

B1+ MOCK EXAMINATION

SECTION I

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVES TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

1. Paul: What _____? You're as red as a tomato!
Susan: Sunbathing in the garden.
- would you do
 - did you do
 - were you
 - have you been doing
2. The road _____ up and she couldn't concentrate because of the noise outside.
- was digging
 - was being dug
 - was been dug
 - has been digging
3. It's not worth _____ him to give us a hand. He never helps anyone!
- to ask
 - that we are asking
 - to have asked
 - asking
4. He _____ on the go since the alarm clock _____ off this morning!
- has been went
 - was was going
 - would have been is going
 - has been is going
5. She _____ out the cellar when she _____ across an old painting which may be valuable.
- cleaned was coming
 - has cleaned came
 - was cleaning came
 - has been cleaning was coming
6. The expense of a new car would mean _____ less money for our holiday!
- having
 - to have
 - to having
 - that we are having
7. He _____ for hours so it was time he took a break.
- has been driving
 - would drive
 - had been driving
 - is driving

8. Where _____ when _____ to the Convention next week?
- will he stay is he going
 - will he be staying he goes
 - has he been staying he goes
 - he's going to stay does he go
9. If he _____ in time, there _____ a serious accident. It's lucky he has quick reactions!
- didn't break will be
 - hadn't break would be
 - hadn't braked would have been
 - wouldn't have braked had been
10. Last Saturday over a hundred people _____ after the disturbance at the football match.
- were arrested
 - was arresting
 - have arrested
 - have been arrested

SECTION 2

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVE TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

1. Lock the door when you leave the house, _____?
- do you
 - did you
 - shall you
 - will you
2. He promised to pick her up at the station but it slipped his _____ and she had to take a taxi.
- brain
 - mind
 - head
 - memorial
3. He _____ me that he was going to be away this week but I really can't remember!
- might have told
 - should have told
 - may tell
 - could be telling
4. When he told you he was going sell his house and live in a tent, he was pulling _____!
- bells
 - his head off
 - your leg
 - your arm and leg off
5. _____ in the country yet or does she still find it too quiet?
- Does she get used living
 - Has she got used to living
 - Did she use to living
 - Has she been used to live

6. They _____ pleased when their son borrowed their car and had an accident!
- mustn't be
 - couldn't be
 - can't have been
 - mustn't have been
7. If we don't _____ before it rains heavily again, our bedroom is going to get very damp!
- do repaired the roof
 - make repairing on the roof
 - have got the roof repairing
 - get the roof repaired
8. Before putting the bowl of spaghetti on the table, she _____ grated cheese over it.
- simmered
 - sprinkled
 - scrambled
 - stuffed
9. _____ you tidy up afterwards, you can invite your friends round on Saturday evening.
- As far as
 - Despite
 - However
 - As long as
10. After the party, the room was in a state _____ !
- of utter chaos
 - chaotic
 - completely chaos
 - chaotically

SECTION 3

COMPLETE THE SECOND SENTENCE SO THAT IT MEANS THE SAME AS THE FIRST.

1. I'm certain he regretted not telling her the truth himself.
He _____ not telling her the truth himself.
2. While they were planting a tree, they found an old bomb! They were very lucky it didn't explode.
While they were planting a tree, they found an old bomb! They were very lucky it didn't _____ off.
3. He's sorry he lost his temper over such a small matter.
He wishes he _____ his temper over such a small matter.
4. He turned up late at the interview and that's the reason why he didn't get the job.
If he hadn't _____ up late at the interview, he _____ the job.
5. 'I wouldn't put off your doctor's appointment if I were you.'
He advised her _____ doctor's appointment.
6. It hasn't rained here for six months!
It's six months _____ here.

7. If they hadn't wasted so much time, they could have finished the work by now. If so much time _____, the work _____ by now.
8. As I was sitting in the back of the hall, I couldn't see the writing on the screen. As I was sitting in the back of the hall, I couldn't _____ out the writing on the screen.
9. An interior decorator designed their kitchen, dining and living room areas. They _____ by an interior decorator.
10. I'm afraid I haven't got any more bread so I can't make sandwiches. I'm afraid I _____ of bread so I can't make sandwiches.

SECTION 4

COMPLETE THE TEXT WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE WORD IN BRACKETS.

A white elephant

Believed to be the only wild albino elephant in Asia, the eleven-year-old female was recently seen for the first time in six years in Yala National Park. Now Dr Fernando, a scientist from Sri Lanka's Centre for Conservation and Research, is using movement- 1 _____ (SENSE) cameras in an attempt to catch the animal on film.

2 _____ (OBSERVE) and research into the elephant population has become rather difficult. In the dry season the elephants cross the Park boundary and go to the farmland in search of food and water. The 3 _____ (AVOID) conflict with local farmers has caused the elephants to change their patterns of 4 _____ (BEHAVE). They have become almost nocturnal and therefore not very easy to study.

Dr Fernando said that albino animals with fur were generally expected to be white. Since elephants hardly had any fur, you could see the skin colour, which was a very pale tanned colour. He added that when the albino elephant was wet, the contrast with the other elephants was 'absolutely 5 _____ (AMAZE)'.

Dr Fernando is interested in finding out whether the animal is the consequence of a rare gene or a genetic 6 _____ (MUTATE) which would result in the 7 _____ (CHARACTER) of albinism being continued into future generations.

However, a local 8 _____ (CONSERVE) said that although the animal was an exciting 9 _____ (CURIOS), it was also only one elephant among many. She claimed that the elephants' conflict with humans and the 10 _____ (LOSE) of their habitat were more important than any one animal, however rare!

SECTION 5

READ THE TEXT AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

'To be or not to be' warmer – that is the question!

Everybody seems to have conflicting views about whether global warming exists or not. The confusion is well-demonstrated by two articles in The Telegraph. On May 21, 2008, the headline read, 'Climate change threat to Alpine ski resorts' and the article was about how the whole winter sports industry was threatened by lack of snow. Then, on December 18, The Telegraph reported, 'The Alps have best snow conditions in a generation'!

According to some scientists, temperatures have dropped, not risen. They say that 1,000 years ago, the earth was hotter than it is now. NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies says that December 2007 to November 2008 was the coolest year since 2000 and that the hottest decade of the 20th century was in the 1930s, not the 1990s.

It is also reported that in December 2008, the Arctic ice volume was 500,000 square kilometres greater than it was at the same time the year before and Antarctic sea-ice reached its highest levels since satellite records started in 1979. Instead of on global warming, the UN Environment Program experts blame the melting of the glaciers in the Himalayas on the local warming effects of a huge 'atmospheric brown cloud' caused by Asia's increased burning of fossil fuels and deforestation.

On the other hand, scientists at the Copenhagen Climate Congress 2009 modified their 2007 predictions of an eighteen to fifty-nine-centimetre rise in sea levels. They say that the melting ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica are already contributing more and faster to sea levels than they anticipated and, if the trend continues, a rise of a metre or more could be seen by 2100. They strongly advised governments to use the tools they already possessed to deal with the climate change challenge and 'decarbonise' economies. In other words, economies should find alternatives to fossil fuels, which produce emissions of carbon dioxide.

Other scientists have invented a novel way of dealing with global warming. They claim the phenomena can be fought by firing trillions of mirrors into space to form one huge mirror which would act as a 'sun shade' of approximately 161,000 square kilometres to deflect the sun's rays. To do this, the mirrors would have to be fired to 1,609,344 kilometres above the earth using an enormous cannon with a barrel of about 966 metres across. They have estimated that the project would cost about €261 trillion! They are already carrying out tests, funded by NASA, and expect to be ready for launching within twenty or thirty years' time. Perhaps, by then, scientists will come to an agreement about whether the climate is warming or not!

1. The Telegraph's two articles _ .
 - a) contain the same opinion about climate change
 - b) are in complete contrast to each other
 - c) both warn people that the climate is getting warmer
 - d) both say that there is more snow than there used to be

2. Some scientists claim that _ .
 - a) the earth has never been so hot
 - b) they have dropped temperatures
 - c) there has been no change in temperatures for the past 1,000 years
 - d) temperatures in 1009 were higher than they are today

3. According to NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, ____.
- the 1930s recorded higher temperatures than the 1990s
 - November 2008 was colder than December 2007
 - 2008 was the coolest year for a century
 - it was very cold in the 1990s
4. In December 2008, ____.
- ice was piled up higher in the Antarctic than it was in 1979
 - there were 500,000 square kilometres of ice in the Arctic
 - there was more ice in the Arctic than there was in December 2007
 - there was as much sea-ice at the South Pole as in 1979
5. The UN Environment Program experts say that ____.
- the Himalayas glaciers are melting because of global warming
 - global warming is confined to the Himalayas
 - global warming is caused by local burning of fossil fuels and deforestation
 - global warming is not the reason why the glaciers are melting in the Himalayas
6. In 2007 scientists predicted ____.
- that seas would rise by over 59cm
 - a more modest rise in sea levels than they now predict
 - that seas would rise to a depth of 18 to 59cm
 - they would modify the rise of sea levels
7. At the Copenhagen Climate Congress 2009, scientists said ____.
- sea levels have been more affected by melting ice sheets than expected
 - that there were more ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica
 - sea levels will rise by almost a metre by 2100
 - sea levels would not rise until 2100
8. They recommended that governments should ____.
- challenge climate change
 - base their economies on something other than fossil fuels
 - find tools to challenge climate change
 - economically decarbonise
9. Other scientists wish to ____.
- fire mirrors from 1,609,344 kilometres above the earth
 - put up a sun shade on the earth
 - create a reflective surface which would protect the earth from the sun's rays
 - create a cannon to shoot mirrors at the sun
10. Which statement is correct?
- It would cost €261 trillion to build the cannon to fire the mirrors.
 - NASA obviously takes the project seriously because it is funding tests.
 - It will take scientists at least twenty years to come to an agreement about global warming.
 - Scientists already agree that the earth is warming.

Now check your answers against the answer sheet!