**Task 1. Complete the sentence by choosing the BEST answer. Only one answer is correct. (40 points)**

1.You don’t really like Jackson. No, I simply can’t …him

a) stand b) support c) help

2. I like your hat Julie. It really … you.

a) goes b) suits c) shows

1. I have quite … money. I can lend you some.

a) little b) many c) a loot of

1. I’m very glad. … he’ll be here.

a) At last b) Last c) Lately

1. You can go there by … car.

a) a b) the c) –

1. She has … 5 mistakes in her dictation.

a) done b) made c) written

1. I would … stay at home than go out.

a) either b) rather c) better

1. I always get … when I hear his name.

a) exciting b) excited c) excitedly

1. I am grateful to you… what you have done.

a) by b) for c) on

1. I don’t have … money on me.

a) any b) some c) no

1. He … all the documents.

a) look at b) looked down c) looked through

12. Sitting on a garden bench we … about old times.

a) told b) talked c)said

13. He … them sitting at the sea.

a) left b) forgot c) lost

1. Tom decided to … a new job.

a) receive b) catch c) get

15. Will you … me some money?

a) take b) lend c) borrow

16. When …

a) does the train leave? b) leaves the train? c) the train leaves?

1. Helen has the … eyes in the world.

a) more beautiful b) most beautiful c) very beautiful

1. Good! We can go out now, …
2. it not raining. b) it isn’t raining. c) it doesn’t rain.

19) Finland is … Egypt.

a) colder as b) colder than c) so cold as

1. Give me that book - it’s …
2. my. b) me. c) mine.

**Task 2. Complete the following sentences (30 points)**

1. Why didn’t you inform them………………………………………………..…………………………. …………………….………………………………………………….……………………………….?
2. Would you like ………………………………………………………….………………………………

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1. Don’t go there now, otherwise ………………………………………...…………………………………

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1. If you come on time …………………..…………………………………..………………..……………

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1. When the gusts entered the hall ………………………………………………….………………………

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**Task 3. Read the text and answer the questions. (30 points)**

When the United States went to war against England in 1812, the U.S. navy

2. was much weaker than the British navy. In fact, the British navy at the time had

3. over 800 warships. The **entire** U.S. navy had only 16 warships in its fleet, so

4. **it** was almost **nonexistent**.

5. To increase its naval power, the United States tried to **convert** merchant

6. ships into warships. When a merchant ship was converted into a warship, two

7. big changes were made. First, the cargo hold was emptied. Then heavy cannons

8. to fight the enemy were added to the top of the deck. This type of conversion of

9. merchant ships into warships was not always successful, for a very good reason.

10. The changes that were made to convert a ship from a merchant ship to a

11. warship made the ship much less stable. A heavy cargo in the hold at the bottom

12. of a merchant ship allowed the ship to stay balanced in the water. When the

13. cargo was removed, the ship became less stable. Then, when the heavy metal

14. cannons were added to the deck of the ship, the ship became even less stable. **As**

15. **a result**, a number of these converted merchant ships tipped over and sank.

1. It is stated in the text that the U.S. navy was

a) not as strong as the British navy.

b) stronger than the British navy.

c) as weak as the British navy.

d) equal in strength to the British navy.

2. The word **entire** in line 3 could best be replaced by

a) tiny

b) tired

c) even

d) whole

3. The word **it** in line 4 refers to

a) the British navy

b) time

c) the U.S. navy

d) its fleet

4. The word **nonexistent** in line 4 is closest in meaning to

a) not real

b) non-finite

c) non-native

d) non-count

5. The word **convert** in line 5 is closest in meaning to

a) buy

b) build

c) change

d) sell

6. According to paragraph 2, what was added to a merchant ship when it was

converted?

a) a cargo hold

b) cannons

c) a deck

d) the enemy

7. Paragraph 3 states that

a) it is understandable why a certain change did not work well.

b) there were good reasons why warships were changed into merchant ships.

c) trying to change warships into merchant ships was not a success.

d) putting merchant ships into a war zone was successful.

8. According to paragraph 3, all of the following made a merchant ship less stable

**EXCEPT**

a) being converted into a warship

b) having a heavy cargo in the hold

c) having heavy cannons on deck

d) having an empty cargo hold

9. According to the text, what happened to many converted merchant ships?

a) They became part of the British navy.

b) They went to the bottom of the ocean.

c) They carried large cargoes.

d) They filled their holds with cannons.

10. The expression ‘**As a result**’ in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to

a) However

b) Also

c) Afterwards

d) Therefore