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CYCLE "B2": Senior Forestry Technicians (TSEF)

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time allowed: 2 hours

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SECTION A

GRAMMAR (20 marks)

A1. Complete the following sentences by writing the appropriate word in brackets in the spaces provided. (10 marks)

1. He passed his examinations _____ (provided, as a result of, since) his hard work.
2. _____ (because since, being) a very careful driver she never had any accident during her long driving career.
3. We have not had such foul weather _____ the hurricanes twenty years ago. (during, for, since).
4. The helicopter is overhead, the locusts _____ (are been, have been, are being) sprayed and the farmers are now relieved!
5. A millionaire in _____ (much less rich, poorly, much richer than) a labourer.

A2. Complete the following sentences. Do not use the verb to be (5 marks).

- a) The prisoners _____ sad and unhappy. They were quite miserable.
- b) The children _____ quite happy but they were orphans.
- c) The captain was sure of _____ the match; their opponents were very weak.
- d) The meal is _____ cooked; we'll soon have something to eat at last!
- e) It _____ have rained; the grass is wet fresh.

A3 Choose from the items provided in brackets the one which correctly completes the sentences below; write your answer in the space provided.

- a) If had driven more carefully, I _____ the child. (wouldn't hit, wouldn't had hit, wouldn't have hit).
- b) My brother works in a glass factory. He started working there three years ago, so he _____ there for three years (is working, has been working, had been working)
- c) You spoke to the president; _____ (didn't you, 'dld you, isn't it)
- d) Even if he _____ here I would still say the same things about him: (was, had been, were)
- e) You certainly won't do that kind of thing. _____ (isn't it, will you, won't you)

- f) It is the most exciting novel that I have _____ (read, never, ever, almost)
 g) Why didn't you come? If you _____ with us, we would have enjoyed ourselves much more
 h) The heavier the cow, the _____ money it will cost. (much, more, many)
 i) They'd be disappointed if we _____ to their wedding. (not come, didn't come, didn't came)
 j) We _____ (have been chatting, are chatting) had been chatting for an hour when we _____ (will hear, heard, had heard) a knock on the door and Dolly came in.

SECTION B VOCABULARY (10 marks)

B.1 For each of the numbered blanks supply the correct form of the word in brackets. (5 marks)

Exercise

Exercise is one of the best ways of keeping (1) _____ (depressed) away. It improves your body and your mind and (2) _____ (able) you to perform better in the work place and at home.

Proper (3) _____ (breath) is essential if you want to get the most from exercise and you should also take into (4) _____ (consider) your heart rate. It can be (5) _____ (harm) to do too much, which is why all good fitness instructors emphasise the (6) _____ (important) of listening to your body.

When you first start you should use good (7) _____ judge because it's easy to make the mistake of using the equipment (8) _____ (correct) or doing too much at one time.

Start slowly and build up gradually.

Exercise should not be seen as a (9) _____ task; it can be as easy as a quick walk. To increase your fitness (10) _____ exercise for 20 minutes a day, 4 to 6 times a week and you will notice a (11) _____ (different) in your body and mind in a few weeks.

B.2 Write down the words opposite in meaning to the underlined words in each sentence. (5 marks)

- a) Julia was an intelligent student at college. _____
 b) It was a bright and hot day. _____
 c) The referee was biased. He disallowed an excellent goal. _____
 d) I've never confronted such hatred in my life. _____
 e) We all pray for success in our endeavours. _____

SECTION C Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the following passage and answer the question which follows it.

We might marvel at the progress made in every field of study, but the methods of testing a person's knowledge and ability remain as primitive as ever they were. It really is extraordinary that after all these years educationists have still failed to devise anything more efficient and reliable than examinations. For all the pious claim that examinations test what you know, it is common knowledge that they more often do the exact opposite. They may be a good means of