

Form VIII
Lexical-grammar test

1. Match the beginnings and the endings of the proverbs. (5 points)

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| 1. All bread is not | a) better than no bread. |
| 2. You can't make an omelet | b) after supper walk a mile. |
| 3. An apple a day | c) baked in one oven. |
| 4. Half a loaf is | d) without breaking eggs. |
| 5. After breakfast sit a while; | e) keeps a doctor away. |

2. Complete the sentences. (6 points)

1. What is the ... way to get to London?
 - a) faster
 - b) fast
 - c) fastest
2. Study these rules ... carefully, please.
 - a) much
 - b) more
 - c) many
3. The water is ... cold in the river today.
 - a) so
 - b) such
 - c) such a
4. I didn't listen to him carefully.
....
 - a) So didn't I.
 - b) So did I.
 - c) Neither did I.
5. The children, ____ shouted in the street, are from our school.
 - a) who
 - b) which
 - c) whose
6. This is the book ____ I read last year.
 - a) who
 - b) which
 - c) whose

3. Complete the sentences with the correct article if necessary. (11 points)

____(1) UK is ____ (2) abbreviation of ____ (3) United Kingdom of
____ (4) Great Britain and ____ (5) Northern Ireland. It's on ____ (6) British Isles.
____ (7) pudding is ____ (8) dessert course of ____ (9) meal. Not all
____ (10) puddings are ____ (11) sweet puddings.

4. Fill in the correct words. (12 points)

My name's Steve. I don't like my school because there aren't enough extra school activities here. My _____ Dan goes to a school where there are a lot. There are a music, drama and painting _____. His classmates sing, dance, act and _____ musical instruments. Our _____ give us too much homework, but I'd like to have not so much exercises to do.

Kim is studying _____ a summer school. He gets _____ at half past seven and _____ breakfast at eight. Then he learns about _____ sea and different ships. The lessons _____ at nine and finish _____ twelve. In the evening we watch _____ or video. This school _____ very popular!

5. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense. (19 points)

Dear Peter,

You by any chance _____ (know¹) where Bob is? I would like to find out because I just _____ (hear²) of a job that exactly _____ (suit³) him, but if he _____ (not apply⁴) fairly soon of course he _____ (not get⁵) it.

I last _____ (see⁶) him about a month ago, when he just _____ (leave⁷) his job with the film company. He _____ (say⁸) he _____ (go⁹) to France for a holiday and _____ (promise¹⁰) to send me a postcard with his French address as soon as he _____ (find¹¹) a place to stay. But I _____ (hear¹²) nothing since then and _____ (not know¹³) even whether he _____ (go¹⁴) to France or not.

If you _____ (know¹⁵) his address I _____ (be¹⁶) very grateful if you _____ (phone¹⁷) me. I _____ (try¹⁸) to phone you several times but your phone _____ (not seem¹⁹) to be working.

Yours,

Jack

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READING

A CHRISTMAS STORY

Years ago there lived a very rich man. His main interest in life was art collecting. He was a widower and he had an only child, a son. From an early age the boy shared his father's hobby. Together they travelled around the world, buying the finest paintings. Soon his son became an experienced art collector. His father was very proud of his son.

War put an end to their travels. The young man left to serve his country. After only a few short weeks, his father received a telegram. His beloved son was killed. The old man thought about the upcoming Christmas with sadness. On Christmas morning a young soldier knocked at the door. He had a large package in his hand. The soldier introduced himself to the man by saying,

"I was a friend of your son. I'm an artist and I want to give you this." He gave the package to the old man. It was a picture - a portrait of his son. The painting of his son became his dearest possession. And he valued it more than any other expensive paintings. The following spring, the old man became ill and died. The art collector had no relatives. That's why all his paintings would be sold at an auction.

Soon Christmas day arrived and collectors from around the world gathered to get some of the world's famous paintings. The auction began with a painting of the man's son. The auctioneer asked,

"Who will open the bidding with \$100?" No one spoke. Minutes passed. From the back of the room came:

"Let's forget it and go to some better paintings."

"No, we have to sell this one first", replied the auctioneer. "Now, who will take the son?"

After a few minutes a man stood up and said,

"I'm not a collector, but I used to know the father and the son. I'd like to have the boy's portrait. But I have only \$10."

"\$10. Will anyone go higher?", called the auctioneer. "Going once, going twice, gone."

After the auctioneer said that the auction was over. The room went quiet. Then somebody asked. "Why? What about all these paintings?"

The auctioneer replied, "It's very simple. According to the will of the father, whoever takes the son ... gets it all".

Widower- вдовец

Possession-имущество, владение

Auction-аукцион

Auctioneer-аукционист

Bidding-торги, предложение цены

1. A. What is the story about?

- 1) war
- 2) an auction
- 3) Christmas
- 4) a great love of the father to his son

B. Who is the main character of the story?

- 1) the soldier
- 2) the auctioneer
- 3) the old friend of the family
- 4) the art collector

2. Write if the sentences are true or false. Correct the false statements.

- 1) The father and the son spent their time buying the finest pictures for their collection.

- 2) The old man got the portrait on Easter evening.

- 3) The painting of the son was stolen.

- 4) According to the will of the father, whoever takes the son ... gets nothing.

- 5) The old man's son shared his father's hobby.

3. Complete the missing parts of the sentences.

- 1) "I was a friend of your son. I'm an artist and I want to give you this."
He gave the package to the old man. It was

- a) a present for Christmas.
- b) a lot of money from his son.
- c) a picture - a portrait of his son.

- 2) Soon his son became ...

- a) a handsome young man.
- b) an experienced art collector.
- c) an officer.

- 3) The painting of the son ...

- a) was buried on with the father.

- b) was stolen before the Christmas morning.
- c) was sold at an auction.
- 4) ... the old man became ill and died.
 - a) the following spring
 - b) learning that his son had died.
 - c) right after the war.
- 5) According to the will of the man ...
 - a) the auction had to be held on
 - b) he had to be buried on
 - c) the pictures had to be auctioned on Christmas day

4. Answer the questions.

- 1) What did the father and the son do together?

- 2) What happened to the son?

- 3) Which of the paintings did the old man value more than other paintings?

- 4) What happened to all the collection? Why?

- 5) Who gave the portrait of the son to the old man?
