

9 Grade

Maximum score – 100 points / Total time - 90 minutes (1,5 hour)

I. Use of English

Maximum score – 50 points / Time – 45 minutes

Task 1. Each line contains one grammatically or lexically incorrect (unnecessary) word. Find these words. Eg.: 0 – the

Homeopathy

0	Our army of <u>the</u> overworked and underpaid family doctors are daily disheartened to see	<i>the</i>
1	the same people returning by with the same problems. They know only too well that	
2	thousands of people who suffer from ailments for which conventional treatment proves	
3	ineffective, no way matter how many expensive or painful tests they are forced to undergo.	
4	However, all is not lost. Alternative lamented medicine and, particularly,	
5	homeopathy is having gaining recognition as a valid form of treatment even though	
6	it remains hard to prove scientifically just how it works! Skeptics have regard it as a fairly	
7	harmless form of hocus-pocus with active ingredients compound so diluted they wouldn't	
8	hurt a fly. But with so many devotees, it seems hard money to ignore its potential any longer.	

2 points for each correct answer

Maximum total - 16 points

Task 2. Use the words in the brackets to form one word that fits in the space in the texts. Eg.: 0 – particularly

How to be sensitive

When asked to talk about themselves, some people, (0)... (PARTICULAR) men, become rather (1) ... (DEFEND). Others become (2) ... (REST), unable to sit still or look at their inquisitor. Others, however, become extremely (3) ... (TALK), delighted to have been given the opportunity to talk about themselves. Jenny falls into this latter category. One innocent question about her health can result in half an hour's in-deep (4) ... (DESCRIBE) of her backache or (5) ... (SLEEP) night. What's more, you daren't interrupt her for fear of (6) ... (OFFEND) her legendary (7) ... (SENSE) and being described as an (8) ...(FEEL) egotist with no interest in other people! I have now (9) ... (LEARN) that all (10) ... (RESIST) is futile and one simply has to grin and bear it.

2 points for each correct answer

Maximum total - 20 points

Task 3. Complete the sentences using the form of the verb in brackets. Eg.: 0 – speaks, does your dad speak

0. My dad .. three languages. – How many languages ... (SPEAK, YOUR DAD SPEAK)
1. A few weeks ago, I ...in the newspaper that our parliamentary representative ...to visit France. (READ, WANT)
2. Aunt Judith ... yesterday evening, but I ... her yet. (ARRIVE, NOT SEE)
3. What ... between 9 and 12 yesterday morning? – I ... the house the whole morning. (YOU DO, CLEAN)
4. He usually ... the newspaper in the morning but when I ... him yesterday, he ... a book. (READ, SEE, READ)
5. I ... for 15 years. I ... 16 when I (SMOKE, BE, START)
6. We ... tomorrow morning. The train ... at 7:45 a.m. (LEAVE, LEAVE)
7. He ... his car into a tree because he ... attention to the road. (CRASH. NOT PAY)

2 points for each correct answer

Maximum total – 14 points

II. Writing

Maximum score – 50 points / Time – 45 minutes

Choose ONE of the topics below, present a short story, article, essay or letter. Write an essay on ONE of the questions. Write approximately 130-150 words.

A. Your English teacher has asked you to write a story. Your story must begin with this sentence: Yesterday I received a message.

B A cookery magazine is running a competition, asking its readers to submit a recipe for a typical dish from their country. Write your recipe.

C. Your teacher has asked you to write a composition describing the person you admire most from history. Write your description for your teacher.

D. You feel that you and your mother cannot agree on anything. Write a letter to a problem page asking for advice.

E. You have recently bought a smart phone but it does not work properly. Write a letter of complaint to the manager of the shop where you bought it.

Maximum score – 50 points