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Examples of Tasks

Part One: READING COMPREHENSION

READING COMPREHENSION - EXERCISE 1

Read the following text. Next to the numbers 1-6 in the text, write the letter corresponding to the missing line (a-g). There is an extra sentence that you won't need to use and an example (0) at the beginning. [1 point each = 6 points]

Gran Canaria Holiday Guide

(0) (h) **You'll find that the paradise island of Gran Canaria is located in the Atlantic Ocean**, 130 miles from the African coast and 780 miles from the nearest European port, Cadiz. (1) _____ and has Fuerteventura and Tenerife as its neighbours. Las Palmas, situated in the north east of the island, is its capital, and it is set in magnificent scenery composed of two bays and their beautiful beaches – Playa de las Canteras and Playa de las Alcaravaneras.

(2) _____ it has a great mix of people and keeps local traditions alive as well as catering for the holidaymaker. Crammed with culture, sandy beaches and enjoying a sunny climate, Gran Canaria is a great destination all year round. So whenever you want to escape for a break the delights of Gran Canaria are waiting for you!

(3) _____ this perfect holiday island has everything the most discerning traveller could wish for; the great diversity of climate, flora and fauna has led to this island being dubbed "The Miniature Continent". Where else can you find acres of sand dunes against a backdrop of verdant mountains within easy reach of some of the best hotels, clubs, bars and cafés in Europe? The top of the mountains of Gran Canaria know what snow is, although just a few kilometres away the sun shines all year on golden beaches - and on lakes where you can practice water sports, find freshwater fish, bathe or camp in the great outdoors.

(4) _____ although the south is the most popular containing such delights as Puerto de Mogán (a picturesque village also known as Little Venice), Puerto Rico, Maspalomas, Meloneras, San Agustín and the famous Playa del Inglés. But with their spectacular views and landscapes, make sure you don't miss the rugged north and west coasts, where you can enjoy a wide variety of beaches and coves, and the island's mountainous interior.

(5) _____ you'll find everything you're looking forward in order to relax, have fun and soak up the atmosphere of this great island. It doesn't matter how old or young you are, there is something for everyone, including many fascinating historical and cultural sites. The main highlights include the Museo Elder de la Ciencia y la Tecnología (Science and Technology Museum) and the Casa de Colón (Christopher Columbus House), as well as the Centro Atlántico de Arte Moderno (Atlantic Centre of Modern Art). All of these are great places to visit and can be found in the city of Las Palmas itself.

(6) _____ you'll know you've come to the right place and with a great choice of package deals, hotels and flights to the island, it's never been easier to holiday in Gran Canaria.

(From spain-grancanaria.com)

- a. Enjoying warm weather all year round, Gran Canaria offers you a wealth of choices;
- b. From the cooler north to the sunnier south,
- c. Gran Canaria has a lot to offer the tourist,
- d. Gran Canaria is an island of contrasts,
- e. It's the third largest of the Canary Islands,
- f. Situated very near to the Moroccan coast, Gran Canaria is a mix of many cultures,
- g. From the moment you step off the plane
- ~~h. You'll find that the paradise island of Gran Canaria is located in the Atlantic Ocean~~

Part Two: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

VIDEO ONE: Supermarket psychology (Video from Peter Rowsthron’s programme ‘Can we help?’ on https://youtu.be/RmE13_NhZj4)

Watch the video about supermarket psychology and fill each space with **ONE** word. There is an example (0) at the beginning. [1 point each = 8 points]

Supermarket psychology

Supermarket psychology is a technique marketers use to:

- find out ways that consumers (0) **SHOP** in supermarkets.
- (1) ____ consumers to spend more or buy unnecessary items.

Colour is used for different reasons in supermarkets:

- Red is used to grab consumers’ (2) ____.
- Green is used to create a fresh and (3) ____ feeling.
- Blue is used to release our trust hormones.

Research findings:

Research suggests that if fresh products are put at the (4) ____ of the supermarket, shoppers spend more time and money at the supermarket. Supermarkets also create the relaxed atmosphere through (5) ____ and lighting.

Staple products, like bread and milk, are located on the (6) ____ of the supermarket, not down the aisles.

How to avoid buying what is not necessary?

- don’t shop without making a shopping list first.
- don’t shop with people who can be stressful (e.g. (7) ____ or loved ones.)
- don’t shop when you are (8) ____.

Part Three: USE OF ENGLISH

EXERCISE ONE – Cloze Test: Fill in the blanks with **ONE** word. There is an example (0) at the beginning. [1 point each = 8 points]

(0) **THERE** is a new craze in South Korea that is very (1) _____. It is (2) _____ other people eat online. The Reuters news agency reports there are over 3,500 people who eat live in front of their webcam. Thousands of people watch the (3) _____. One of the most famous online diners is 34-year-old Park Seo-yeon. She is (4) _____ as The Diva and has thousands of (5) _____ who watch her eat every day. She broadcasts her (6) _____ in real time for about three hours a day. She first tried it (7) _____ a hobby, but then she started to get a lot of money. When people click a link on her website to say they like her, she gets about nine U.S. cents per click. She now makes over \$9,000 a month from her show and has (8) _____ her regular job.

EXERCISE THREE – Word Formation: Complete the sentences by changing the form of the words in capitals. There is an example (0) at the beginning. [0.5 each = 4 points]

EXAMPLE: (0) We were really **UNLUCKY** (LUCK). We missed the train by just ten minutes.

1. To explore other permanent _____ opportunities with the Federal Government, you should write directly to the agency that interests you. (EMPLOY)
2. Rupert is an _____ at a local extreme sports centre. (INSTRUCT)
3. There are several reasons why reading or writing text messages stops people from walking _____. (PROPER)
4. Car _____ ignore the fine and park where they want. (OWN)
5. He's been running the company with the _____ of his daughter. (ASSIST)
6. The paintings in this exhibition focus on the subjects of _____ and peace. (FREE)
7. He is very _____ when he drives in the city – he doesn't pay much attention to traffic lights or people crossing the street. (CARE)
8. I don't know if there is any _____ between my birth mother and me because I was adopted. (SIMILAR)

Part Four: WRITING

TASK ONE: TRANSACTIONAL WRITING (100 – 125 WORDS)

You want to do voluntary work in summer. Choose an organization that you would like to work with and write **a formal letter** to them introducing yourself and the reasons for your interest.

TASK TWO: NARRATIVE / DESCRIPTIVE / ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING (175 – 200 WORDS)

Write **a story** beginning with the following sentence:

“My friend and I were very excited because my parents had given ...”.

Part Five: SPEAKING

Topic: SPORTS

- **Part 1 (2-3 minutes): Direct questions (individual turn)**

What's your name?

What's your surname / family name? How do you spell / rite it?

Where do you live/come from?

Do you study at university, or do you work? What do you study? / Where do you work?

In your free time ... what sports do you like doing? How often do you do this / these sport(s)? Why do you like it / them?

Topic: TRANSPORT

- **Part 2 (1-2 minutes each candidate): Photo description (Individual turn)**

You are going to see pictures of people using different means of transport.

Give picture 2A (family travelling by car) to Candidate A

This is your picture. Look at it, and when you're ready, you have approximately one minute to describe it

Next, Candidate B will be given picture 2B (an elderly couple on a train), and the same procedure will be repeated.

This is your picture. Look at it, and when you're ready, you have approximately one minute to describe it

Once they are done, ask this question if necessary:

What means of transport do you normally use when you are on holiday?



Topic: TOURISM (popular tourist destinations)

○ **Part 3 (3-4 minutes): Dialogue (in pairs)**

Now please have a look at these photos, which show some POPULAR TOURIST DESTINATIONS.

- Imagine that you are organising a holiday together for next summer. In approximately four minutes, try to decide WHICH OF THE DESTINATIONS IN THE PICTURES YOU WILL BE GOING TO ON YOUR HOLIDAY. Try to talk about all the destinations.
 - You may want to talk about these topics: transport, weather, tourist attractions or activities to do, for example.

