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A. PHONETICS: (5pts)

I. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the others:

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| 1. a. intro <u>du</u> ce | b. <u>s</u> olution | c. <u>co</u> mputer | d. <u>h</u> onor | 1 ... |
| 2. a. <u>h</u> unted | b. <u>o</u> rganized | c. <u>pe</u> rform | d. <u>co</u> ntribution | 2 ... |
| 3. a. hall <u>u</u> ciate | b. <u>i</u> ndustry | c. <u>u</u> tterance | d. <u>t</u> ussle | 3 ... |
| 4. a. <u>st</u> ategy | b. <u>sp</u> acious | c. <u>a</u> ctivity | d. <u>ma</u> ximum | 4 ... |
| 5. a. <u>me</u> ssage | b. <u>pa</u> ssword | c. <u>pa</u> ssionate | d. <u>pe</u> ssimism | 5 ... |

II. Choose the word whose stress is on the third syllable:

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| 6. a. participant | b. ornamental | c. observance | d. nominate | 6 ... |
| 7. a. monotonous | b. monument | c. residential | d. renewable | 7 ... |
| 8. a. principal | b. geothermal | c. gratitude | d. guarantee | 8 ... |
| 9. a. picturesque | b. etiquette | c. cosmonaut | d. Internet | 9 ... |
| 10. a. entertain | b. biotech | c. reminder | d. attachment | 10 ... |

B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

III. Write the correct form of each bracketed word in the numbered spaces provided in the column on the right. (0) has been done as an example : (10pts)

THE IMAGE OF SCIENCE

The image that we have of science has (0. undergo) radical change in the last hundred years. An enormous (1. technology) explosion, together with a number of very real (2. anxious) about the environment and all the moral and political ramifications of economic growth have (3. question) put science at the centre of public debate. The twentieth century began with a challenge to the (4. assume) that human knowledge was approaching completion. It will come, perhaps, as something of a surprise to all of us to realize that the emergence of this highly (5. destroy) process came both from within and outside science.

New scientific theories (6. overwhelm) reveal the limitations of the old perspective. We had thought that the world, understood through the medium of rational (7. be), as, indeed, the real world. Now we know that this was no more than a simplification that just happened to work. Once we realize this, though, we can move in a number of opposing directions. We can re-evaluate all knowledge (8. pessimism) and decide that it is eternally fragmentary and full of a vast number of (9. perfect), or we can be more positive and view these vast explosions of scientific awareness as new challenges still to come and as celebrations of the (10. high) that the human imagination has so far scaled.

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IV. The passage below contains 10 errors. Identify and correct them. Write your answers in the space provided in the column on the right. (0) has been done as an example. (10pts)

Women see their doctors (0.in) average five times a year in the United Kingdom comparing with men who visit their doctors about three times. Two out of three women leave their GB's surgery clutch a prescription. Yet women have been taking tablets without knowing what effect they may have in their body, because of scientific anomaly – most drugs are tested into men. In addition, there are well-known examples of the way drugs and other substances work different in women. The different balance on fat and muscle of men's and women's bodies affects the speed with which alcohol is absorbed and breaking down, for example. It is predicted that natural remedies will continue to gain in popularity as woman, in particular, become more awareness of the possible side – effects of the powerful drugs currently prescribe.

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V. Choose the correct word form (A, B, C or D) which best fits the space in each of the following sentences.(10pts)

1. I know you feel fed up, but don't let one failure...you. It was your first interview, after all, there'll be more.
A. discourage B. courage C. encourage D. miscourage
2. Lack of water and agricultural land impose the most serious on Australia's future development.
A. limits B. limitations C. limit D. limiting
3. This hotel gives..... treatment to people who stay in it regularly.
A. preferable B. preferential C. preferred D. preference
4. Right at the beginning of their program the Japanese realized the importance of an iron and steel industry.
A. modern B. moderning C. modernizing D. modernization
5. The criminal stayed in until the police had passed.
A. cancellation B. conceal C. concealment D. concealness
6. They on her new baby.
A. mentioned B. commented C. congratulated D. praised
7. Recently WHO announced that the disease of smallpox..... in most parts of the world.
A. almost wiped off B. most wipes off C.had wiped off most D.had almost wiped off
8. I don't normally like noisy clubs, but I had a sudden to see what the Blue Parrot was like.
A. force B. motive C. impulse D.pressure
9. Susan wasn't hungry at all, and could only.....the food on her plate.
A.toy with B. side at C. snack at D.finger with
10. After the meal we over our coffees for an hour or so.
A. lounged B. lingered C. loitered D. took

VI. Supply the correct forms of the verbs in brackets: (10pts)

I moved to London three weeks ago to take up a new post at my company's London office. Ever since then,I (1.wonder) if I made the right decision. I (2. see) a lot of the negative things about living in the capital, and I can't say London (3.make) a very favourable impression on me. It's so polluted and expensive, and people are so distant.You see I grew up in a fairly small town called Devizes and I (4. spend) all of my life there.I always (5.want) to live in a big city and so my company(6.offer) me a job in London, I jumped at the chance. I think I'm not alone in my aversion to the big city. According to the programme I (7. hear) on the radio, more and more people (8.stop) working in London recently, and a lot of large companies (9.choose) to move away from the center. Well, it's too late to change my mind now, because the job is up and running and I have already sold my house in Devizes. But I must admit, over the past few days I (10. secretly hope) that the company would relocate me back to my old town.

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VII.Fill in each blank with a suitable PREPOSITION.Write your answers in the numbered blanks provided below:(5 pts)

(1)..... the whole, Helen was content (2)..... her life. (3)... day she was a librarian in a large city library, but in her spare time she lived in a world of dreams. Her secret, all- devouring passion was reading - novels in particular- and she had read almost all the classics that the library had (4).....stock. She read voraciously, (5).....her lunch time,her tea break, and the long evenings at home.She would even on her way home, walking slowly (6)... her book open.The small flat where she lives by herself was piled high (7).... books.She knew her favourites by heart, empathizing with the characters and thinking of them as real people. (8).... short, she had found that books fulfilled her emotional needs better than people did, and (9)... any case, she had now completely forgotten how to relate (10).....people other than characters in novels.

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C. READING:

VIII. Read the text and then choose from the list A → H given below the best sentence to fit each gap (1-7). Write one letter in the correct box. (7pts)

IN HOT WATER

Rachel Mills is a scientist who spends as much time as she can at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean.

Rachel Mills teaches and does research into marine geochemistry, which means she studies the chemical processes happening in the sea. She is a lecturer at the Oceanography Centre at Southampton University. When she isn't teaching, she lowers herself into a steel vehicle, a vessel for underwater exploration the size of a small car, and dives three kilometres down into the Atlantic Ocean to study underwater volcanoes.

'Inside,' she says, 'space is so limited that I can reach out and touch the two pilots.' (1) _____ A dive can last for 16 hours – three hours to reach the ocean floor, ten hours gathering samples of rock and water and then three hours to get back up to the surface again.

'If anything happens, and you have a problem and have to get to the top quickly, you can hit a panic button.' The outside drops away leaving a small circular escape vessel that gets released, and it's like letting go of a ping-pong ball in the bath – it goes rapidly to the surface. (2) _____

'I didn't know how I was going to react the first time I climbed into the vehicle. It was on the deck of a ship and I got in with an instructor. (3) _____ They were testing me to see how I would react to being in such a small place.'

Now Rachel has made six dives. Last year she dived with a Russian crew. 'We went to a site which was a five-day sail west of the Canary Islands in the Atlantic. (4) _____ It is where the Atlantic Ocean comes alive. The Russian team were dropping off some scientific equipment there to discover the effect of a multi-national programme that would make a hole 150 metres through a volcano.'

When she isn't at sea, Rachel is in her office at the Oceanography Centre, Southampton. 'Two thirds of my salary comes from teaching which I love, but I do it so I can get on with my research into the "black smokers". This is just another name for underwater volcanoes – water comes out of the rock and turns into what looks like black smoke. (5) _____

'The only time I've been frightened is when I first went down with the Americans. We were towing equipment on a 50-metre rope when suddenly there was an explosion. There was this immense bang as the shock waves hit our vehicle and I thought, "I'm going to die." We stared at each other in silence, waiting. (6) _____ The relief was incredible – we were still alive!'

'It's such an adventure diving down to the deepest part of the ocean. Every time I look out of the porthole and see those chimneys, there is such a sense of wonder. (7) _____ I had studied the black smokers for three years for my PhD. When I got down there and saw them for real, it was such an amazing feeling.'

- A. Here, on the ocean floor, is a huge area of underwater volcanoes, their chimneys all blowing out black smoke.
- B. Here I am on the bottom of the sea, and no one else on this planet has ever before seen them.
- C. 'No one's tested it yet, but I don't think it would be a very pleasant journey.'
- D. He then talked me through the emergency procedures, including what to do if the pilot has a heart attack!
- E. They are used to these conditions, which mean they can't stand up or move, and they must stay inside until someone opens the door from the outside.
- F. When it didn't happen, we couldn't believe it.
- G. This pours out at a rate of one metre per second and at a temperature of 350 degrees.
- H. After that, as you get really deep, it's near freezing point so you need a sweater, thick socks, gloves and a woolly hat.

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IX. Fill in each blank by choosing one of the suggested words provided in the box: (10pts)

apathy	disdain	diverse	futile	hackneyed	incessant
kindle	ludicrous	scrutinize	superficial	reverence	integrity

1. Six privileged guests met the Pope and spoke to him with great
2. The doctor was not alarmed at all by the cut on the baby's arm.
3. Jean thought it was a idea to put cats up on a birthday cake!
4. Even though Pam watered the seedlings, her efforts to save the tiny sprouts were.....
5. Harriet couldn't sleep this morning due to the crowing of the rooster at dawn.
6. Jeff tends to every bill he received to assure himself that the charges are accurate.
7. Peter saw such styles in hardware for his kitchen cabinets that he couldn't make a selection.
8. After the woman's purse was returned, she praised the of the person who found it.
9. Bob was disappointed in the plot of the film because of thestoryline that had no surprise.
10. This adorable kitten will anyone's tender instincts with a desire to keep it safe.

X. Read the text below and then circle the answer that best fits each space. (10pts)

THE HISTORY OF WRITING

The development of writing (1)..... a huge difference to the world and we might see it as the beginning of the (2)..... Pieces of pottery with marks on that are probably numbers have been discovered in China that date from around 4000 BC. Hieroglyphics and other forms of ‘picture writing’ developed in the (3)..... around Mesopotamia (modern-day Iraq), where the ancient Sumerian civilization was based, from around 3300 BC onwards. However, the first (4)..... alphabet was used by the Phoenicians around 1050 BC. Their alphabet had 22 letters and it is estimated that it lasted for 1000 years. The first two signs were called ‘aleph’ and ‘beth’, which in Greek became ‘alpha’ and ‘beta’, which gave us the (5)..... word ‘alphabet’.

The modern European alphabet is based on the Greek and (6)..... to other European countries under the Romans. A number of changes took place as time passed. The Romans added the letter G, and the letters J and V were (7)..... to people in Shakespeare’s time.

If we (8)..... the history of punctuation, we also find some interesting facts. The Romans used to write *quaesto* at the end of a sentence in (9)..... to show that it was a question. They started to write *Qo* in (10)..... of the whole word, and then put the *Q* above the *o*. In the end, that became the question mark ‘?’.

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| 1. A. did | B. had | C. made | D. took |
| 2. A. media | B. bulletin | C. programme | D. journalism |
| 3. A. distance | B. area | C. length | D. earth |
| 4. A. true | B. accurate | C. exact | D. precise |
| 5. A. new | B. trendy | C. modern | D. fashionable |
| 6. A. spread | B. appeared | C. was | D. occurred |
| 7. A. infamous | B. unpopular | C. unknown | D. hidden |
| 8. A. look into | B. bring on | C. make off | D. hold up |
| 9. A. turn | B. fact | C. order | D. intention |
| 10. A. position | B. space | C. spot | D. place |

D. WRITING

XI. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given.

Do not change the word given. You must use between two and seven other words. (10pts)

1. I had to clear the spare room before I could start decorating. (cleared)
→ Only when start decorating.
2. The phone rang again as soon as I put it down. (had)
→ Hardly rang again.
3. I had no idea the manager wanted to see me to fire me. (realise)
→ Little the manager wanted to see me to fire me.
4. They didn’t ask me anything about my plans for the summer. (question)
→ Not about my plans for the summer.
5. There is no situation in which we will allow the management to lower wages. (no)
→ Under the management to lower wages.
6. ‘I haven’t made any firm decisions yet,’ said Laurence. (open)
→ Laurence said he at that time.
7. The only reason I haven’t moved to London yet is the cost of living. (for)
→ Had, I would already have moved to London.
8. What do you think was the reason for the failure? (down)
→ What do you to?
9. I’ve decided that teaching is the right profession for me. (conclusion)
→ I’ve that teaching is the right profession for me.
10. It was a mistake for me to buy you that computer game. (bought)
→ I should that computer game.

XII. Read the formal letter about a meeting and use the information in it to complete the numbered gaps in the informal letter to the writer’s friend. Use no more than two words for each gap. The words you need do not occur in the formal letter. (13pts)

FORMAL LETTER

The Secretary
 North of England Wildlife Protection Society
 1 Hill Road
 Burnley

Dear Mr. Eagleton,

Re: Annual General Meeting

I regret to inform you that I am unable to attend this meeting because a prior engagement will prevent me from arriving in time. Unfortunately, it is necessary for me to remain in Leeds on that evening as I have already agreed to participate in my younger brother’s school-leaving ceremony. In fact, I have agreed to address the whole school on my work as a National Park manager. It might be possible for me to be at the meeting about half an hour before the time it is scheduled to finish, but I think that this would serve no purpose.

I have forwarded my report to Mrs. Mary Jones, who I am hoping will kindly agree to read it to the meeting. Any questions can be directed to her and she will be able to answer them. I do not anticipate any problems, but if clarification is required, I can be contacted on my mobile phone during the evening.

I am confident that the meeting will be a great success.

Yours sincerely,

Jack Robbins

INFORMAL LETTER

Dear Mary,

I am sorry to tell you that I can’t (1)_____ to the annual meeting. There is (2)_____ that I have to go to on the same evening. There is just not enough time to do both. I can’t (3)_____ Leeds on that evening because I have promised to (4)_____ in the school-leaving do at Bob’s school – he’s my younger brother, as you must remember. It’s not just a matter of being there – I’m going to give (5)_____, and, as you’ve probably guessed, it’s about (6)_____ I do. I could get to Burnley just before (7)_____ of the meeting but it would be (8)_____ of time. I am (9)_____ my report with this letter. Could you do me (10)_____ and read it out at the meeting? Would you mind? I know that you can (11)_____ anything that comes up. I am sure there won’t be any problems, but if there’s anything people don’t (12)_____, you can give me (13)_____. I’ll keep the mobile switched on!

I hope everything goes well.

Best wishes,

Jack

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3.	6.	9.	12.	X

The end