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## SECTION A - USE OF ENGLISH

(40p)

I. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense, and write them on your answer sheet.

(10x1p = 10p)

1. By this time next year Tina (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) her studies and will be a certified dietician.
2. In countries like Canada and the US, the leaves on the trees (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (change) colour dramatically in autumn.
3. Jason (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (not come) to visit me lately.
4. My sister (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (always take) my iPod without asking me first – it drives me mad.
5. She will call you as soon as she (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (get) home.
6. It was the first time I (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) about Charles Darwin.
7. I (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (search) for my car keys all morning. Do you have any idea where they might be?
8. When he was younger, Dan (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) to bed until he had showered.
9. The school says that environmental education might (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (teach) from next year.
10. If I (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a time traveller, I would go back to the 18th century.

II. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap. Write the answers on your answer sheet.

(10x1p=10p)

On 6 August 1991 Sir Tim Berners-Lee (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the first ever website  
to the Internet. Since then the World Wide Web has changed the way we work, find  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_, learn, shop and even make friends. The World Wide Web  
is also contributing to the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of new vocabulary, with 'to google'  
becoming a recognisable verb. According to research, 2.4 billion people were online by  
the end of 2012, which is equal to one third of the world's (4) \_\_\_\_\_.  
The World Wide Web empowers individuals by enabling them to access or post  
(5) \_\_\_\_\_ online, removing control of information from governments  
and the media. It has also been (6) \_\_\_\_\_ that the Internet could  
change how government works, improving (7) \_\_\_\_\_, increasing  
choice and encouraging greater (8) \_\_\_\_\_. On the other hand, serious  
concerns have been raised over (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and security as personal  
information is captured and manipulated online. There are also concerns that some  
people are at a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ because they have no access to the Internet.

LOAD

EMPLOY

CREATE

POPULATE

KNOW

SUGGESTION

TRANSPARENT

RESPONSIBLE

PRIVATE

ADVANTAGE

III. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. You must use between two and five words. Write the answers on your answer sheet.

(5x2p = 10p)

1. It wasn't a good idea for you to delete that file. **SHOULD**  
You \_\_\_\_\_ that file.
2. She will only phone if she gets lost. **UNLESS**  
She will \_\_\_\_\_ lost.
3. 'Please don't stay out late,' his mother said. **ASKED**  
His mother \_\_\_\_\_ out late.
4. She looks like my cousin Mary. **REMINDS**  
She \_\_\_\_\_ my cousin Mary.
5. The basketball coach will make me train very hard. **MADE**  
I \_\_\_\_\_ very hard by the basketball coach.

**IV. Translate into English. Write your answer on your answer sheet. (10p)**

Cred că știi că nu mă înțeleg cu familia care locuiește în același apartament cu mine. Nu mă cert cu ei. Știi că asta nu-mi stă în obicei. Cred că n-ar mai putea de bucurie dacă mi-aș pierde firea și aș începe să mă cert. De-aia nu mă cert cu ei, dar vorbele și atitudinea lor mă scot din sărite. Așa că m-am hotărât să mă mut de acolo. Crezi că mi-ai putea da o mână de ajutor?

**SECTION B INTEGRATED SKILLS (60p)**

**I. Read the text below. Five sentences have been removed from the text. Complete the gaps (1-5) in the text with the sentences (A-E). Write the answers on your answer sheet. (5x2p=10p)**

Tiffany Patterson has run her own beauty business since she was only fifteen years old. She has recently employed two members of staff to help her out, so her business is growing fast. 'It was quite strange interviewing people for the job,' explains Tiffany. (1)\_\_\_\_\_ Despite this, Tiffany says her new employees treat her with a lot of respect.

Tiffany learnt to put make-up on others in her early teenage years, by helping out at her aunt's beauty business. She'd already set up her own business by the time she began a part-time course at college, aged sixteen. 'I'd have beauty classes in the morning then would do make-up for family and friends in the afternoon,' says Tiffany. (2)\_\_\_\_\_ Everyone liked what Tiffany did and she was soon earning a reasonable amount of money for a sixteen-year-old.

What's even more amazing is that Tiffany finds reading and writing very hard. 'I have something called dyslexia. Lots of people have this, it makes reading and writing a real challenge,' explains Tiffany. (3)\_\_\_\_\_ The help she received enabled her to pass the course easily and now she works at her business full time.

'I got a place on the high street of my town about six months ago,' says Tiffany. (4)\_\_\_\_\_ So that's when she decided to employ two other staff. This has allowed her to offer many more services to her customers: 'They can both do things that I never learnt at college,' explains Tiffany, 'so we make a great team!' As for the future, Tiffany has big plans. 'I'd like to sell a wider range of beauty products and open places in other towns and cities too,' says Tiffany. (5)\_\_\_\_\_ Looking at how well Tiffany has done so far, it's sure to be a great success.

- A. I was soon so busy that I couldn't do everything myself.
- B. So I was trying things I'd learnt at college later the same day.
- C. Having a chain like this would greatly increase what I could earn.
- D. They were all so much older than me and had much more experience.
- E. But the college provided lots of extra support with this difficulty.

**II. You see this advertisement in your local newspaper:**

**Helpers wanted**

**We are looking for students to work in a holiday club for English-speaking children (aged 10-15).**

**Write a letter to Mr Tom Jones, the club organizer, giving details of:**

- *Your experience of working with children*
- *Your knowledge of English*
- *Why you would be suitable for the job.*

**Write your letter of application. (180-200 words)**

**(50p)**