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### Placement test in English

#### Task 1

For questions 1–10, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals in the right margin to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. Write your word in the gap. An example (0) has been done for you.

#### How to succeed

Let me make a (0) suggestion to help you deal with difficult situations. If, for example, you are taking part in a sports (1) \_\_\_\_\_, meeting someone important, or giving a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in front of a large audience, you will probably be quite (3) \_\_\_\_\_, and you worry that you will not be as (4) \_\_\_\_\_ as you would like to be. What you need to do is to prepare (5) \_\_\_\_\_ thoroughly by going through the whole (6) \_\_\_\_\_ over and over again. In your mind you must (7) \_\_\_\_\_ plan every detail.

For example, a famous (8) \_\_\_\_\_, imprisoned several years for (9) \_\_\_\_\_ reasons, could still play magnificently on his release. When asked how he managed to play so well, his (10) \_\_\_\_\_ was that he had practised every day in his mind.

SUGGEST

COMPETE

PERFORM

NERVE

SUCCESS

YOU

ACTIVE

CARE

PIANO

POLITICS

EXPLAIN

## Task 2

You are going to read an extract from a novel. For questions 11–18, choose the correct answer A, B, C or D. Tick (✓) the box next to the letter.

On Saturday mornings I worked in the family shop. I started cycling down to the shop with Dad on Saturdays as soon as I was big enough. I thought of it as giving him a hand, and so I didn't mind what I did, although it was mostly just fetching and carrying at a run all morning. I managed not to think of it as work, and I looked forward to the bar of chocolate my grandmother passed me unsmilingly as I left. I tried not to look at her; I had reasons to feel guilty because I'd generally already eaten some dried fruits or a sliver of cheese when no one was looking. As soon as I was fifteen, though, Dad said, "That's it, our Janet. You're of working age now, and you're not coming to work unless your grandmother pays you properly." He did his best to make his chin look determined. "I shall speak to her."

The next Saturday, Gran called me into her little office behind the shop. I always hated going in there. She had an electric heater on full blast, and the windows were always kept tightly closed whatever the weather. "You're wanting to get paid, I hear," she said. "Yes, please," I replied. It was rather like visiting the headmistress at school, so I was very quiet and respectful. Gran searched through the mess of papers on her crowded desk, sighing and clicking her tongue. Eventually she produced an official-looking leaflet and ran her fingers along the columns of figures. "How old are you?" "Fifteen ... Gran," I added for extra politeness, but she looked at me as if I had been cheeky. "Full-timers at your age get forty pounds for a thirty-five-hour week," she announced in such a way as to leave no doubt that she wasn't in favour of **this**. "No wonder there's no profit in shopkeeping! So, Janet, what's that per hour?" Questions like that always **flustered** me. Instead of trying to work them out in my head, I would just stand there, unable to think straight. "I'll get a pencil and paper," I offered. "Don't bother," snapped Gran angrily, "I'll do it myself. I'll give you a pound an hour; take it or leave it." "I'll take it, please." "And I expect real work for it, mind. No standing about, and if I catch you eating any of the stock, there'll be trouble. That's theft, and it's a crime." 18 19

From then on, my main job at the shop was filling the shelves. This was dull, but I hardly expected to be trusted with handling the money. Once or twice, however, when Dad was extra busy, I'd tried to help him by serving behind the counter. I hated it. It was very difficult to remember the prices of everything, and I was particularly hopeless at using the till. Certain customers made unkind remarks about this, increasing my confusion and the chances of my making a fool of myself.

It was an old-established village shop, going back 150 years at least, and it was really behind the times even then. Dad longed to be able to make the shop more attractive to customers, but Gran wouldn't hear of it. I overheard them once arguing about whether to buy a freezer cabinet. "Our customers want frozen food," Dad said. "They see things advertised, and if they can't get them from us, they'll go elsewhere." "Your father always sold fresh food," Gran replied. "People come here for quality; they don't want all that frozen stuff."

Actually, she gave way in the end over the freezer. Mr Timson, her great rival, installed one in his shop at the other end of the village, and customers started making loud comments about how handy it was being able to get frozen food in the village, and how good Mr Timson's sausages were. That really upset her because she was proud of her sausages, and she ungraciously gave Dad the money to buy the freezer. Within a couple of weeks, she was eating frozen food like the rest of us.

- 11 How did Janet feel when she first started her Saturday morning job?  
A  She enjoyed the work that she was given.  
B  She was pleased to be helping her father.  
C  She worried that she was not doing it well.  
D  She was only really interested in the reward.
- 12 What do we learn about her grandmother's office in the second paragraph?  
A  It needed decorating.  
B  It was untidy.  
C  It had too much furniture in it.  
D  It was dark.
- 13 'This' in line 18 refers to ...  
A  ... shopkeeper's profits.  
B  ... a thirty-five-hour week.  
C  ... Janet's request.  
D  ... the recommended salary.
- 14 'Flustered' in line 19 means ...  
A  ... bored.  
B  ... angered.  
C  ... confused.  
D  ... depressed.
- 15 Why did Janet's grandmother react angrily to Janet's offer to fetch a pencil and paper?  
A  Janet could not answer her question.  
B  Janet had been unwilling to help her.  
C  Janet had made an unhelpful suggestion.  
D  Janet's answer was rude.
- 16 What did Janet's father and grandmother disagree about?  
A  how to keep their customers loyal to the shop  
B  the type of advertising needed to attract customers  
C  the type of customers they needed to attract  
D  how to get new customers to come to the shop
- 17 What eventually persuaded Janet's grandmother to buy a freezer?  
A  She found that she liked frozen food after all.  
B  A new shop opening in the village had one.  
C  Customers said that her products were not fresh.  
D  She realized that her customers wanted frozen food.
- 18 What impression do we get of Janet's feelings towards her grandmother?  
A  She respected her fairness.  
B  She doubted her judgement.  
C  She disliked her manner.  
D  She admired her determination.

### Task 3

For questions 19–25, 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 five words including the word given. An example (0) has been done for you.

- 0 A very friendly taxi driver drove us into town.  
**DRIVEN**  
We were driven into town by by a very friendly taxi driver.
- 19 They showed two films while we were flying to Australia.  
**DURING**  
They showed two films \_\_\_\_\_ to Australia.
- 20 They expected twenty guests but forty turned up.  
**TWICE**  
There came \_\_\_\_\_ as they had expected.
- 21 The road ran between steep hills.  
**EITHER**  
There were \_\_\_\_\_ of the road.
- 22 I've lived in this town for three months and I've only just started to feel at home here.  
**USED**  
It's taken me three months \_\_\_\_\_ in this town.
- 23 Patrick said he would not apologise to me and just walked away.  
**REFUSED**  
Patrick \_\_\_\_\_ sorry to me and just walked away.
- 24 Rita found an umbrella in her car, but couldn't think who it belonged to.  
**WHOSE**  
Rita found an umbrella in her car, but had no \_\_\_\_\_ be.
- 25 All the trees apart from that big apple tree were blown over in the storm.  
**ONLY**  
That big apple tree was the \_\_\_\_\_ be blown over in the storm.