

Entrance Examination

English for International Students Year 9

Instructions to Supervisors

When this paper is printed, if printed in booklet form, page 2 must face page 3 so that the candidate can easily consult the text in answering the questions.

If printed as a set of single pages, the candidate must be able to separate them so that she can put the text and questions side by side.

Time allowed: 60 minutes

Dictionaries and translators are not allowed.

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

You should spend about:

25 minutes on Section A

10 minutes on Section B

25 minutes on Section C

In Section A, there is 1 mark for each correct answer, except for question 14, which is worth 2 marks, and question 15, which is worth 3.

In Section B, there is 1 mark for each correct answer.

Section C is worth 15 marks.

	Mark	Comments
Section A 17 marks		
Section B 18 marks		
Section C 15 marks		

Section A

You should spend about 25 minutes on this section.

Choose the best words from those below to fill in the gaps in the following passage.

1 There was once a town in the heart of America where all life seemed to live in ___ 1 ___
2 with its surroundings. The town lay in the midst of a checkerboard of prosperous farms, with
3 fields of grain and hillsides of orchards where, in spring, white clouds of bloom drifted above
4 the green fields. In autumn, oak and maple and birch set up a blaze of colour that flamed
5 a backdrop of pines. Then foxes barked in the hills and deer silently crossed the fields, half
6 hidden in the mists of the fall mornings.

7 Along the roads, laurel, viburnum and alder, great ferns and wildflowers ___ 2 ___ the
8 traveller's eye through much of the year. Even in winter the roadsides were places of beauty,
9 where countless birds came to feed on the berries and on the seed heads of the dried weeds
10 rising above the snow. The countryside was famous for the abundance and variety of its bird
11 life, and when the flood of migrants was pouring through in spring and fall people travelled
12 from great distances to observe them. Others came to fish the streams, which flowed clear and
13 cold out of the hills and contained shady pools where trout lay. So it had been from the days
14 many years ago when the first ___ 3 ___ raised their houses, sank their wells, and built their
15 barns.

16 Then a strange blight crept over the area and everything began to ___ 4 _____. Some evil spell
17 had settled on the community: mysterious maladies swept the flocks of chickens; the cattle and
18 sheep sickened and died. Everywhere was a shadow of death. The farmers spoke of much
19 illness among their families. In the town the doctors had become more and more ___ 5 ____
20 by new kinds of sickness appearing among their patients. There had been several sudden and
21 unexplained deaths, not only among adults but even among children, who would be stricken
22 suddenly while at play and die within a few hours.

23 There was a strange ___ 6 _____. The birds, for example; where had they gone? Many people
24 spoke of them, puzzled and disturbed. The feeding stations in the backyards were deserted. The
25 few remaining birds trembled violently and could not fly. It was a spring without voices. On
26 the mornings that had once throbbed with the dawn chorus of robins, catbirds, doves, jays,
27 wrens, and scores of other bird voices there was now no sound; only silence lay over the fields
28 and woods and marsh.

29 On the farms the hens brooded, but no chicks hatched. The farmers ___ 7 ____ that they
30 were unable to raise any pigs; the litters were small and the young ___ 8 ____ only a few
31 days. The apple trees were coming into bloom but no bees droned among the blossoms, so
32 there was no pollination and there would be no fruit.

33 The roadsides, ___ 9 _____ so attractive, were now lined with browned and withered
34 vegetation as though swept by fire. These, too, were silent, deserted by all living things. Even
35 the streams were now lifeless. Anglers no longer visited them, for all the fish had died.

36 In the gutters, under the eaves and between the shingles of the roofs, a white powder still
37 showed a few patches; some weeks before it had fallen like snow upon the roofs and the lawns,
38 the fields and streams.

39 No witchcraft, no enemy action had ___ 10 _____ the rebirth of new life in this stricken world.
40 The people had done it themselves.

Adapted from "The Silent Spring" by Rachel Carson

Choose the best words to fill the numbered gaps.

- | | | | | Answer | |
|----|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------|
| 1 | A peace | B harmony | C friendship | D love | ..... |
| 2 | A struck | B delighted | C saw | D viewed | ..... |
| 3 | A people | B natives | C settlers | D Americans | ..... |
| 4 | A change | B develop | C transform | D differ | ..... |
| 5 | A confused | B puzzled | C excited | D surprised | ..... |
| 6 | A vacuum | B peace | C stillness | D event | ..... |
| 7 | A wept | B felt | C complained | D uttered | ..... |
| 8 | A were | B lasted | C died | D survived | ..... |
| 9 | A although | B once | C then | D past | ..... |
| 10 | A prevented | B denied | C cursed | D paused | ..... |
- 11 Which word or phrase best explains “oak and maple and birch set up a blaze of colour that flamed...” (line 4)
- A wild fires burnt these trees
 B the leaves on these trees were yellow, orange and red like fire
 C the fruit on these trees was the colour of flames
 D these trees provided firewood as it got colder
- 12 “The flood of migrants” (line 11) refers to
- A the many people who came to work for a short time there
 B the large numbers of birds that passed through the area.
 C the overflowing rivers
 D the people who came to that place from other countries
- 13 The writer describes how, before the change, people “came to fish the streams, which flowed clear and cold out of the hills and contained shady pools where trout lay” (lines 12-13). Which two sentences describe how the situation was different after the change? [2 marks]
- 14 What do you think caused the change described in the passage? Why do you think this? [3 marks]

Section B

Put a ring around the answer that correctly fills the gap, as in the example: 0

0 “Whose mobile phone is that?” “It’s _____.”

- a) Mary’s b) Maries c) of Mary d) Marys

1 We _____ any cooking since we arrived in England.

- a) aren’t doing b) haven’t done c) didn’t do d) don’t do

2 Her father is very tall. He is _____

- a) as tall as yours. b) as tall as your one. c) so tall as your one. d) so tall as yours.

- 3 I gave _____ for her birthday.
 a) to her a T-shirt b) her a T-shirt c) a T-shirt her. d) some T-shirt to her.
- 4 _____ the thing you use to make holes in paper?
 a) How do you call b) What do you call c) What is it called d) What you call
- 5 When _____, bring her to me.
 a) Janet will arrive b) Janet arrives c) is Janet arriving d) Janet arrive
- 6 "How's your sister?" " _____."
 a) She's there. b) He's fine. c) She's fine. d) That's she.
- 7 My parents are coming at 7 o'clock _____.
 a) this evening. b) in this evening. c) at this night. d) this night.
- 8 Jennifer goes to _____ Nancy.
 a) the same school b) the school the same as c) the same school as d) same school as
- 9 Last Sunday, _____ thousands of people in the square.
 a) they were b) it was c) there was d) there were
- 10 WHO stands ____ World Health Organisation. .
 a) for b) to c) in d) as
- 11 _____ it was raining, we still went for a picnic,
 a) Despite b) Although c) Despite of d) In spite of
- 12 I thought I saw Sarah in assembly, but it _____. She is away ill.
 a) must have been her b) cannot be her c) can't have been her d) can't be her
- 13 They live _____ the other side of the road.
 a) in b) for c) on d) opposite
- 14 She isn't _____ to carry that heavy suitcase.
 a) enough strong b) so strong c) as strong d) strong enough
- 15 _____ you're happy, it doesn't matter if you haven't got much money.
 a) As long as b) as far as c) During d) Meanwhile
- 16 If I _____ my name on my textbook, I might have got it back.
 a) had b) would have c) had had d) have had
- 17 Don't wait for me if you _____ a hurry.
 a) will be in b) have c) are in d) will have
- 18 Take a bottle of water _____.
 a) in case you get thirsty. b) in case you will get thirsty.
 c) if you will get thirsty d) if you get thirsty.

Section C

You should spend about 25 minutes on this section, and write at least 150 words.

Write an article for your school magazine about your hopes and fears as you look forward to going to school abroad.

(Don't forget to give it a title!)