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Udhëzime për nxënësin

Testi në total ka **20 pyetje**.

Në test ka kërkesa me **zgjedhje** dhe me **zhvillim**.

*Në kërkesat me zgjedhje rrethoni **vetëm** shkronjën përbri përgjigjes së saktë, ndërsa për kërkesat me zhvillim është dhënë hapësira e nevojshme për të shkruar përgjigjen.*

Koha për zhvillimin e kërkesave të testit është **2 orë**.

Pikët për secilën kërkesë janë dhënë përbri saj.

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KOMISIONI I VLERËSIMIT

1.Anëtar

2.Anëtar

Section 1

Reading and Comprehension

The following text is a short story from an American magazine. Read it carefully, and then answer the questions about it.

My Parking Lot War

1 As I drove my blue Buick into the garage under my apartment house, I saw that old yellow Oldsmobile was parked too close to my space-again. "Why does that driver always crowd me in?" I asked myself.

2 To squeeze my car into the narrow spot remaining between the yellow Oldsmobile and a big cement column, I had to maneuver back and forth several times. That left hardly enough room to open the door.

3 Then, one day I arrived home first, and just as I turned off my Buick's engine, the yellow Oldsmobile entered its space-too close to my car as usual. At last I had a chance to meet the driver.

My patience had run out, and besides, I had a cold and a headache, and I'd just received a letter from the tax office telling me I owed them more money.

4 I looked angrily at the driver of the yellow Oldsmobile and shouted, "Can't you see you're not leaving me enough space? You've got plenty of room. Park over there!"

5 The driver glared back. "Just stop it! That's enough." she shouted, banging open her door into mine. "Who do you think you are? The queen of Sheba?"

Throwing her head back she walked slowly out of the garage.

6 "OK," I said to myself, "I'll let you see what it is like." The next time I entered the garage and Yellow Oldsmobile wasn't there, I parked so close to her side that she had to park right next to a cement column on her right.

7 Still, each time Yellow Oldsmobile got home first, she parked too close to my side. A few times I left my car parked on the street rather than go through the hassle of trying to squeeze it into the narrow space.

8 Then one day, after I had bent the Buick's side mirror trying to get past the cement column, I laid my head on the steering wheel. "This can't keep going on," I prayed. "What can I do?"

9 I soon found an answer. The next time the woman got to her car, she discovered an envelope on her windshield. The note inside read:

Dear Yellow Oldsmobile,

I'm sorry my mistress bumped into your mistress the other day. You know how crazy those humans can act. She's been sorry about it ever since. I know because she doesn't sing anymore while driving. It wasn't like her to scream like that. Fact is, she'd just got bad news in the mail and was taking it out on you two.

I hope you and your mistress will forgive her.

Your neighbor, Blue Buick

10 When I went down the garage next morning, the Oldsmobile was gone, but there was an envelope on my car's windshield. I opened it up and read the message inside:

Dear Blue Buick,

My mistress gets upset too. The reason she parked so crazily was that she just learned to drive. We will park much farther over after this. I'm glad we can be friends now. My mistress is glad you wrote. She would like to be friends too.

Your neighbor, Yellow Oldsmobile

11 I couldn't help laughing as I started the engine. After that, whenever Blue Buick passed Yellow Oldsmobile on the road, they greeted each other with a special horn honk (two shorts and a long), while their drivers waved cheerfully and smiled.

Explanation of some new words:

Lot - space for parking

Hassle - a state of confusion

Back and forth - backward and forward

Glare - gaze, watch carefully

Bump into - knock with force

Questions about the text:

- 1.** Which of these statements best reflects the contents of paragraphs 6 - 8? **1 point**
- A) The best approach is revenge.
 B) The strongest one always wins.
 C) Quarrelling does not solve anything.
 D) Do not be bothered by others' offences.
- 2.** Indicate whether the following statements about the writers of these notes are True or False. Base your answer on the contents of both notes. **4 points**
- They both promised to behave better from that moment on. **T / F**
 - They both gave their cars human characteristics. **T / F**
 - They both blamed the other. **T / F**
 - They were both happy that the problem was solved. **T / F**
- 3.** What was the relationship between the two women like according to the last sentence? **1 point**
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- 4.** According to Blue Buick's letter, it is not like her to _____ . **1 point**
- A) shout
 B) scream
 C) cry
 D) roar

5. Find out the number of the paragraph part 2 starts with. 1 point

_____ .

6. Which is the word that is often used to symbolize the Blue Buick and Yellow Oldsmobile? Why does the author use this word? 2 points

7. If you were the writer of this story, what title would you like to put to this piece of story? Give reasons why. 2 points

8. “At last I had a chance to meet the **driver**.”
 The word **driver** refers to: 1 point

- A) The driver of the Blue Buick B) The driver of the Yellow Oldsmobile

Section 2
Use of English (Vocabulary and Grammar)
Part 1

Choose the best alternative that best completes the meaning of the sentence.

9. He treated that problem with _____ . 1 point

A) carefully
 B) careless
 C) care
 D) careful

10. When people retire, they usually get a _____ . 1 point

A) wage
 B) money
 C) pension
 D) payment

11. I have always been completely _____ at solving problems.

1 point

- A) useless
- B) useful
- C) use
- D) usefully

12. I _____ a skirt when I was shopping but I didn't buy it because it was too big.

1 point

- A) tried on
- B) put on
- C) tried out
- D) dressed up

13. If sugar is mixed with water, it _____ .

1 point

- A) melting
- B) melts
- C) melt
- D) will melt

14. It's Jane's birthday tomorrow. Really? I _____ an email to her.

1 point

- A) am going to write
- B) am writing
- C) will write
- D) write

15. John finds it easy to drive to work.

1 point

- A) He is not used to driving to work.
- B) He is used to driving to work.
- C) He used to drive to work.
- D) He is used to drive to work.

Part 2

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence using the word in bold given under each sentence.

16.

a) He went to work despite his headache.

1 point

although

He _____ he had a headache.

b) The previous manager did not run the club well, so he was replaced.

1 point

badly

The club _____ by the previous manager, so he was replaced.

c) I suppose it is possible that she does not understand my message.

1 point

may

I suppose _____ my message.

d) It's a pity that you are not here with me.

1 point

wish

I _____ here with me.

17.

a) The doctor advised him to cut down smoking.

1 point

were

If I _____ cut down smoking.

b) While I was driving, I realized that the car wasn't working properly.

1 point

wrong

While I was driving the car I realized that _____ with the car.

c) "Do you know how to get to the town center?" she asked me.

1 point

way

She asked me whether _____ to the town center.

d) My parents didn't allow me to stay up late when I was young.

1 point

let

My parents _____ stay up late when I was young.

18.

a) What are you doing this afternoon?

1 point

going

What _____ this afternoon?

b) It was her first visit to London.

1 point

never

She _____ to London before.

c) This exercise is exactly the same as this one.

1 point

difference

There _____ this exercise and this one.

19.

a) I spent three hours to record all the material.

1 point

took

It _____ three hours to record all the material.

b) He was not successful in learning Spanish.

1 point

no

He had _____ in learning Spanish

c) Did you enjoy the party?

1 point

time

Did you have _____ at the party?

Section 3

English Writing

20. **Instructions:** In this section, the student will be evaluated for:

- a) **the content** (if the central idea is supported with concrete detail)
- b) **the organization of the whole theme** (theme planned logically, giving the necessary stages with originality); sentence structure (sentences well constructed, unified and effective);
- c) **vocabulary** (fresh, precise and idiomatic);
- d) **grammar**,
- e) **punctuation**,
- f) **spelling**.

Choose one of the following topics and write about the chosen topic in no more than 150 words.

1. Continue the story as you want to. Try not to make a long one. Do not add more than 100 words to the story.

“One morning I woke up late, and so I decided not to go to school that day. I made up my mind that I would have fun as much as I could. My parents left home too early that morning, because they had to go somewhere, so I was quiet because none could give me a yell (shout). I hadn’t seen a movie for years and years, so I thought to go to the cinema

2. Some people say that computers have made life easier and more convenient. Other people say that computers have made life more complex and stressful. What is your opinion? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

3. Many students choose to attend universities abroad. Give its advantages and disadvantages.

4. You are writing an email to a friend telling him about a summer job you have just started. When did you start it? How is it going? Is it hard to be working in the summer? Do you get any free time? Are the wages good? Do you recommend it to your friends?

