

ENSET ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE FOR FRANCOPHONE DEGREE HOLDERS

(TAD 3 LICENCE)

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

Part one: Reading comprehension (5 marks)

Harry potter's magician

'In my wildest fantasy I could not have imagined anything like this,' JK Rowling said of the frenzy that surrounded the release of her last book. Her magical tales of wizards and witchcraft have prompted the biggest publishing sensation of modern times.

Joanne Kathleen Rowling dreamed up the story of Harry Potter, the bespectacled orphan blessed with magical powers, on a delayed train to Manchester in 1990. It has been a high-speed journey. Less than fifteen years ago she was an unemployed single mother, scribbling away at her first Potter draft in an Edinburgh café, dreaming of the day she could take up writing full time. Now she is a publishing phenomenon, with the series selling over 100 million books, translated into 42 different languages around the world. In 2001 alone she is estimated to have made £ 70 m.

However, the best-selling author had difficulty coming to terms with the fame that this success brought her. 'For a long time people would ask me, "what's it like to be famous?" and I would say "I'm not famous." Now this was patently untrue, but it was the only way I could cope with it, by being in so much denial that I was virtually blind at times. Fame does have nice aspects, but for me personally, the negative outweighs the positive. It's a very odd and isolating experience. I know some people crave it, but I find that very hard to understand. It puts a great stain on your relationships.' Most of Rowling's friends have been doorstepped and offered money for stories about her and she feels guilty about that. She is also fiercely protective of her daughter Jessica's privacy, never using her for publicity or taking her to film premieres. She rarely talks about her, although when asked in an interview why she bought her London house, she laughed and explained that 'my daughter was getting a bit too used to room service' in the hotel where they had been staying.

The author is also not without her critics. One derided her work as having merit 'scarcely higher than a Spice Girl lyric'. Her characters, he said, were 'one-dimensional' and her appeal a product of over-hyped marketing. Accusations of arrogance have also been levelled at her. She refused to allow the BBC to shorten her work- an unprecedented move which encouraged Radio 4 to broadcast actor Stephen Fry's eight-four reading of *The Philosopher's Stone* at Christmas in 2000.

There is also a darker side to Potter mania. Some people are obsessed with the idea that her books are teaching children about evil, and a few even believe that Rowling is a witch. 'I found death threats to myself on the internet,' she says. 'I came across a Potter-hater site where people were being advised, well, to shoot me, basically. It was not a nice thing to find. It is bizarre. But what can you do?'

Read the text about JK Rowlings and decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F). Write only the number of the statement on your answer sheet plus T or F

- 1) JK Rowlings always knew that the Harry Potter books would make her famous. F

- 2) She has made about \$70 m since she started writing. f
- 3) She used to try to convince herself that she was not famous. f
- 4) Rowling's attitude to fame is more positive than negative. f
- 5) She tries to keep her daughter out of the public eyes. f
- 6) Her writing has been compared unfavourably with the words of a Spice Girls song. f
- 7) Actor Stephen Fry read a shortened version of *The Philosopher's Stone* on the radio. f
- 8) Some people think that her books have a bad influence on children. f

Now answer this question (1 mark)

"Money and fame aren't everything in life". Illustrate this in not more than four lines drawing from the text and your own knowledge.

Part two: Grammar and Language in use (10 marks)

Exercise one: Complete the sentences using the expressions in the box. On your answer sheet, write the number of the sentence and the answer. (2.5 marks)

Hard (2) 4 hardly (2) 5 hardly ever (2) 3
Hardly anyone (2) 5 hardly anything?
Hardly anywhere 4

- 1) You've touched your food!
- 2) This is a treat, we go to restaurants these days.
- 3) Although Sam studied, he wasn't able to pass the test
- 4) By ten o'clock there was left in the club.
- 5) Our teacher gives us homework.
- 6) Monica pushed but she couldn't open the door.
- 7) There's to park in central London.
- 8) I didn't spend much, I bought seen Isabel since she got married.
- 9) I've In my street owns a car.
- 10)

Exercise two: (A) Match the halves of the phrases (5 marks)

- 1) Be deep in a) someone
- 2) Join a chat b) chat with someone
- 3) Have a c) up with a friend
- 4) Text d) well with someone

- 5) Improve your e) an e-mail to someone
- 6) Keep in f) room
- 7) Have a lot g) touch with someone
- 8) Catch h) conversation with someone
- 9) Get on i) communication skills
- 10) Forward j) in common with someone

Exercise two (B) Complete the sentences with a phrase from part A. (2.5 marks)

Example: Do you still keep in touch with people you used to know at school?

- 1) It'll be good to with Josh at dinner tomorrow. I haven't seen him for a while.
- 2) I like Tina as a person, but I don't think we have in about the wedding preparations.
- 3) I am just going to phone Samia to a to all the other people on the team?
- 4) Could you please this your friends instead of doing your homework, I'm going to take that phone off you.
- 5) If you don't stop about your friends instead of doing your homework, I'm going to take that phone off you.

Part three: writing (5 marks)

Discuss the following statement illustrating your ideas: "with information and communication technologies(CT), anyone can become a good secretary today". Not more than 200 words.