

CLASS B' TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

SAMPLE PAPER

Time allowed: 2 hours and 15 minutes

PART I: LISTENING SKILLS

(20 MARKS)

Exercise 1

You will hear a man talking about Christmas.

Decide if the following sentences are True or False.

Put a tick (✓) in the appropriate box.

(5x1=5 marks)

	T	F
1. Christmas is a season for joy.		
2. Children are enthusiastic about Christmas.		
3. Christmas is a good time for relaxing family moments.		
4. It is common for all family members to be very busy at Christmas.		
5. Christmas is all about spending and decorating.		

Source: <https://listenaminute.com/c/christmas.html>



Exercise 2

You will hear a conversation between a customer and a waiter.

Listen and choose the best answer a, b or c.

(5x1=5 marks)

1. The man would like his steak ____.

- a. grilled
- b. roasted
- c. fried



2. The restaurant doesn't have ____ size orange juice in stock.

- a. regular
- b. small
- c. large

3. The salad comes as a (n) ____ to the steak.

- a. appetizer
- b. side dish
- c. main course

4. The man ____.

- a. is a regular customer
- b. has never been to the restaurant before
- c. rarely has pies for dinner

5. They do not serve pies at the restaurant because ____.

- a. customers prefer ice-cream sundaes
- b. they are short-staffed in the kitchen
- c. the baker had an accident

Source: <https://www.esl-lab.com/easy/pie-restaurant/>

Exercise 3

Listen to a news broadcast about a police dog caught stealing and underline the correct word in brackets. (10x1=10 marks)

Massachusetts Police Catch Dog Stealing from Toy Drive

The police department in Franklin, Massachusetts has 1. **(found / seen / uncovered)** the culprit involved in the recent 2. **(destruction / stealing / disappearances)** of toys from their Christmas toy drive. The 3. **(“thief” / “robber” / “burglar”)** was the department’s own therapy dog, Ben. The dog was 4. **(filmed / caught / seen)** on camera walking down a hallway with a 5. **(tool / doll / ball)** in his mouth. Ben’s stash of toys was found 6. **(under / behind / near)** a desk in the building. The toys had all been 7. **(eaten / swallowed / chewed)** and were unable to be 8. **(reused / recycle / recovered)**, but officers managed to replace them. Ben has since been 9. **(banned / band / barred)** from the toy room, and the officers have taken precautions to 10. **(prevent / stop / exclude)** this from happening again.

Source: <https://www.englishclub.com/efl/listening-news/massachusetts-police-catch-dog-stealing-from-toy-drive/>



PART II: WRITING SKILLS

(30 MARKS)

You have recently moved to a new house. Write an email to a friend who lives abroad inviting him/her to spend a few days with you. In your email you should:

- describe your new house
- say a few things about your neighbours
- suggest when your friend can come

Write about 100 words.



PART III: READING SKILLS

(30 MARKS)

Read the passage below and answer ALL the questions that follow.

Jobs you'll be surprised to know exist



Not everybody can be a Doctor, Marketing Director or Fireman. Indeed, not everybody wants to be. If you're curious about the strangest jobs in the world, these are just a few of the most bizarre ones we found while putting together our list.

Professional Netflix viewer:

Imagine being paid to watch TV all day! Don't laugh! Professional Netflix watcher is a real job - but it takes more than being a couch potato to apply. Professional Netflix watchers are required to have a **decent** knowledge of film and TV in general, be skillful at summarising anything they've watched, and still feel energetic enough to sit through hour upon hour of screen time.

Video Game Tester

Gaming fanatics can do what they love full time when they get a job testing the latest video games. It may sound like the stuff of dreams, but video game testers are high in demand. Their main duties include playing new games, reporting faults, and ensuring

quality. Gamers need to be alert and careful as well as passionate about video gaming. Previous testing skills and knowledge are often preferred but not required.

Iceberg mover

Iceberg mover became a profession after the **disastrous** sinking of the Titanic in 1912. Iceberg movers make up the International Ice Patrol (IIP), which was founded a year later and is operated by the US Coast Guard. They track the location of icebergs and provide safe routes around them. If necessary, the iceberg will be pulled out of the area.

Snake milker

Snake milkers **extract** poison from some of the world's most dangerous snakes, like rattlesnakes and cobras. The extracted venom is often used to create antivenom for hospital or laboratory use and can cost a bomb!

Breath odour

Breath odour evaluators typically work for companies that produce things like gum, mints, toothpaste, or mouthwash. They basically smell people's breath to find out whether it stinks or smells good after, of course, they have tried out a product. They, therefore, evaluate the **effectiveness** of these products and offer feedback to the manufacturers.

Professional line-standers

Professional line-standers do one thing most of us have no patience for: wait in line. These professionals are especially busy during big sales (think Black Friday) and product launches (new iPhone releases, for example). Rates **vary**, but one professional line-stander told us he earns up to \$1,000 a week.

Dog food taster

Believe it or not. This is actually someone's job! Pet food tasters check the nutritional value of food, its smell and taste and usually spit out the food once they taste it! They also write reports on new recipes and judge which brand of pet food is the best. Their job is respected so much that popular pet magazines publish their views and pet owners follow their directions.

Professional cuddlers

If you need to be hugged or cuddled but you're all alone, then your answer is a professional cuddler. You'll be surprised to find several companies offering the most enjoyable and relaxing professional cuddling experience. You get to hug somebody, and you get paid between €60 and €80 an hour to hug with strangers. The downside: This job comes with its share of emotional stress.

These are jobs you might come across once in a blue moon, but they are real jobs done by real people. So, now that you know that a job isn't necessarily something you can explain in a few words, these jobs might be interesting alternatives if you are looking for a career path with a twist!

Adapted from: <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/analysis-and-features>

A. Choose the best answer a, b or c according to the passage. (5x2=10 marks)

1. The article is about some of the most ____ jobs in the world.

- a. hilarious
- b. ridiculous
- c. weird

2. The writer thinks that being a Professional Netflix viewer is ____.

- a. not as easy as it sounds
- b. a piece of cake.
- c. suitable for lazy people

3. The successful applicants for the Video Game Tester position must ____.

- a. have some previous experience
- b. be able to pay attention to detail
- c. be reasonably interested in video games

4. The job for Iceberg movers includes ____.

- a. controlling the movement of icebergs.
- b. moving icebergs out of the path of ships
- c. preventing ships from entering areas with icebergs

5. The purpose of the article is to ____.

- a. criticise
- b. explain
- c. inform

B. Write whether the following sentences are True (T) or False (F). (5x2=10 marks)

1. Poison collected from snakes can be very expensive.
2. Breath odour evaluators get paid to judge the taste of toothpaste and mouthwash.
3. Professional line-standers get paid to queue up for others.
4. Dog food tasters cook new recipes for their pets.
5. There are no drawbacks to being a professional cuddler.

C. Match the words in Column A with their meanings in Column B. (5x1=5 marks)

Column A	Column B
1. decent	a. remove
2. disastrous	b. differ
3. extract	c. reasonable
4. effectiveness	d. usefulness
5. vary	e. tragic

D. Answer the following questions according to the passage. (5 marks)

1. What are the requirements for the Professional Netflix viewer job? (3 marks)
2. What does the writer mean when she says in the last paragraph “these are jobs you come across once in a blue moon”? (2 marks)

PART IV: LANGUAGE USAGE

(20 MARKS)

A. Choose the correct option a, b or c so that the second sentence has a similar meaning to the first sentence. (5x2=10 marks)

1. It usually takes me two hours to wash my car.

I usually spend two hours _____ my car.

- a. washing b. to wash c. having washed

2. I went to the gym twice a week when I was younger.

When I was younger, I used _____ to the gym twice a week.

- a. to going b. to go c. going

3. We haven't been to the theatre for a long time.

It's a long time since we _____ to the theatre.

- a. have been b. were going c. went

4. This will be my first visit to Brazil.

I _____ to Brazil before

- a. have never been b. never went c. didn't go

5. Nick joined the golf club a year ago.

Nick _____ a member of the golf club for a year.

- a. was b. became c. has been

B. Complete the following passage by choosing ONE of the following words in brackets. (10x0.5=5 marks)



Gundam is a Japanese animation character that was

1. **(very / a lot / much)** popular in the 1970s. This year, it is the 40th

2. **(ceremony / anniversary / memorial)** of the TV series 'Mobile Suit

Gundam'. Last month Gundam Factory Yokohama

3. **(have announced / announced / are announcing)** the launch of a robot to celebrate

the event. 4. (**However / Although / Despite**), it is not an ordinary robot. It is 59 feet tall, it 5. (**weighs / weighed / has weighed**) 25 tons, and it is made 6. (**for / from / of**) more than 200 pieces of steel and special, strong plastic. It 7. (**has taken / will take / took**) six years to build the robot. Last week, the robot 8. (**took/ did / walked**) its first steps at an amusement park in Japan 9. (**where / when / which**) it moved its arm and it kneeled. Fans will get a chance to see the robot 10. (**on / at / in**) December 2021.

Adapted from: <https://www.newslevels.com/products/a-very-big-robot-level-2/>

C. Complete the following passage by using the correct form of the word in brackets. (10x0.5=5 marks)

Why do we love junk food?



A lot of money and strategy goes into designing junk food. A lot of effort also goes into designing junk food too. The goal is to make it cheap and easy-to-use. And although it has little to no 1. _____ (**NUTRITION**) value, the goal is to keep you wanting more. It's 2. _____ (**TYPICAL**) high in things like salt, sugar and fat. They trigger 3. _____ (**PLEASE**) centers in our brains, making us feel oh-so-yummy-good and making us want to keep eating. See, our brains are 4. _____ (**RELATIVE**) big. They require a lot of energy to do their thing. So, we evolved to love high-energy food.

Beyond the super high calorie count, junk food 5. _____ (**MAKE**) have a million tricks up their sleeves when it comes to making their products 6. _____ (**TEMPT**). Like the melt-in-your-mouth quality that tricks us. We think the calories have magically 7. _____ (**APPEARED**). Or boosting flavour just short of what's called, "sensory specific satiety." It is flavor that's so big, it overwhelms your brain. And you end up not wanting anymore.

So despite knowing it's not good for us -- eating it is linked with things like 8. _____ (**OBESE**), diabetes, heart disease, and even cancer -- junk food can be really hard to resist. Food for 9. _____ (**THINK**), for sure. The fact is junk food stimulates the reward system in the brain in the same way as 10. _____ (**ADDICT**) drugs, such as cocaine. For vulnerable people, eating junk food can lead to full-blown addiction, which shares the same biological basis as drug addiction

Adapted from: <https://www.tweentribune.com/article/tween56/why-do-we-love-junk-food/>

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