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PART 1. READING COMPREHENSION.

Maximum: 13 points. 1 point for each correct answer

Task 1. Read the passage. Then fill in the gaps with the appropriate part of the sentence. Write A-N on the separate answer sheet. Write your answers in CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.

SPORTS IN AMERICA: COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

by James A. Michener

The athletic programs of American colleges and universities have come in for a great deal of criticism but there does not seem to be a chance to alter the system.

James A. Michener gives background information and comments on the problems.

First, the United States is the only nation in the world, so far as I know, which demands that its schools like Harvard, Ohio State and Claremont assume (1) Ours is a unique system which has (2) It would be unthinkable for the University of Bologna, a most ancient and honorable school, to provide scholarships to illiterate soccer players so that they could entertain the other cities of northern Italy, and it (3) to do so in their countries. Our system is an American phenomenon, (4) by Yale and Harvard and to a lesser extent Princeton and certain other schools during the closing years of the nineteenth century. If we had had at that time professional teams which provided public football entertainment, we (5) But we had no professional teams, so our schools were handed the job.

Second, if an ideal American educational system were being launched afresh, few would want to saddle it with the responsibility for public sports entertainment. I certainly would not. But since, by a quirk of history, it is so saddled, the tradition has become ingrained and I (6) I therefore approve of continuing it, so long as certain safeguards are installed. Categorically, I believe that our schools must continue to offer sports entertainment, even though (7)

Third, I see nothing wrong in having a college or a university provide training for the young man or woman (8) My reasoning is twofold: (1) American society has ordained that sports shall be a major aspect of our national life, (9) How possibly can a major aspect of life be ignored by our schools? (2) If

it is permissible to train young musicians and actors in our universities, and endow munificent departments to do so, (10) ?

Fourth, because our schools have volunteered to serve as unpaid training grounds for future professionals, and (11) from the semi-professional football and basketball teams they operate, the temptation to recruit young men skilled at games but totally unfitted for academic work is overpowering. We must seriously ask if (12) There are honorable answers, (13) , but if we do not face this matter forthrightly, we are going to run into trouble.

- A) a historical accident which developed from the exciting football games played
- B) with major attention, major financial support and major coverage in the media
- C) no historical sanction or application elsewhere
- D) see not the remotest chance of altering it
- E) would be equally preposterous for either the Sorbonne or Oxford
- F) why is it not equally legitimate to train young athletes, and endow them with a stadium
- G) comparable institutions throughout the rest of the world are excused from doing so
- H) because some of the lucky schools with good sports reputations can earn a good deal of money
- I) responsibility for providing the public with sports entertainment
- J) such behavior is legitimate for an academic institution
- K) who wants to devote his adult life to sports
- L) might not have placed the burden on our schools
- M) and I know some of them

PART 2.USE OF ENGLISH.

Maximum: 62 points. 1 point for each correct answer

Task 1. Complete the text using the definitions of the required words in the brackets. Write your answers in CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet. 1 point for each correct answer

Fill in the following gaps choosing the appropriate names, dates and events.

European Union	Declaration of Independence	1773
1848-1849	Louisiana Purchase	Boris Johnson
US government	Sons of Liberty	Good Friday Agreement
Tony Blair	Sacajawea	Ontario
Referendum of 2016	Rocky Mountains	2020
Great Depression	Bill of Rights	Glorious Revolution
1949	Gold Rush	Theresa May
Thomas Jefferson	Abraham Lincoln	Confederacy
Rishi Sunak	Liz Truss	London Declaration
Brexit	Community Reinvestment Act	forty-niners
2008	Klondike	British government
Canada government	Ku Klux Klan	Boston Tea Party
2018	1750	Lewis and Clark
John Adams	Emancipation Proclamation	Herbert Hoover

- 1) In the autumn of 1775, the British were offered peace but it was rejected. On 4 July 1776 the (1)....., written by (2)..... was signed.
- 2) The (3)..... is the rapid movement of about 40 000 people to the US state of California in (4)..... . They were called (5)..... . It later spread to the (6) , an area in Canada.
- 3) (7) ‘.....’ is the name given to the UK’s departure from the (8) It all started after (9)..... was held. The withdrawal happened on 31 January (10)..... .
- 4) (11)..... is the incumbent Prime Minister of the UK, succeeding (12)..... on 25 October 2022. After (13)..... resigned, he supported (14)’s campaign to become Conservative leader and then was appointed Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

- 5) The British government eventually removed all the taxes except the tax on tea. On 16 December (15) , some of the (16)..... disguised themselves as Native Americans and went on board ships to transport tea. They threw tea into the water. This incident is known as (17)
- 6) The (18) acquired French lands west of the Mississippi River to the (19) and north to Canada for the US. (20), led by (21) , explored the lands for the (22)

Task 2. Read the origins of the idioms and try to guess what idiom it is. Write your answers in CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet. 1 point for each correct answer

- 23) This idiom is believed to be nautical in nature. When a sailor was feeling ill, he would go beneath the bow, which is the front part of the boat. This would hopefully protect him from adverse conditions, as he was literally under the bad climate conditions that could further sicken him. Therefore, a sailor who was sick, could be described as being “.....”
- 24) There are many theories about the origins of this idiom but one of the most popular is the following, it comes from fairy lore. Many years ago people believed strongly in fairies and would leave offerings and make shrines for them. As this liquid was thought to be the fairies favorite drink, whenever some was spilt in a house it wasn't considered a bad thing or something to worry about as the fairies would drink it!
- 25) It is believed that this idiom comes from an Ancient Greek voting process, where people voted with this kind of edible seed. White seeds (meaning yes) and black or brown seeds (meaning no) were put into a jar by citizens during elections. This idiom means that if someone allows the seeds to fall knocking over the container, the secret results would be revealed too soon. This is why this action is associated with disclosing a secret indiscreetly.
- 26) This idiom is said to come from the 1900s, when buyers could determine this domesticated animal's age by examining its teeth.
- 27) This is an interesting one. While the fourth word in this idiom refers to Lewis Carroll's character in Alice in Wonderland, the expression has its origins in the effects of the chronic mercury poisoning commonly experienced by 18th and 19th century hat manufacturers owing to the use of mercurous nitrate in felt hats.
- 28) This expression refers to the stops inside a pipe organ. They control the loudness and the tones of the instrument. Without them, one can play louder. When the set of organ pipes of a particular tone and range of pitch is moved out, it allows the organ to play all sounds at once and be as loud as possible.
- 29) In the 14th century during a post-hunt feast, the lord of the manor would eat the finest cuts of meat. The numbles was the name given to the heart, liver, and entrails of animals. By the 15th century this was shortened to 'umbles. It was common practice for people of lower stature to be humiliated when served the 'umbles baked into a pie. Thus, comes the term, '.....'.

Task 3. Choose 4 appropriate words from the box to form the collocations. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet. 1 point for each correct answer

the bill	one's promise	time	sentence
two birds with one stone	one's point	one's apprenticeship	the record
breath	a purpose	a fancy	the pain
the law	the silence	lunch	offence

What can we break?	What can we kill?	What can we serve?	What can we take?
30) _____	34) _____	38) _____	42) _____
31) _____	35) _____	39) _____	43) _____
32) _____	36) _____	40) _____	44) _____
33) _____	37) _____	41) _____	45) _____

Task 4. In the blank spaces at the right, give one-word synonym for the underlined word or words. All synonyms are regular verbs in Past Simple. Follow the example in the first sentence. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet. 1 point for each correct answer

It <u>turned out</u> to be a very fine meeting.	RESULTED
46) Some friends <u>dropped in on</u> us last night.	V..... (total 7 letters)
47) Last month they <u>laid off</u> several hundred workers.	D..... (total 9 letters)
48) The apartment we used to live in <u>looked out on</u> a lovely garden.	O.....(total 10 letters)
49) David certainly <u>took us in</u> with his stories about Mexico.	C.....(total 7 letters)
50) The speaker <u>set forth</u> his arguments in a convincing manner.	P.....(total 9 letters)
51) The enemy <u>gave up</u> without any resistance.	S.....(total 11 letters)
52) We were talking quietly when she <u>cut in</u> the conversation.	I.....(total 11 letters)

Task 5. Translate the following geographical names from Russian into English. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet. 2 points for each correct answer

- 53) Скалистые горы
- 54) Ла-Манш
- 55) Пиренеи
- 56) Большой Каньон
- 57) Аравийская пустыня

PART 3. WRITING
Maximum: 25 points

You have seen the following competition entry in a magazine:

HERO OF THE YEAR!

A local film studio is going to make a film about people who have demonstrated great courage at work. We decided to ask the school students to tell us what occupation could be shown in the film. Who would you nominate for the film?

Write your entry for the competition in 180-250 words.

- **You have to persuade the readers why your entry deserves considering.**
- **Remember to write the introduction and conclusion!**
- **Provide 2 reasons why you think people of this profession deserve to be shown in the film (you need to provide well-developed and well-structured arguments).**
- **Tell what other traits of character apart from courage people of this profession must have.**
- **Use the following quotation in your entry: ‘A hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is brave five minutes longer’. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)**
- **Use two idioms and two phrasal verbs in your competition entry.**