International Section Selection Exam

2019

Year 6 Entry Exam

Name: __________________________________________

Class: __________________________________________

Date: __________________________________________
Reading Comprehension (Part 1)

Read the five texts, items 1 – 5. Then read the headlines a – j. Decide which headline a – j goes best with which text. Mark your answers on the answer sheet.

a) Free furniture for Christmas

b) Full stores all over Britain

c) Help a homeless person – and yourself

d) Meals for the homeless

e) Largest number of passengers

f) Plans to increase road safety

g) Police arrest bus driver

h) School dinner causes serious illness

i) Shopping centre accident avoided

j) Tired drivers a danger on the road
1. At least 100 Sussex children and staff are thought to be suffering from food poisoning after a Christmas meal. A third of all pupils – aged between nine and 13 – and 10 teachers were struck down after eating a turkey lunch on Wednesday. No one is thought to have been hospitalized.

2. Travellers flocked to Heathrow Airport yesterday at the start of its busiest ever fortnight. Two million people are expected to travel through the airport between this weekend and 5 January, thanks to the start of the ski season and the traditional Christmas holiday period.

3. Southend police used patrol cars to block the path of a runaway double-decker bus yesterday as it careered driverless towards a shopping area. Two men had just jumped from the vehicle, which had been reported stolen. Two men in their thirties were arrested.

4. A London furniture company is putting a £1,500 sofa up for sale for £1 – in return for a promise from the buyer to take someone in need into their home at Christmas. Whoever wins the prize will have to nominate someone who is homeless, or living on their own, or is otherwise not going to have much of a Christmas.

5. More road accidents are caused by drivers who fall asleep at the wheel than is generally recognized, an MP claimed yesterday. He has called for Government action to help solve the problem.
Active Villagers

Residents of a small Welsh-speaking community have clubbed together to buy the post office and shop, ten years after buying the pub.

The people of Llithfaen, Caernarfonshire were determined to prevent their village losing its focal point. Ten years ago they paid £40,000 for the pub, called the Victoria, and now they have helped to keep the shop open. Most of the cost, £19,500, was met by the local council and a European Union grant, but the villagers needed to raise a further £6,000 to buy the shop from the owner who is retiring.

John Jones, chairman of the community committee, said: “We went around every house and came back with £500 more than we needed. The post office and the pub are essential to the life of the village. There are no other amenities.

“We were not prepared to stand by and let the heart and soul be ripped out of our community. No one else was going to help us so we decided to buy them ourselves.” Llithfaen had a population of 600 but that halved when nearby granite quarries were closed. The primary school was shut because of the population decline but the locals turned it into a leisure centre and youth club.

The shop has been leased to Ffion Medi Llywelyn, 24, who lives in the village with her husband, Dillon. She said: “There is a wonderful community spirit here.”
Answer the following questions from the information given in the text.

6. The Llithfaen Post Office
   a) closed ten years ago.
   b) has been saved by the local people.
   c) has now closed.

7. The shop has been bought
   a) by the local council.
   b) for £40,000.
   c) with the help of the people who live in the area.

8. The shop was going to close
   a) because of a decision by the European Union.
   b) because the owner needed the money.
   c) because the owner thought he was too old to run the shop.

9. £500
   a) was paid by every person in the village.
   b) was paid by the owner of the pub.
   c) was the amount of money the villagers still had after the village post office had been bought.

10. Llithfaen no longer has
    a) a leisure centre.
    b) a pub.
    c) a school.
1 Reading Comprehension (Part 3)

Read questions 11 – 20 and then read the texts a – l.
In which of the texts can you find what you are looking for?

For each of the items 11 – 20, decide which text goes with the situation described. Each text can only be used once. Mark your answers on the answer sheet. In one or two cases, there may be no text for the situation. Then mark x.

11. A colleague would like to stay with a family in Italy.

12. A friend wants to learn French and take an examination at the end of the course.

13. Someone you know wants to learn English next summer at a university in England.

14. Your friend wants to learn English in a language school in or near London.

15. You want to have a technical report translated into your language.

16. You want to learn English for your job and meet people from British companies during the course.

17. You want to learn English in order to be able to work in the travel business and would like to take a course in Canada.

18. You want to learn French and enjoy winter sports at the same time.

19. You want to learn French in Canada and stay in a family.

20. You want to learn Italian but don’t have much time.
Dear Gordon,

I wish you all the best for your birthday and hope that you will stay as young as you are.

I'm sorry that I forgot to send you a birthday card but I have been working very hard __21__ . I actually thought that your birthday __22__ one month later - on the 25th February, not the 25th January. It was only on Saturday that I realized my __23__ .

I hope that you are very well - as __24__ - and that you have no problems in your new job. Could you write or phone to __25__ me more about it?

By the way, did you __26__ the entry test for the Open University course in marketing? I am also thinking of __27__ a similar course and would be interested to hear what the requirements are like in British colleges.

It's about time we __28__ together again. How about __29__ across for a long weekend some time? May would be perfect. You could stay here for __30__ of days and we could both catch up on what's been happening since we met last year.

Best wishes,

Jim

21. a) last  b) late  c) lately
22. a) is  b) was  c) would be
23. a) fault  b) mistake  c) wrong
24. a) used  b) usual  c) usually
25. a) reports  b) say  c) tell
26. a) pass  b) success  c) write
27. a) holding  b) making  c) taking
28. a) get  b) getting  c) got
29. a) come  b) coming  c) to come
30. a) a couple  b) a few  c) a little
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Dear Sirs,

Your advertisement in “The TIMES” dated 16th February

I saw your advertisement offering the possibility of cheap holidays abroad. I am interested ______ your ______ because it is a very good way for me to spend my holidays and learn about foreign countries. I can offer my home in Munich ______ I am not there. My apartment is situated in the centre of town very ______ to the football stadium and is an excellent ______ for fans of German football.

The apartment is big enough for about two or three people and is fitted with ______ necessary for a nice holiday although there is no swimming pool nearby.

My ______ countries to visit on holiday are almost all English-speaking countries, but France would be a good place for us ______. Normally I take my holidays in the spring, between March and June, and this is the time when my home could be used ______ another member of your club, although the weather is not very good in Munich at this time of the year.

Please let me know how I can become a member of your club and let me have more ______ of the countries I can visit. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,
Pick one of the four titles below and write a story focusing on using the correct structure and techniques associated with narrative writing.

**The Secret Door** – **The Accident** – **The Hidden Book** – **The Unexpected Guest**