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I WRITING (50 points)

You see the following announcement in an on-line leisure magazine: "We are looking for articles which encourage young people to take up an unusual leisure activity. Your article should outline the activity, describe one or two of your own experiences of doing the activity and explain how you think young people can benefit from doing this activity."

*Write your **article** using around **200-220** words.*

II USE OF ENGLISH(50 points)

A. Read the following text. For questions 1-10, fill in the gaps with only ONE word. (10p)

Models wanted

If you are a student, unemployed, or retired **(0)** ***with*** time on your hands and fancy doing something you have always wanted to do **(1)**_____ never had the confidence, a bit of modelling, perhaps, or appearing in your favourite soap opera, **(2)**_____ could be the right time. **(3)**_____ glamour nor good looks are necessary to give it a go. Modelling agencies aren't just looking for beauty; they also need normal models to appear **(4)**_____ TV ads, while similar candidates **(5)**_____ wanted by casting agencies as extras for film and TV. **(6)**_____ you are exceptionally lucky, you won't earn a huge amount, but it can provide the extra you need to get by on. Nor, **(7)**_____ some may hope, is it likely to lead to a new career as an actor. But most people, **(8)**_____,do find it enjoyable and appreciate the chance to meet people. **(9)**_____ you don't need experience or training, anyone has the potential to become an extra as long as you are reliable, available **(10)**_____ short notice and are prepared to do any work that comes your way.

B. Read the text below. For questions 1-10,use the words given in capitals at the end of some lines to form a word that fits in the gap IN THE SAME LINE. (10p)

The Terracotta Army	
One of the most **(0)** ***famous*** archaeological finds in the world must be the Terracotta Army. The clay figures that guard the tomb of the first Chinese **(1)** _____, Q in Shihuangdi, were actually found **(2)** _____by	**0 FAME** **1 EMPIRE**

Chinese peasants while digging a well. Further **(3)** _____were carried out and it was shown that they had been placed around the tomb after Qin Shihuangdi's **(4)** _____. Qin Shihuangdi came to power at the age of thirteen and during his reign there were three attempts to **(5)**_____him. This may explain why, despite him being such a young age, he had begun making **(6)**_____for an underground tomb to be built for his death. Included in these plans were, of course, the **(7)** _____ that made up the army. The figures guarding the tomb were made with incredible attention to detail- each one has a face that is **(8)**_____ and individual. In fact, it is believed that each one has the **(9)** _____of a real soldier. For more than two thousand years, these amazing figures have kept a **(10)** _____watch over the tomb.	**2 ACCIDENT** **3 EXCAVATE** **4 BURY** **5 ASSASSIN** **6 ARRANGE** **7 WAR** **8 MISTAKE** **9 LIKE** **10 CONTINUE**

C. For questions 1-10, 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 SIX words, including the word given. (10p)

1.Paula had just reached the gate when it began to rain. **THAN**

No sooner_____ it began to rain.

2.Jane regretted speaking so rudely to the old lady. **MORE**

Jane _____ politely to the old lady.

3. "Honestly, I didn't cheat in the test!" said John. **DENIED**

John _____ in the test.

4. "Do your homework first, and then you can go to the cinema", said Jim's mother. **LONG**

Jim's mother agreed to let him go to the cinema _____ his homework first.

5. "Yes, I took the money, but Ned told me to do it", said George. **WHO**

George claimed that it _____ to take the money.

6. Please note that our advice would be to wash the appliance before using it. **RECOMMEND**
Please note that _____the appliance before using it.
7. Everyone believed my neighbour's claims about once being a famous singer. **TAKEN**

Everyone _____ my neighbour's claims about once being a famous singer.

8. Unfortunately, if there is a rise in interest rates, we shall have to increase our prices. **EVENT**

Unfortunately, _____ a rise in interest rates, we shall have to increase our prices.

9. After drama school, my best friend became a big name on the stage. **ON**

After drama school, my best friend _____ a big name on the stage.

10. You should go for an eye test if you're struggling to read the newspaper. **TESTED**

You should_____ if you're struggling to read the newspaper.

D. Find the ONE word which can be used to complete all the three sentences in each group. (2 p x 5 = 10 p)

1. a .Have you put your camping _____ in the rucksack?

b.The car must be in _____ when you park.

c. We have to_____ our efforts to a higher level of production.

2.a.The boat was stuck_____ in the mud.

b.Muslims_____ during Ramadan.

c.The tower clock is four minutes_____.

3.a.I need a spanner to tighten this_____.

b.He's a bit of a _____, if you ask me.

c.Can you crack this _____ for me, please?

4.a.Don't_____ the child's cheek.

b.Who would _____ money from the cashbox?

c.Add a_____ of salt to the broth.

5.a.The match ended in a _____.

b.Does this sash _____ at the back,not in front?

c.Have you got a _____ for sealing plastic bags?

E. For questions 1-12, read the text bellow and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning. (10p)

The value of walking

New research reveals that walking just 9.5 kilometres (six miles) a week may **(0)** ***D*** your brain sharper as you get older. Research published in the October 13 online issue of Neurology **(1)** _____ that walking may protect aging brains from growing smaller and, in **(2)** _____, preserve memory in old age.

'Brain size shrinks in late adulthood, which can **(3)** _____memory problems,' study author Kirk Erickson of the University of Pittsburgh said in a new release. 'Our findings should encourage further well-designed scientific **(4)** _____of physical exercise in older adults as a very **(5)** _____approach for preventing dementia and Alzheimer`s disease.' For the study, the team asked 299 dementia-free seniors to record the **(6)** _____they walked each week.

Four years later, the participants were tested to see if they had developed **(7)** _____of dementia. Then after nine years had passed, scientists **(8)** _____the participants` brains to measure size. At the four-year test, researchers discovered subjects who walked the most had **(9)** _____their risk of developing memory problems by 50 per cent. At the nine-year checkpoint, those who walked at least 9.5 kilometres a week, had brains with a larger **(10)** _____than those who didn`t walk as much.

0. A bring	B work	C run	***D keep***
1. A informs	B provides	C suggests	D notifies
2. A result	B turn	C sequence	D case
3. A account	B lead	C set	D cause
4. A trials	B attempts	C searches	D courses
5. A indicative	B promising	C fortunate	D ideal
6. A distance	B length	C duration	D extent
7. A signals	B factors	C signs	D features
8. A skimmed	B scanned	C screened	D sounded
9. A depressed	B declined	C reduced	D dropped
10. A volume	B amount	C dimension	D quantity

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I – WRITING (50 p)

A Task achievement……..10 points
B. Language accuracy……10 points
C. Register and vocabulary…….10 points
D. Organization, cohesion, layout……..10 points
E. Overall effect…….10 points

II – USE OF ENGLISH (50 p)

A.Open cloze (10p)

1. but
2.this/now
3.Neither
4.in
5.are
6.unless
7.as
8.however
9.AS/Because/Since
10.at/on

B.Word building (10P)

1. EMPEROR
2. ACCIDENTALY
3. EXCAVATIONS
4. BURIAL
5. ASSASSINATE
6. ARRANGEMENTS
7. WARRIORS
8. UNMISTAK(E)ABLE
9. LIKENESS
10. CONTINUOUS/CONTINUAL

C. Key word transformation (10 p)

1. had Paula reached the gate than
2. wished she had spoken more
3 denied having cheated / denied that he had cheated
4. as/so long as he did
5. was Ned who (had) told him
6. we recommend washing
7. was taken in by
8. in the event of
9. went on to become /be
10. have/ get your eyes tested

E. Multiple choice cloze (10p)

1. C
2. B
3. D
4. A
5. B
6. A
7. C
8. B
9. C
10. A

D.Gapped sentences5x2p=(**10p)**

1. gear**2**. fast**3**. nut**4**. pinch**5**. tie