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PART I. USE OF ENGLISH. TIME: 30 minutes. Maximum: 40 marks.

I. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, using the word given. *Do not change the word given.*

You must use between *two* and *five* words, including the word given. Write the answer in the 3rd column.

1	2	3	
1	Ben's age is of no importance in his job as a DJ. difference Ben's age does to his job as DJ.	not make a difference	+
2	'Who did you meet yesterday?' said Frankie. met Frankie asked me who before.	I had met	-
3	I last went abroad when I was twelve. been I I was twelve.	have not been abroad since	+
4	The rain was so heavy last night that we stayed in. heavily Last night that we stayed in.	it rained so heavily	+
5	I haven't seen Harriet since February. time The last in February.	time I saw Harriet was	+
6	This year's holiday was less enjoyable than last year's. fun Last year's holiday this year's.	was a lot more fun than	+
7	This coffee isn't cool enough to drink. too This coffee drink.	is too hot to	+
8	Is Jason taller than Michael? as Is Michael Jason?	as tall as	+
9	They always opened his letters before he received them. were	were always opened	+

	His letters before he received them	
10	The thieves got away and then the police arrived. already By the time the police arrived, away.	the thieves had already got +

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II. Read the text below. Use the words given in capitals from the 2d column to form a word that fits the space in the same line. Write your answer in the 3rd column.

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Are geniuses born or made?

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Most people consider that geniuses are different from ordinary people from birth. However, a (1) called Professor Michael Howe has challenged this	PSYCHOLOGY	psychologist
(2)..... . According to him, the secret of genius is hard work! Professor Howe has also shown that nearly all	BELIEVE	believing
geniuses have the (3) to concentrate for long periods of time. They are not easily distracted by people	ABLE	ability
or events because it is so (4) for them to achieve their goal.	IMPORTANCE	important
'What makes geniuses (5) is their long-term	DIFFERENCE	different
(6), ' he explains. All geniuses have a clear idea of their goal, and they pursue that goal with	COMMIT	commitment
total (7) Their	DEDICATE	dedication
(8) are exceptional because they make an exceptional effort.' Throughout the countries, the	ACHIEVE	achievements
(9) composers in the world have often been child prodigies (people with unusual or remarkable qualities or abilities). However, even the most exceptionally able	GREAT	greatest
Still took at least ten years of hard study to become a major composer. It would be untrue to suggest that every genius begins as a child prodigy. Many talented adults – including Charles Darwin – were unexceptional in their youth. And what's more, many child prodigies do not go on to achieve anything (10) as adults.	SIGNIFICANCE	significant

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PART 2. READING COMPREHENSION. TIME: 30 minutes. Maximum: 30 marks.

III. Read the text “*Big cat diary*”. Put the events (a-h) in the correct order (1, 2, 3 ... 8). Circle the order of the events in the 5th column.

Big cat diary

I’ve always dreamed of seeing a leopard face to face ever since I watched a BBC wildlife documentary about them. I like the fact that they’re so independent. The females are the boss, basically – they hunt alone, and they’re stealthy and strong. The markings are beautiful. The South Luangwa Valley in Zambia has one leopard for every kilometre, and you can do night drives there, which adds to your chances of seeing them. I think the fact they are nocturnal* and hard to find makes it more exciting. Dad doesn’t agree. He’s already worrying about not seeing one, but that’s just my dad.

Mfuwe international airport is the smallest I have ever seen. There is a tiny shop selling postcards and that’s it. We pay for our postcards and climb into a jeep which takes us to Nkwali, trundling past mud huts and groups of children wearing school uniform or carrying farm tools – sometimes both. Finally, we arrive at the camp – six huts and a bar built round a tree. Our hut has lizard wallpaper – except it’s not wallpaper, it’s just lizards. I go to sleep and dream about leopards.

On the first game drive, Rocky is our guide. Straight away, we’re driving across a plain full of impala** and baboons***. Now comes the big moment of the first night. We hear something in the trees, and suddenly we are right in the middle of a lion hunt. In the dark! We listen to the baboons’ alarm calls, and when Rocky switches on the light, we see two lionesses on either side, and one tearing after an impala. They miss the kill, but even so, my heart is thumping.

The next morning, we go on a drive and spot baboons crossing the road. Suddenly, a trunk appears from the bush and three elephants, including a baby, stroll across right in front of us.

That’s how it is on the drives: a new creature every time. We get giraffes, then a crocodile, then a buffalo. But my favourite morning is the walking safari. We set off across the plain with an armed guard. Rocky tells us The Golden Rule: ‘Never run ... unless I say so. And if I say get up the tree, get up the tree!’ The next morning, two other guests boast about having seen a leopard and her cub. We look at pictures on their digital camera. I’m really cross, because there probably won’t be another sighting for ages, and tonight is our last night here. But I’m still hoping for a lucky break.

This time, we’re out with Zebron, but after just a few minutes, our jeep gets stuck on a muddy trail. It takes ages to dig us out, and my heart is sinking. Then it starts pouring. We sit in

the dark while my dad complains about the rain. And then, suddenly, two impala hurtle from the bushes. Moments later, the leopardess springs out behind us. We all sit in absolute silence and stare at her. Leopards are much stronger than lions, and she looks incredibly powerful. After giving us a long show, she jumps quickly back into the bush. Awesome. We're soaked through, but I don't care about that. Mum and I sing and dance as we head for camp: 'We saw a leopard, we got a picture ...'.

*nocturnal = (animals) active during the night

**impala = type of African antelope

***baboon = large African monkey

1	2	3	
A	Daisy got very close to some elephants.	1 2 3 4 <u>5</u> 6 7 8	+
B	The car got stuck in the mud.	1 2 3 4 5 6 <u>7</u> 8	+
C	Daisy saw baboons.	1 2 <u>3</u> 4 5 6 7 8	+
D	The plane landed in Mfuwe.	<u>1</u> 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	+
E	Daisy saw some lions.	1 2 3 <u>4</u> 5 6 7 8	+
F	Two other guests saw a leopardess and her cub.	1 2 3 4 5 <u>6</u> 7 8	+
G	Daisy saw a leopard.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 <u>8</u>	+
H	They travelled by jeep to their camp.	1 <u>2</u> 3 4 5 6 7 8	+

IV. Now read the text "Big cat diary" again. For questions (1-7) choose the best answer (A, B, C or D). Circle the correct letter (A-D) in the 3rd column.

1	2	3	
1	Daisy first got interested in leopards A when she had a dream about them. <u>B</u> when she saw a TV programme about them. C because they live alone. D because she once saw one face to face.	B	+
2	South Luangwa valley is a good place to look for leopards because <u>A</u> there are a lot of leopards there and you can look for them at night. B there are more leopards there than anywhere else in Africa. C it's easy to find leopards at night. D it's exciting looking for leopards at night.	A	+
3	Daisy's hut at the camp is A built around the tree. <u>B</u> full of lizards. C covered in strange wallpaper. D made of mud.	B	+
4	Their first excursion is <u>A</u> exciting because they see lions hunting. B frightening because it is very dark. C exciting because the baboons make a lot of noise. D sad because they see lions killing an impala.	A	+
5	Rocky's Golden Rule for the walking safari basically means		

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	<p>A never run if an animal is chasing you. B if an animal chases you, climb a tree. C don't climb a tree unless I tell you to. D always do exactly what I say.</p>	D	+
6	<p>How does Daisy feel when she hears that two other guests have seen leopards? A She feels sad because she wasn't with them. B She feels angry because it means she probably won't see any leopards herself. C She feels pleased that somebody has seen leopards. D She feels hopeful because it means that there are leopards in the area.</p>	B	+
7	<p>When Daisy finally sees a leopard, it A stays nearby for a while and then disappears suddenly. B runs quickly behind them and disappears into the bush. C walks close to them, but leaves before they can take a photo. D stays close until somebody shouts, then it runs away.</p>	A	+

PART 3. LISTENING. TIME: 30 minutes. Maximum: 30 marks

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V. Listen to the dialogue between Jennifer and Mrs Black. For questions (1-6) choose the correct answers (A, B, C or D). Circle the correct letter (A, B, C or D). You will hear the dialogue twice.

- + 1. Jennifer is originally from
 A) Edinburgh B) Exeter C) London D) Wales
- + 2. Jennifer has _____ siblings.
 A) 2 B) 3 C) 4 D) 5
- + 3. In college Jennifer specialized in
 A) the theory of linguistics.
 B) ancient languages.
 C) French.
 D) Computer studies.
- + 4. Jennifer is better at
 A) speaking than writing Italian.
 B) speaking than writing Spanish.
 C) writing than speaking Italian.
 D) writing than speaking Spanish.
- + 5. Jennifer
 A) finds Chinese most interesting.
 B) knows some Chinese.
 C) would rather learn Japanese.
 D) planned to learn Japanese.
- + 6. Jennifer
 A) did not expect to get a scholarship.
 B) did not get the scholarship.
 C) got the scholarship.
 D) won't get the scholarship.

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