

## MID-TERM ENGLISH TEST – SI3 - October 2020

series B.

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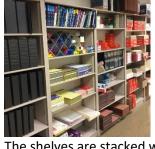
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## A. VOCABULARY (36 pts):

Fill the gaps in the following sentences with words taken preferably from your vocabulary list.



She is carrying a pile of binders/folders



The shelves are stacked with supplies



They are sightseeing (1 word)



This is a microwave oven



There are 3 drawers in this filing cabinet.



There was a hail storm last week.



These are towels



This is a runway



There is a train on plaform n°10.



This is a ski resort / slope



This is a name tag



There is a severe drought



The beach is crowded



The cars were snowbound



She is putting her suitcase in the overhead compartment



Please fasten your seatbelt



I just finished wrapping the present.



He makes his own cartridges



She is chopping/slicing vegetables.



The hotel <mark>lobby</mark> is beautiful.



The photographs are on display (= exhibited).

- 1) My room overlooks (= has a view of) Hyde Park. I can see the squirrels jumping around right underneath my window.
- 2) Temperatures went down to minus 40°C and even some birds froze to death. It was very sad. Everything was covered with frost. Then spring came and snow thawed (i.e. melted). The wind blew all afternoon and temperatures went down. The cold spell (period) lasted for a month.
- 3) When I arrived in Toronto, I had to go through immigration and customs. They asked me if I had anything to declare. The officers opened my luggage/baggage (i.e. suitcases) and checked everything from top to bottom.
- When launching (starting, beginning) an advertising campaign, and in particular when releasing a commercial (= advertisement) on TV, a company has to think hard about its corporate values (adjective = 'of the company'). Before that, the company has to study its current earnings (= profits) and expenditures in order to find out if an advertising campaign is necessary.
- 5) Please find attached (enclosed) the agenda (schedule of discussions) for today's meeting.
- 6) They had to take on (= hire) a new intern (= trainee, US).

## **B/TRANSLATE**

Dimanche 22 août 2010:

How would you READ it? (mind coherence UK/US) Sunday the twenty-second of August two thousand and ten. (UK) Sunday August the twenty-second two thousand and ten. (US) How would you WRITE it? (mind coherence UK/US) Sunday 22 August 2010 (UK). Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 (US). Vendredi 14 septembre 1990 : How would you READ it? (mind coherence UK/US) Friday the fourteenth of September nineteen ninety (UK). Friday September the fourteenth nineteen ninety (US). How would you WRITE it? (mind coherence UK/US) Friday 14 September 1990 (UK). Friday September 14th, 1990 (US). Je pratique le tennis depuis 4 ans: I have played / I have been playing tennis since I was 4 years old / for 4 years (not the same!) J'ai passé le TOEIC l'an dernier et j'ai réussi! I took/wrote the TOEIC last year and I passed! C/ LISTENING COMPREHENSION https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oSkA9BDWN-U Listen to Jane McGonigal's TED Talk (English, no subtitles) and answer the following questions: Among the following statements, tick those that are TRUE according to the speaker (18pts): 1. Good video games ensure that the challenge you will meet is not disproportionate with your level. People should spend less time on video games if they want to solve problems such as obesity. 2. The story about the kingdom of Lydia is meant to illustrate that games can both serve as entertainment 3. and as efficient ways of solving serious problems. People generally feel they are better people in games than in real life. 4. She predicts that in ten years there will be about 1 billion expert gamers in the world. 5. **~** Jane McGonigal is a researcher in the Institute For the Future. 6 **V** Jane compares the time people have played WoW with the time since human beings have been able to stand up. It takes about 10,000 hours for anyone to become averagely good at doing something. 8. Jane McGonigal's highest diploma is a Bachelor's degree. 9. 'To be on the verge of something' means the same as 'to fail something'. 10.

| 11.  |            | A WoW gamer plays an average time a week that is equivalent to a full-time job.   |
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| 12.  | •          | The first games that ever existed were made of bone.  |
| 13.  | •          | One of the reasons why gamers are useful is they have strong interpersonal skills.  |
| 14.<br>but the   | ☐<br>⁄ hav | After playing World Without Oil, studies have shown that players do not change their consumption habits re imagined solutions for the future. |
| 15.  | •          | In order to face a challenge, you need to get some positive feedback.   |
| 16.  | •          | 'Being overwhelmed' is close in meaning to 'being overcome'.  |
| 17.  | •          | Thanks to one of the games she created with her team, you can receive a certificate.  |
| 18.  | <b>~</b>   | The Roman Empire was most likely built by people who had played a game of dice.   |
| In 250 words (+/-10%), summarize Jane McGonigal's thesis, <u>using your own words</u> . What is her point? Do you share Jane's opinion regarding video games? (30 pts) |            |   |
| Spelling: example – approximately – immediately – useful – blissful – blissfully - personally – strength – finally – globally  |            |   |
| World problems = the world's problems  |            |   |

A crisis > crises (plural)