

SECONDARY SCHOOL FINAL EXAMINATION 2000
Educational Assessment Unit – Education Division

Form 5

English Language

Time: 2 hours

Name: _____

Class: _____

A. LANGUAGE

(30 marks)

- 1. Underline the most appropriate word or words to complete the following sentences as in the example. (10 marks)**

Example: The problems of today's teenagers are complex (but, not only, nevertheless, because, so) they need a lot of thought.

- a. Teenagers want to show they're different (because, since, but, so, and) they react against their families.
- b. (Also, Not only, And, Therefore, Although) do they react against their parents, but against older brothers and sisters too.
- c. Young people know what's going on (yet, and, since, but, so) communications are so good.
- d. (In spite of, Since, Even so, As well, That's why) they are able to copy each other.
- e. Teenagers copy pop idols, (however, although, in spite of, therefore, but) the stars have to understand what the young really want.
- f. Pop music is popular (owing, because, due to, since, however) modern technology.
- g. There are other drugs (as well, too, besides, and, despite) alcohol and nicotine.
- h. Businessmen invented youth cults (in order, therefore, also, because, so) to exploit the young.
- i. (As well, Not only, In addition, Nevertheless, Therefore) this does not explain cults such as the Punks.
- j. Young people feel victimized by society (consequently, and, in order to, but, nevertheless) as a result they form a culture of their own.

- 2. Complete these sentences by following each adjective with an appropriate preposition. (10 marks)**

Example: The flood was responsible for damaging the statue.

- a. Are you interested _____ antiques?
- b. She was surprised when she arrived and found no one _____ home.
- c. Is he aware _____ how long we have been waiting for the tour to start?
- d. Pisa is famous _____ its Leaning Tower.

- e. We were extremely impressed _____ the guided tour.
- f. Hurry up! I'm worried _____ missing the boat.
- g. This festival is similar _____ the one in Rio.
- h. She was terribly disappointed _____ the tour.
- i. This portrait of Anne is completely different _____ that one.
- j. We're not keen _____ visiting the ruins.

3. Change these sentences from direct into reported speech as in the example.

(10 marks)

Example: "I'm going to visit China next year," said Paul.
Paul said that he was going to visit China the following year.

- a. "Don't make so much noise, Peter" said Carol.
Carol told _____.
- b. "If I were you I'd go by train" Sue said to Richard.
Sue advised _____.
- c. "I am wearing my best dress," the girl said.
The girl said _____.
- d. "Do you know where my tennis racquet is, mum?" Sharon asked.
Sharon asked her mother _____.
- e. "It's the first time I've flown," he said.
He said _____.

B. COMPREHENSION

(30 marks)

Read the following passage and then answer the questions below:

A warning to all parents!

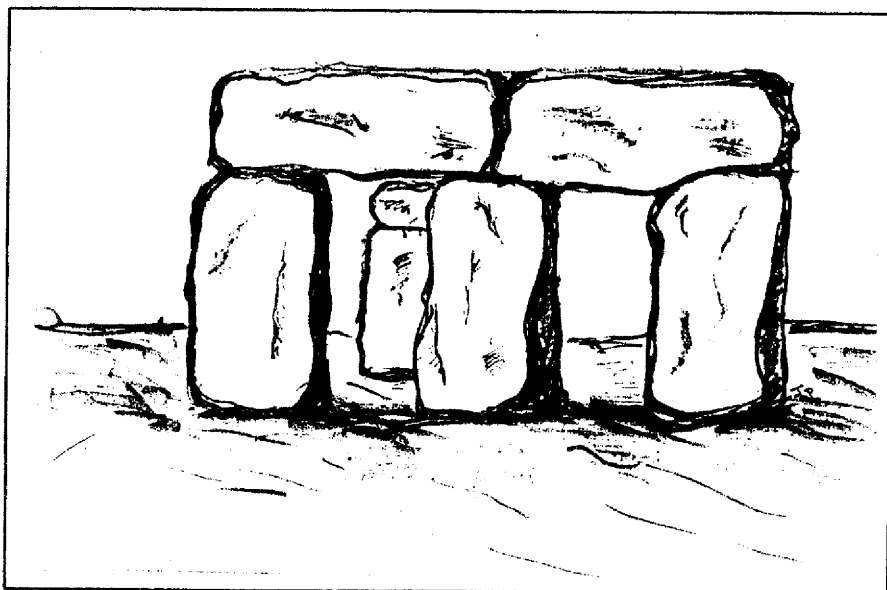
Have you ever thought of taking your family for a car holiday? Forget it! You see, last summer *I* did.

The holiday had been very carefully planned. The four of us, my wife, our two teenage girls and I, were going to drive around England for ten days. We wanted to visit interesting places that you normally can't reach without a car, and some of the days we would just find a beach and relax. Everybody was happy with the plans.

The problems started before we even left our own drive. The rest of the family seemed to think that having a car meant that you could take your whole wardrobe. The boot was full, and they had started to fill the back seat with their luggage when I put my foot down and told them that they had to reduce the number of carrier bags and the winter clothes. "It's not that cold in England," I said. However, it turned out to be one of the coldest summers in England for years, but the thick sweaters had been left behind.

15 The boat trip was fine. The slot machines and the ship cinema saved us. But the very moment we left the ship and started to drive south from Newcastle, the questions came: "When will we arrive at the hotel?" "How far do we have to drive?" I wasn't expecting any difficulties when I told them it was only a two-hour drive. When, however, the protests told me that this was far too long, I began to understand what I was in for. You see, this was the shortest drive of the holiday.

20 Then one of the girls was sick. Not surprising, really, given that she had spent her money on chocolate in the tax free shop and eaten most of it instead of breakfast – anything else would have been a miracle. We made our first stop. We had been in England for half an hour.



The following days passed slowly. Looking back, I think they were very much alike. In and out of hotels, all the suitcases and bags to be opened every evening because "something" had to be found, lunch at McDonald's and dinner at Pizzaland or Pizza Hut, – and watching TV until way past midnight ("We are on holiday, you know!"). The mornings were spent shopping, and the car was soon overloaded. When we set off for the day's destination, everybody went to sleep – except me, the driver.

55 The family took no interest in anything along the road. A castle, a power plant – there seemed to be no difference. I'll just give you one example. We were going down the A303 towards Exeter when we passed Stonehenge. "Look," I said, "there is Stonehenge. Let's stop here." The enthusiasm was overwhelming. The two girls pretended not to hear, and my wife claimed it was too late in the day and that we had better go on. Then she went on sleeping.

65 It wasn't anybody's fault that the only beaches we saw were on postcards. Rain and a rather cold wind made swimming in the sea impossible. One of the hotels we stayed at did have an outdoor swimming pool, but it was closed. Among all the alternatives, the girls – as you have probably guessed – wanted to go shopping. That took care of many hours and quite a lot of money.

Ten days after we had left the ship, we were back. I spent most of the crossing in the cabin trying to recover. My wife who, after a few days in England, remembered that she doesn't like travelling abroad, now relaxed with a book. The girls had the tax free shop, the slot machines and the cinema. They managed three films.

70 It was nice to be back home again. That's where we are going to spend our next holiday.

Underline the correct answer in questions (1) and (2).

1. Who is telling the story? **(1 mark)**

- a. The mother.
- b. The father.
- c. One of the daughters.
- d. The parents.

2. This family consists of: **(1 mark)**

- a. a mother, a father and a girl.
- b. a mother, a father and two daughters.
- c. a daughter and two parents.
- d. two parents and three children.

3. What or who do the following words refer to in the passage? **(4 marks)**

- a. everybody (line 6) _____
- b. their (line 9) _____
- c. it (line 32) _____
- d. you (line 63) _____

4. How did they spend their time on the ship? **(3 marks)**

5. What excuse did the girls give for watching television until very late? **(2 marks)**

6. Copy a sentence which tells you that the wife and children were not interested in the prehistoric monument which they drove by. **(2 marks)**

7. Explain what the author means when he says "*I put my foot down*" (line 9). (2 marks)

8. Fill in the blank spaces using words found in the first three paragraphs of the passage. (4 marks)

a. As she had young children she put the medicine box out of their _____.

b. Last Sunday a car _____ sale was held in aid of a local charity.

c. He had _____ his holiday carefully, but the weather ruined everything.

d. After a hard day I _____ by reading a book or watching TV.

9. Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage: (3 marks)

a. normally (line 5) _____

b. drive (line 16) _____

c. managed (line 42) _____

10. Make a list, in point form, of 8 problems which the family had to face on their holiday. (8 marks)

C. COMPOSITION

(40 marks)

Write an essay of about 250 words on ONE of the following:

1. Describe some of the New Millennium celebrations which impressed you most.
2. Teenagers give a lot of importance to the clothes they wear. Do you think this is good, or are there problems which you would like to speak about?

3. On holiday with my family. Write about your experiences when you went on a trip abroad with your family.
4. Two friends are discussing whether a person learns more by watching TV or by reading books and magazines. Continue this dialogue:

Peter: *Did you watch that documentary on TV yesterday? It was all about the solar eclipse which we had last year. It was really great.*

Mary: *No, I didn't watch it but I read an article in a magazine about it. I think you can learn more from reading than by watching TV.*

Peter: *I don't think so. I think . . .*

5. Imagine you are a famous singer. Describe a typical day in your life.