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ΤΟ ΕΞΕΤΑΣΤΙΚΟ ΔΟΚΙΜΙΟ ΑΠΟΤΕΛΕΙΤΑΙ ΑΠΟ (7) ΣΕΛΙΔΕΣ

**Όλες οι απαντήσεις να γραφούν στο τετράδιο απαντήσεων.
Να απαντήσετε σε όλα τα ερωτήματα.**

PART I: WRITING SKILLS

(30 MARKS)

Write a composition of about 250 – 300 words on the following topic.

Social media such as Facebook have changed young people's lives. Discuss some of these changes. Present your views in an article for your school magazine.

PART II: READING SKILLS

(30 MARKS)

Read the text below and do ALL the exercises that follow.

'Be the change that you wish to see in the world'

(Mahatma Gandhi)



School exam season in Greece has arrived. But for many now facing the final year tests, the stress is twofold: last minute continuous studying and the knowledge that they'll soon enter the worst job climate in Europe. At high schools in several European countries, dreams have been put on hold. The school leavers wish for a stable job, for a future full of opportunity. But, instead, unemployment and uncertainty await.

Par 1

The economic crisis and the strict financial measures have led to a devastating effect on youth. Greek emigration to Germany jumped by more than 40% last year. 'I don't want to leave my friends and family,' 23-year-old Christina says. 'Abroad, I will struggle to find friends, at least in the first year. But I have no other choice. It's a sacrifice I'm willing to make because I can't find anything hopeful here.' Luckily, among the students, some are optimistic. One thinks of leaving the city for the countryside, another of going into farming because of a lack of opportunities. Alexandros, 17, says with a smile, 'It will be very difficult to get a job in my own country but not impossible; I will try really hard. Maybe, with God's help, I'll succeed.'

Par 2

Some young hopefuls are even fighting back. One success story is GloVo, recently started by a group of entrepreneurs in their twenties. GloVo is a global volunteers' platform that finds volunteers for large events. GloVo's name stands for Global Volunteers, and its values are passion, responsibility, integrity, motivation and enjoyment. Their vision is to create a global volunteers' community with certain values which will offer experience to volunteers and quality to events.

Par 3

According to co-founder Aris Konstantinidis, young people must not accept the curse of unemployment. 'Many people think that there is no way out of the financial crisis,' he says, 'but I think it's an opportunity to go out of our comfort zone, shape our future and get rid of all the old negative ways of doing things. We want young people to be able to take part in life and to stand on their own two feet.' Eleni, 21, has been volunteering for GloVo and says she's trying to get as much experience as she can. She thinks of the jobless situation all the time and highlights that volunteering is the only way to overcome the crisis. She points out that young people have to go forward and fight. 'Unless they stop and ask what's happening or what they are going to do, nothing will improve,' she concludes.

Par 4

Undoubtedly, nowadays, it is very difficult, especially for young people, to add working experience to their CV—Biographical Statement—because of the economic crisis. At the same time, volunteering experience is receiving more and more respect. For this reason, volunteering is a great way to make one's CV stand out from all the rest.

Par 5

Employers appreciate voluntary work because it shows that young volunteers are active members of society and have lots of interests and the willingness to offer. For example, the social networking service LinkedIn has already added a different category for volunteering experience. It is not unusual for a volunteer to be employed after contributing to an event. That's because during an event volunteers can show how hard-working they are and which skills or values they possess. If they do what they have to do and fulfil their duties, people are going to respect it, and observant employers are going to have them in mind for future working positions in their company.

Par 6

Facing the crisis takes energy and determination. Luckily, this ancient nation is full of youthful vitality.

Par 7

Adapted from BBC News: <http://www.bbc.com/news/business-22702003>
<http://glovo.com.gr/>

A. In which paragraph does the writer refer to ... ? (6x1=6 marks)

- A1. young people leaving their home
Paragraph _____
- A2. employers' appreciation of volunteering
Paragraph _____
- A3. anxiety of final year exams
Paragraph _____
- A4. a hopeful global platform
Paragraph _____
- A5. a way of making your CV special
Paragraph _____
- A6. solutions suggested by one of GloVo's founders
Paragraph _____

B. Choose the best alternative a, b, c or d according to the text. (5x2=10 marks)

- 1. Dreams have been put on hold because school leavers ...
 - a. have a lot of jobs to choose from
 - b. are about to enter the worst job climate
 - c. have no stress
 - d. do last minute studying

2. Alexandros is
 - a. a farmer
 - b. a 15-year-old student
 - c. an optimist
 - d. a pessimist

3. GloVo is a global network that aims to
 - a. advertise higher education
 - b. create profit
 - c. discourage volunteering
 - d. promote volunteering

4. The underlined word 'they' (paragraph 4) refers to
 - a. co-founders
 - b. young people
 - c. parents
 - d. negative ways

5. Volunteering is an excellent way of
 - a. gaining working experience
 - b. travelling around Europe
 - c. lowering exam stress
 - d. avoiding one's responsibilities

C. Extended writing

(8 marks)

Use information from paragraph 2. In your own words, identify 4 ways in which young people can handle the economic crisis.

Use your own ideas. Suggest at least 2 ways of dealing with youth unemployment.

Write 80 – 100 words.

D. Choose the best alternative a, b, or c to explain the underlined words according to the text.

(6x1= 6 marks)

1. **stable** (paragraph 1)
 - a. temporary
 - b. insecure
 - c. secure

2. **jumped** (paragraph 2)

- a. increased
- b. decreased
- c. remained

3. **vision** (paragraph 3)

- a. mistake
- b. aim
- c. sacrifice

4. **highlights** (paragraph 4)

- a. emphasises
- b. ignores
- c. hides

5. **active** (paragraph 6)

- a. passive
- b. energetic
- c. angry

6. **values** (paragraph 6)

- a. beliefs
- b. problems
- c. jobs

PART III: USE OF ENGLISH

(20 MARKS)

A. 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. (5x1=5 marks)

1. The last time I played football was last March.
I _____ last March. **since**
2. You must wash the fruit very well.
The fruit _____ very well. **be**
3. "I'm sorry I called in the middle of the night," David said.
David _____ in the middle of the night. **apologised**
4. The boys said they hadn't broken the window.
The boys _____ the window. **denied**
5. There's a possibility that they won't visit us at the weekend.
They _____ at the weekend. **may**

B. Read the text and complete the blanks with the correct form of the words in capitals. (10x1=10 marks)



The weather in Cairo is 1. _____ (**MAIN**) hot and dry all year round with most 2. _____ (**TOUR**) preferring to visit during the mild winter from November to April.

The city of Giza, site of the pyramids and the Sphinx, is without doubt the most famous 3. _____ (**ATTRACT**) of modern Egypt and one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. They are 4. _____ (**IMPRESS**) during the day and become equally 5. _____ (**MEMORY**) by night during the dazzling sound and light show.

The heart of the city is every shopper's paradise as it is filled with 6. _____ (**SHOP**) malls and the 7. _____ (**FINE**) designer shops. At night, a 8. _____ (**TRAVEL**) can visit food markets and a variety of eateries, ranging from roadside stands to fine restaurants, or go 9. _____ (**DANCE**) in one of Cairo's many night clubs.

Finally, for visitors wishing to catch up on some history, the 10. _____ (**EGYPT**) National Museum displays Tutankhamen's ancient treasures.

Adapted from: <http://incyprus.philenews.com/en-gb/Short-Breaks/4331/897/cairo>

C. Fill in the gaps with only ONE word.

(10 x0.5= 5 marks)



Sprint Triathlon aims to attract crowds

An event called *Paphos Sprint Triathlon* contributes greatly to local sports tourism. This event attracts about a hundred athletes from Cyprus 1. _____ abroad. A sprint triathlon is a short-distance sport, ideal 2. _____ those who are new to it. Because sprint triathlons do not require 3. _____ training or experience, 4. _____ are suitable for people 5. _____ rarely visit the gym. The Paphos event starts with the cycling part of the triathlon at Geroskipou beach. The swimming and running sections of the event, which 6. _____ place at this magical beach, are sponsored 7. _____ the Paphos Tourism Board. During the event, *Bikin' Cyprus* offers a free bicycle tour in several places in the Paphos district. This tourist service aims to 8. _____ visitors the opportunity to enjoy an environmentally friendly 9. _____ of transportation and explore the district with emphasis 10. _____ rural areas.

Adapted from *Cyprus Weekly*, *The Cyprus Weekly*, 12 April 2014, p71
<http://www.canstockphoto.com/images-photos/triathlon.html>

END OF EXAMINATION