

International Baccalaureate

Middle Years' Programme

ENTRANCE EXAM

ENGLISH

2010

Name of student _____

Points gained _____

I. Use the appropriate tense of the verbs in brackets. When there is no verb in brackets, write one suitable word - perhaps a preposition, an adverb, an auxiliary verb, an article ,etc.

Dear Julie,

I _____ (arrive) in England three days ago. I _____ (stay) with a family in a village near York. They are _____ nice. Mr Jones _____ (work) in York. Mrs Jones has just had a baby, so she _____ (not work) at the moment. I _____ (not ask) her what she does yet, but I _____ (think) she's _____ secretary.

I _____ (have) a good time here, _____ everything is very expensive. Yesterday I _____ (take) the train _____ York to do some sightseeing. Something really embarrassing happened _____ I was there. After I _____ (visit) the Viking museum, I _____ (decide) to do some shopping. Earlier in the day I saw a beautiful sweater in a _____ store, so I _____ (go) back _____ (buy) it. The shop assistant _____ (put) it into a bag when I realized that I _____ (forget) my purse with my credit cards! So unfortunately , I couldn't buy _____ after all.

Anyway, after that I went to York Minster. I have never seen such a beautiful cathedral! It _____ built between 1220 and 1470. In 1984 it _____ struck by lightning during a storm, and there was a terrible fire. But they've rebuilt it since then.

While I was walking back to the _____ , I _____ (meet) Frank. Do you remember him? I haven't heard from him _____ over a year. When we last _____ (see) him, he was working in _____ bank. Now he is learning English here _____ the same school as me ! What a coincidence !. Last night we went to _____ cinema together and saw a horror film. Frank was terrified, _____ I really enjoyed it!

That's about all the news for now. Write soon and tell me _____ your holiday in Portugal. What was Lisbon _____ ?

Love,

Claudia.

(/ 33 points)

II. Fill in the gaps .

THEIR, THERE, THEY'RE

- 1) _____ down _____ , she said nervously.,
- 2) _____ was no reason why the children should not have taken _____ pets to school today.
- 3) _____ all mad over _____ . _____ is no sense in what they say.
- 4) _____ clothes were torn, but _____ was an air of importance about them.

(/ 9 points)

III. Read carefully the following text and fill the gaps with *as, as if, before, that, the way (that), when, which*.

CAUGHT BY THE HEEL!

Mr Smith was just shutting his shoe shop at the end of the day _____ a man in a well-cut suit walked in and asked for an expensive pair of shoes. There was something about _____ the man walked that made Mr Smith suspicious. He felt _____ he had seen him before somewhere, and then remembered that he had- on TV! The man was a wanted criminal! The man tried on a few pairs of shoes _____ he bought a pair _____ Mr Smith strongly recommended. ' They're a bit tight,' the man complained. ' They'll stretch, sir.' Mr Smith said. _____ Mr Smith had expected, the man limped into the shop the next day to complain about the shoes. _____ he entered the shop, he was surrounded by police. Mr Smith had deliberately sold the man a pair of shoes _____ were a size too small, knowing he would return them the next day!

(/ 8 points)

IV. Explain briefly the meaning of the words in bold type or provide a synonym.

1. The meeting passed without an **incident** and finished at about 5 p.m.

2. Some workers complain that the work at the factory is **monotonous**.

3. She stood **in awe** in front of her favorite actor, Keanu Reeves.

4. It is acceptable to tell few **white lies** occasionally in order not to hurt people you care about.

5. The headmaster **turned a blind eye** when it came to punishing his own son.

6. There is something **fishy** going on here, isn't it?

7. My friend **accompanied** me to the concert last night.

8. Please **refrain** from smoking while the musicians are playing.

9. You are **beating a dead horse**.

10. We had to **memorize** a list of words for our German class.

(/ 10 points)

V. Find and correct the mistake in each sentence. There is only ONE mistake in each- either wrong spelling, wrong use of the tense or syntax, or other.

1. The delay was very annoyed because we were in a hurry to get to the office before it closed.
2. We were all disgusting by his behavior.
3. There's not much different between these two colors until you look at them more closely.
4. I can't go out tonight because I have lots of homeworks to do.
5. Everybody are happy with the result of the game.

(/ 5 points)

V. Choose the correct answer by underlining the correct answer- a, b, c or d.

1. William Shakespeare did **NOT** write one of the following :
a) King Lear b) Hamlet c) Crime and Punishment d) Julius Caesar
2. The famous story of Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare takes place in:
a) Florence b) Verona c) London d) Rome
3. Which of the following was **NOT** written by Stephenie Meyer.
a) b The Eclipse) Twilight c) New Moon d) Dawn
4. ***The Black Cat, A tell-tale Heart, The Fall of the House of Usher***, and many other short stories were written by a famous American writer:
a) Mark Twain b) E. A. Poe c) J. D. Salinger d) William Faulkner
5. Dan Brown , a famous American writer has become world famous for his novel
a) The Catcher In the Rye b) The Da Vinci Code c) Carrie d) 1984

(/ 5 points)

V. Answer the following questions or complete the sentences.

1. Identify one of the following : metaphor, simile, antithesis, onomatopoeia, personification, in the following lines:

- a) Her eyes are ***like shining diamonds*** ... _____
- b) **Morning** is
A new sheet of paper
For you to write on _____
- c) **Every leaf speaks** bliss to me _____
Fluttering from the autumn tree. _____

(/4 points)

VI. Match the following writers with their work:

- A. Oliver Twist
- B. Don Quijote
- C. Harry Potter and the Half-blood Prince
- D. The Lost Symbol
- E. Macbeth

- J.K. Rowling
- Dan Brown
- Miguel de Cervantes
- William Shakespeare
- Charles Dickens

(/ 5 points)

VI. Choose one of the following topics and write a composition on it in at least 200 words.

1. *Science has created as many problems as it has solved.*

2. *Should there be video cameras in schools?*

Content A	max 7 points
Organization B	max 7 points
Language and style C	max 7 points
Total	/ 21 points)

GOOD LUCK !