

A. Read the conversations below and choose the best possible answer A, B or C.

/ 10 points

1. What's the date today?

- A. It's Sunday.
- B. The fifth.
- C. I'm on holiday.

3. Where will you spend the weekend?

- A. We haven't decided yet.
- B. I haven't been anywhere
- C. Next week will be fine.

5. How did you get here?

- A. I can come on the bus.
- B. Sally brought me.
- C. Is it far from here?

2. Are you ready?

- A. They will come back.
- B. Not yet.
- C. Just now.

4. I'd like a kilo of those apples please.

- A. They aren't enough
- B. It's very heavy.
- C. The red ones?

B. Read the following texts and circle the answer A, B or C that best explains what each says.

/ 10 points

1.

The gym is closed 3-5 p.m.
Friday for staff training.

- A** The public can use the gym for part of Friday.
- B** The gym is closed for one day.
- C** No staff are available on Friday after 5 p.m.

2.

No dogs allowed anywhere
on the beach between
May and September.

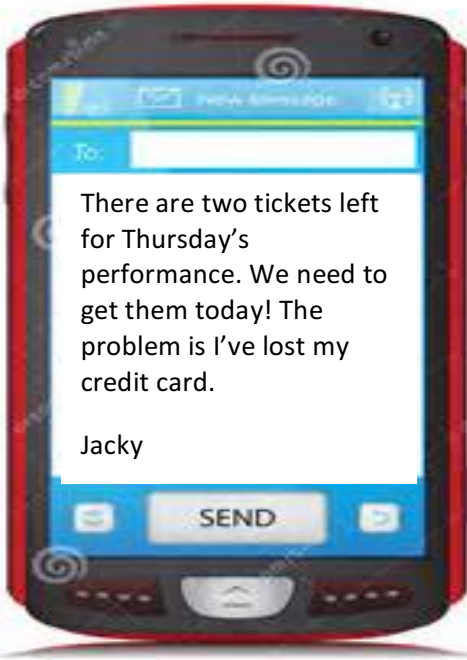
- A** Dog owners must avoid certain areas of the beach.
- B** You can never take your dog onto this beach.
- C** Dogs are welcome at certain times of the year.

3.

	This car park has 24-hour security cameras in operation.	
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- A** The cameras are not operating at the moment.
- B** There is security in this car park day and night.
- C** This car park is only safe during the day.

4.



What does Jacky want Lisa to do?

- A** cancel an arrangement.
- B** find her credit card.
- C** buy some tickets.

5.

To: Tom
From: Joe
Tom – Football training is cancelled until further notice because Mike has gone away, maybe we could do something else this week.

Tom and Joe aren't playing football because

- A** they're going away for a week.
- B** Mike is somewhere else.
- C** training is on another day.

C. Read the following sentences and identify the meaning of the words in bold.

/ 10 points

1. **Contrary** to my mother's opinion that I should stay home on graduation night, I would like to go to a large party.

- a. opposite b. agreeing c. following

2. Jackie plans every party as **thoroughly** as if the President were coming, so she will make sure that everything has been considered on your big day.

- a. full of people b. boringly c. correct in all details

3. After studying for twelve hours straight, Rob was growing **weary**.

- a. lonely b. tired c. relaxed

4. Chris could see nothing and nobody but the sky over the empty fields as he walked through the **desolate** land.

- a. empty of life b. crowded c. populated

5. Jack likes to sit at the beach when the wind is calm and the water is **tranquil**.

- a. peaceful b. wavy c. rough

D. Read the following text and circle the answer that best explains what each says.

/ 16 points

A Letter from New York

Dear Aunt Julia,

I have so much to tell you, I don't know where to begin! Remember last summer when I told you that I was planning to enter the TeenSay Magazine essay contest? Well, I entered, and my essay, "Improving Community Safety," won! The prize was a weekend trip to New York City, with a visit to the TeenSay offices to see how they publish the magazine each month. Three of us were chosen to go from Texas: two other contest winners, and myself.

My mom took me to the airport for the flight to New York, and I have to admit I was nervous! I've flown before, but never without my parents. But when we got to the airport and met the other people in our group, I relaxed. The group leader, Ms. Alvarez, was really

friendly and easy to talk to. She is in charge of marketing and special promotions at TeenSay Magazine. While we waited for our flight, she described the activities we'd be participating in that weekend. She also introduced me to the other contest winners. Irene and Eddie. They both seemed like a lot of fun. Before our plane even took off, we were laughing and telling jokes like we'd known each other forever.

I was surprised at how quick the flight seemed. Since Ms. Alvarez and I were sitting next to each other, she told me a lot about herself and how she had ended up working at TeenSay Magazine. She said that as a young girl she had always enjoyed writing stories and interviewing people. She also loved planning and organizing events. She was always in charge of planning her school's dances and fundraisers, and even organized her family's big reunion party every year. After college, she got a job as a reporter at TeenSay, and then she gradually moved into their marketing and special promotions department. She said that she still occasionally writes an article for them, but she loves what she does now. I told her that I was thinking about becoming a reporter someday, and she said that she thought I could do it if I worked really hard.

Before I knew it, we were landing in New York. At the airport, we were picked up in a limousine—just like celebrities! We drove to the TeenSay offices downtown. All during the ride, Irene and Eddie and I were pressed up against the windows like little kids, staring at the buildings and the people we passed. You wouldn't believe how different New York is from Texas! The colours, the smells, the noises—everything is different. All around us, people were speaking different languages. We couldn't get over how crowded it was: all of the people and cars on the streets and so much going on. We were excited to jump in and start seeing the sights.

When we arrived at the TeenSay offices, Ms. Alvarez took us on a tour. We got to see how a magazine goes from a rough manuscript to a finished issue. I couldn't believe how much work and detail goes into each issue, and how many people it takes to do the work. My favourite part was seeing the bulletin board where sketches, rough drafts, and outlines get pinned up in sequence. We also met many of the employees, from illustrators and writers to photographers and editors, and they answered all of our questions.

By the time the tour was over, Ms. Alvarez could tell that we were getting tired. She took us to her favourite restaurant, and on the way there we had a chance to do some window-shopping and check out some of the sights. I told Ms. Alvarez that I thought I could spend a whole year in New York and still not see everything!

When I see you at Mom's birthday party next week, I will tell you all about the sightseeing we are going to do tomorrow. I am enclosing a copy of my essay with this letter. So far, it has been a great trip.

Love,
Yoshiko

1. From whose point of view is this story told?

- A. Ms. Alvarez's
- B. Aunt Julia's
- C. Yoshiko's
- D. Eddie's

2. Yoshiko is in New York City because

- A. she won the trip in an essay contest.
- B. she is visiting her Aunt Julia.
- C. Ms. Alvarez invited her to visit TeenSay Magazine.
- D. she wants to be a reporter someday.

3. Based on what you read, find 2 adjectives to describe Ms. Alvarez's character.

A. _____

B. _____

4. What conclusion can you draw about Yoshiko and Aunt Julia?

- A. They do not have a very good relationship.
- B. They are close and share their experiences with each other.
- C. Yoshiko writes to her aunt because her mother wants her to.
- D. Yoshiko and her aunt travel together frequently.

5. Where does Yoshiko's adventure begin?

- A. at the TeenSay offices
- B. at home
- C. in New York City
- D. at the airport

6. Read this sentence from the story: She also loved planning and organizing events.

What does organizing mean?

- A. attending
- B. taking part in
- C. arranging
- D. observing

7. Find 2 differences between New York and Yoshiko's hometown?

- A. _____

- B. _____

8. Read this sentence from the story.

She said that she still occasionally writes an article for them, but she loves what she does now.

What is a synonym for the word occasionally?

A. sometimes

B. frequently

C. never

D. always

E. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first, using the word given. You must use between two and five words. / 10 points

1. You may be kicked off the team if you don't apologise. unless

You may be kicked off the team _____.

2. When I was younger, I always helped with the housework. used

When I was younger, I _____ with the housework.

3. Mr. Thomson wrote a triumphant review for the play. was

A triumphant review for the play _____ Mr. Thomson.

4. We started studying for the University exams a month ago. **studying**

We _____ the University exams for a month.

5. Timothy found the book very interesting and couldn't put it down! **interested**

Timothy was very _____ and couldn't put it down.

F. Complete the following sentences expressing and justifying your thoughts.

- Plan your answers before you start writing.
- Pay attention to capitalization, punctuation, grammar and spelling. Also consider word choice.
- Check your work carefully when finished. **/ 24 points**

1. The greatest problem our world is facing nowadays is _____

	2	1.5	1	0.5	--	
CONTENT						
GRAMMAR / SYNTAX						
WORD CHOICE						TOTAL

2. Regarding myself, by 2025 I _____

	2	1.5	1	0.5	--
CONTENT					
GRAMMAR / SYNTAX					
WORD CHOICE					
					TOTAL

3. The personality characteristic I value most in a person is _____

_____ because

	2	1.5	1	0.5	--
CONTENT					
GRAMMAR / SYNTAX					
WORD CHOICE					
					TOTAL

4. If I could travel back in time I would go _____
_____ because _____

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CONTENT						
GRAMMAR / SYNTAX						
WORD CHOICE						TOTAL

G. Below you will find multiple-choice word analogies (two words that are related in a certain way). You need to circle the best pair of words A, B, C or D to complete the first analogy. Often, there may appear to be more than one answer that fits the analogy, but the correct answer is the one that BEST completes the analogy. The first one has been done for you. / 20 points

1. tulip : flower ::

a. plant : garden

b. gold : metal

c. hurricane : blizzard

d. doctor : patient

5 milk : refrigerator ::

a. mop : clean

b. salt : seasoning

c. orange : juice

d. car : garage

2. mammal : dolphin ::

a. gem : diamond

b. rehearse : practice

c. song : lyrics

d. nail : hammer

6. glass : window ::

a. rubber : tire

b. truck : storage

c. birds : nest

d. silver : metal

3. mentor : advise ::

a. teacher : write

b. chauffer : drive

c. receptionist : sit

d. doctor : study

7. teacher : homework::

a. doctor : medicine

b. notebook : pen

c. students : school

d. home : family

4. blanket : warm ::

a. water : wet

b. concert : arena

c. colour : bright

d. car : transportation

8. excited : calm ::

a. jumping : hopping

b. pool : water

c. sharp : dull

d. happy : cheerful

9. **protect : destroy ::**

- a. passenger : driver
- b. power : prejudice
- c. destruction : demolition
- d. distract : focus

10. **piece : peace ::**

- a. slice : pie
- b. kite : bite
- c. poor : pour
- d. bread : loaf

11. **artist : painting ::**

- a. teacher : student
- b. soldier : army
- c. watercolour : canvas
- d. carpenter : chair