had to _____ another night.

3. It's the first time I've seen such a beautiful painting.

BEFORE

Never _____ such a beautiful painting.



4. The irate customer refused to speak to anyone other than the store manager.
ON
The irate customer _____ to the store manager and no one else.
5. I managed to answer all the questions before the time was up!
SUCCEEDED
I _____ all the questions before the time was up!
6. It's true that the company might go into liquidation if it's not careful.
DANGER
It's true that the company _____ into liquidation if it's not careful.
7. My application for the job was turned down because I didn't have the right qualifications.
GROUND
My application for the job was turned down _____ I didn't have the right qualifications.
8. The high valuation really took the art collector by surprise.
ABACK
The art collector _____ the high valuation.
9. This was Anna's biggest challenge to date.
FACED
Anna _____ challenge before.
10. It doesn't matter if you think you know the subject well, you must revise for the exam.
HOWEVER
You must revise for the exam, _____ you know the subject.

Task 5. Family words (1 point)

Choose the word which best completes each sentence. For each question, indicate on your answer sheet *the letter A, B, C or D* against the number of the question.

1. Buying in bulk _____ one to make substantial savings.
A) enables B) facilitates C) means D) empowers
2. This village is only _____ by river.
A) attainable B) available C) accessible D) achievable
3. One can become a member of this club only on paying the _____ fee.
A) enrolled B) regulated C) requisite D) subscribed



4. After the rain, a builder was called to repair the roof, which was _____.
A) oozing B) leaking C) trickling D) dripping
5. The _____ wind in this area is from the south-west.
A) controlling B) prevailing C) persisting D) continuous
6. The success of the film shows that the reviewers' fears were completely _____.
A) fallacious B) misguided C) misfired D) unjustified
7. The curator of the Museum was most _____ and let me actually examine the ancient manuscript.
A) favourable B) gratifying C) obliging D) promising
8. The man's face was _____ from his infected tooth
A) swollen B) dilated C) expanded D) bulging
9. The drunken couple did nothing to keep the flat clean and tidy and lived in the utmost _____.
A) pollution B) decay C) corruption D) squalor
10. The accused man was able to prove his innocence at the trial and was _____.
A) forgiven B) pardoned C) acquitted D) absolved

Task 6. Phonetics.

A- Transcribe the following words phonetically using IPA. Only standard American English or standard British English will be accepted. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet. (0'5 points)

1. hygiene
2. fuel
3. maintain
4. tongue
5. gesture

B- Transcribe the following sentence phonetically using IPA and marking stress. Only standard American English or standard British English will be accepted. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet. (0'5 points)

Tom has put all the potatoes in the soup pot.