

USE OF ENGLISH

Choose the best option. Each question is 1 point.

1. She burst into..... when she opened the letter.

- A. crying B. sadness C. misery D. tears

2. I felt extremely when I couldn't remember my neighbour's name.

- A. embarrassed B. embarrassment C. embarrass D. embarrassing

3. I prefer string instruments so the is my favourite.

- A. flute B. saxophone C. cello D. drum

4. My dad was with me when I told him I'd lost the camera he bought me.

- A. furious B. guilty C. worried D. scared

5. Rio de Janeiro was the capital of Brazil 1822 to 1960.

- A. until B. in C. on D. from

6. Although alcohol consumption per capita --- a peak in the United States during the first three decades of the 19th century, now it --- down in all age groups.

- A. reached / is going C. has reached / goes
B. will reach / will go D. was reaching / went

7. People who --- it hard to give up smoking often--- outside assistance.

- A. could have found / will seek C. had found / are seeking
B. are finding / are sought D. find / seek

8. Imhotep, god of medicine, --- as a mythological figure in the minds of many scholars until the end of the 19th century, when it --- that he was a real historical personage.

- A. had existed / was being establish C. exists / had been established
B. existed / was established D. has existed / has been established

9. Janet Malcolm, who is an admired photographer and --- pictures since the early 1960s, generally---her summers photographing people and places in Africa.

- A. has been taking / spends C. took / has been spending
B. had taken / would spend D. takes / has spent

10. The pride which everyone --- as they succeed in acquiring a new language should not make them anyless proud of the native language they already ---.

- A. is feeling / had C. feels / have
B. will feel / are having D. has felt / had had

READING

Reading Part 1

You are going to read four different opinions from leading scientists about the future of fuel. For questions 11-15, choose the right answer from the choices A-C. Each question is 1 point.

Howard Bloom, Author:

Even though most people are convinced that peak oil has already passed, to me, peak oil is just a hypothesis. There is a theory that carbon molecules can be found in interstellar gas clouds, comets and in space ice, and if this is the case, our planet could ooze oil for ever. And even if we stay earthbound, those who say we have raped the planet of all its resources are wrong. There's a huge stock of raw materials we haven't yet learned to use.

There are bacteria two miles beneath our feet which can turn solid granite into food. If bacteria can do it, surely we creatures with brains can do it better. As far as the near future of energy is concerned, I believe the most promising alternative fuels are biofuels, such as ethanol. It's an alcohol made from waste products such as the bark of trees, woodchips, and other 'waste materials'. And that's not the only waste that can create energy. My friend in the biomass industry is perfecting an energy-generation plant which can run on human waste. We produce that in vast quantities, and it's already gathered in centralised locations.

B

Michael Lardelli, Lecturer in Genetics at The University of Adelaide

Nothing exists on this planet without energy. It enables flowers and people to grow and we need it to mine minerals, extract oil or cut wood and then to process these into finished goods. So the most fundamental definition of money is as a mechanism to allow the exchange and allocation of different forms of energy. Recently, people have been using more energy than ever before. Until 2005 it was possible to expand our energy use to meet this demand. However, since 2005 oil supply has been in decline, and at the same time, and as a direct result of this, the world's economy has been unable to expand, leading to global recession. With the world's energy and the profitability of energy production in decline at the same time, the net energy available to support activities other than energy procurement will decrease. We could increase energy production by diverting a large proportion of our remaining oil energy into building nuclear power stations and investing in renewable forms of energy. However, this is very unlikely to happen in democratic nations, because it would require huge, voluntary reductions in living standards. Consequently, the world economy will continue to contract as oil production declines. With energy in decline, it will be impossible for everyone in the world to become wealthier. One person's increased wealth can only come at the expense of another person's worsened poverty.

C

Jeroen van der Veer, chief executive of Royal Dutch Shell

People are understandably worried about a future of growing energy shortages, rising prices and international conflict for supplies. These fears are not without foundation. With continued economic growth, the world's energy needs could increase by 50% in the next 25 years. However, I do not believe that the world is running out of energy. Fossil fuels will be able to meet growing demand for a long time in the future. Taking unconventional resources into account, we are not even close to peak oil. The priority for oil companies is to improve efficiency,

by increasing the amount of oil recovered from reservoirs. At present, just over a third is recovered. We can also improve the technology to control reservoir processes and improve oil flow. However, these projects are costly, complex and technically demanding, and they depend on experienced people, so it is essential to encourage young people to take up a technical career in the energy industry. Meanwhile, alternative forms of energy need to be made economically viable. International energy companies have the capability, the experience and the commercial drive to work towards solving the energy problem so they will play a key role. But it is not as simple as merely making scientific advances and developing new tools; the challenge is to deliver the technology to people worldwide. Companies will need to share knowledge and use their ideas effectively.

D

Craig Severance, blogger

What will it take to end our oil addiction? It's time we moved on to something else. Not only are world oil supplies running out, but what oil is still left is proving very dirty to obtain. The Deepwater Horizon oil spill occurred precisely because the easy-to-obtain oil is already tapped. If we don't kick oil now, we will see more disasters as oil companies move to the Arctic offshore and clear more forests. The cheap petroleum is gone; from now on, we will pay steadily more and more for our oil — not just in dollars, but in the biological systems that sustain life on this planet. The only solution is to get on with what we will have to do anyway - end our dependence on it! There are many instances in which oil need not be used at all. Heat and electricity can be produced in a multitude of other ways, such as solar power or natural gas. The biggest challenge is the oil that is used in transportation. That doesn't mean the transportation of goods worldwide, it's the day-to-day moving around of people. It means we have to change what we drive. The good news is that it's possible. There are a wide range of fuel efficient cars on offer, and the number of all-electric plug-in cars is set to increase. For long distance travel and freight, the solution to this is to look to rail. An electrified railway would not be reliant upon oil, but could be powered by solar, geothermal, hydro, and wind sources. There is a long way to go, but actions we take now to kick our oil addiction can help us adapt to a world of shrinking oil supplies.

Which writer:

11. believes oil will be available for many more years?

A. Howard Bloom B. Craig Severance C. Jeroen van der Veer

12. believes that from now on, less oil is available?

A. Howard Bloom B. Michael Lardelli C. Jeroen van der Veer

13. believes there are ways to obtain energy that we have not yet discovered?

A. Howard Bloom B. Michael Lardelli C. Craig Severance

14. sees a great potential in natural fuels?

A. Howard Bloom B. Michael Lardelli C. Jeroen van der Veer

15. believes the fuel crisis will cause the poor to become poorer?

A. Craig Severance B. Michael Lardelli C. Jeroen van der Veer

Reading Part 2

You are going to read a news story about a funeral scam. For questions 16-20, choose the right answer from the choices A-C. Each question is 1 point.

Fake Funeral Scam

It was quite a send-off for Jim Davis, or so the people paying his funeral bills were led to believe. They were told Davis was laid to rest at Abbey Memorial Park in Compton after being placed in an ornate, top-of-the-line casket lined with elaborate floral arrangements. Altogether, the bill to bury Davis at the palm-lined cemetery came to nearly \$31,000. But there was a problem: There was no Jim Davis. He was dreamed up by a group of scam artists, authorities say. And prosecutors say the coffin that was lowered into the ground was made out of cheap plywood or cardboard, filled with either rocks or animal bones, apparently to convince those who handled it that there was a body inside.

Faye Shilling, 60, and Jean Crump, 67, were indicted last week on federal charges that they scammed insurance companies and funeral-related businesses out of as much as \$1 million by taking out policies on fictitious people and then staging their funerals.

The participants went so far as to file phony death certificates, and bought a \$3,354 burial plot for "Jim Davis"; investigators said. Davis was the only one "buried". The others were supposedly cremated, evidently because that was easier to pull off.

The women were freed on \$10,000 bail. In a telephone interview with The Associated Press, Shilling said: "I am hurt, just hearing things that I know are not true. Someone is trying to destroy me, but why?"

16. Why was Jim Davis' funeral different from others?

- A. Jim Davis was a fictitious person
- B. It cost nearly \$31,000
- C. He had a top-of-the-line casket

17. How did the scam consist of?

- A. Taking out policies on people that didn't exist and then staging their funerals
- B. Jim Davis
- C. Buying burial plots

18. Why were the coffins filled with rocks or animal bones?

- A. To comply with the policies of the funeral home.
- B. To cremate the bodies.
- C. To make it seem like there was a body inside.

19. How much money did the women scam the insurance companies and funeral-business out of?

- A. \$31,000
- B. Somewhere around one million dollars
- C. \$10,000

20. How does one of the accused women, Faye Schilling, feel about the accusations?

- A. She feels sorry for what she did.

- B. She says they're false.
- C. She says that her partner, Jean Crump, forced her to do the scam.

LISTENING

LISTENING PART 1

Listen to Sally and her teacher talking about a girl called Elsa. For each question, choose the right answer. You will hear the conversation twice (x2). (6x2=12 points)

1. What nationality is Elsa?
 - A. Turkish
 - B. Mexican
 - C. Swiss

2. How old is Elsa?
 - A. 12
 - B. 13
 - C. 14

3. Which subject is Elsa like doing most?
 - A. horse riding
 - B. making clothes
 - C. reading

4. Which subject is Elsa very good at?
 - A. German
 - B. English
 - C. Maths

5. The teacher has a photo of Elsa's...
 - A. family
 - B. home
 - C. pet

LISTENING PART 2

You will hear part of an interview with a boy called Simon who is helping to protect the environment. For each question, choose the correct answer. You will hear it twice (x2). (6x2=12 points)

1. Simon enjoys taking his boat onto the River Stanton because.....
 - A. he knows many people who go there.
 - B. the speed of the water makes it exciting.
 - C. it is the closest river to his home town.

2. Simon noticed that the river water.....

- A. was getting lower and lower
- B. was too dark to let him see the bottom.
- C. was having a negative effect on him.

3. Simon learned more about the problem with the river.....

- A. by looking on the internet.
- B. by asking the people who owned the river.
- C. by talking to his school teachers.

4. Why did Simon do a special course?

- A. to join an organization that protects the river
- B. to learn about the geography of the river
- C. to be able to check the water quality of the river

5. Simon is pleased because....

- A. the company causing the problem closed
- B. he found a way to reduce the problem.
- C. he discovered new plants that live in the river.

WRITING

Write an essay on one of the following topics. (min.200 words) (20 points)

Do not forget to write the number of the topic.

1. Discuss the negative /positive effects of TV on children.
2. Discuss whether there should be capital punishment or not.
3. Millions of people every year move to English-speaking countries such as Australia, Britain or America, in order to study at school, college or university. Why do so many people want to study in English? Why is English such an important international language? Give reasons for your answer.