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QUESTION PAPER A
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Follow the instructions very carefully

Encircling more than one letter for a question will invalidate it.

Answer ALL questions.

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Question 1: Language

Read the following passage carefully, and then encircle the letter to the correct answer from the options given.

Namibia: Unicef Calls for Safer Internet for All

Aletta Shikololo

Windhoek — Unicef representative in Namibia Rachel Odede has called **1. ____** all stakeholders to join and **2. ____** their part in creating a safer internet for all, particularly the youth who are vulnerable to online bullying.

Speaking at the commemoration of the Safer Internet Day, which took place at the Chairman Mao Zedong School on Tuesday, Odede said Unicef and **3. ____** partners aim to create awareness of emerging online issues.

"This day is more befitting because we are all aware within the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals, digital and ICT and more particularly affordable **4. ____** to internet makes part of the UN's priority list to end poverty, fight inequality, injustice and tackle climate change. This confirms the growing importance of the digitalisation of economies and societies as leverage for a country's emergence, growth and inclusion," underscored Odede.

Odede also cited a recent Unicef poll of which young people from more than 160 countries participated which revealed that 70.6 percent of young people aged 15 to 24 years old, who are online globally are experiencing some form of online violence, cyberbullying and digital harassment.

"This online proliferation comes with increased risk. According to Unesco on the prevalence of cyberbullying in high income countries, the proportion of children and adolescents who are affected by cyberbullying **5. ____** from five percent to 21 percent with girls appearing to be more likely to experience cyberbullying than boys," said Odede.

Unicef invites all stakeholders to join in and engage with others in respectful ways in order to ensure a better digital experience, said Odede. Research has shown that digital technologies **6. ____** deliver economic opportunity by providing young people with training opportunities, job-matching services and by creating new kinds of work, she stated.

According to Odede, last year, Unicef supported the hosting of a national reporting portal for online child sexual abuse material. "We **7. ____** call on everyone to use this portal and report any online abuse you see. We also urge parents and caregivers to monitor and supervise what their children are surfing on the internet," Odede added.

At the celebration, Deputy Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare, Lucia Witbooi, requested parents to set boundaries for children using new technology, in the same way they have always set boundaries for their children's upbringing and for teachers and **8.** ____ to teach learners about the internet safety regularly.

"The logic behind **9.** ____ is that we do not want children being exposed to unacceptable risks online from bullying, grooming and harmful content," Witbooi further stated.

This year's Safer Internet Day has celebrated 30 years after the adoption of the convention on the Rights of the Child and the **10.** ____ of the World Wide Web.

(New Era Newspaper)

Now encircle the best answer from the options given to complete the article above.

1.

A. for	B. on	C. about	D. to
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2.

A. play	B. plays	C. played	D. are playing
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3.

A. its	B. it's	C. there	D. their
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4.

A. excess	B. access	C. assess	D. exit
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A. range	B. ranges	C. is ranging	D. was ranging
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A. might	B. may	C. can	D. could
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7.

A. therefore	B. therefor	C. there for	D. there fore
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A. principal's	B. principle's	C. principals	D. principles
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A. that	B. this	C. these	D. those
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10.

A. create	B. creation	C. creates	D. creations
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QUESTION 2 COMPREHENSION

Passage 2.1

**Read the passage below. Answer the multiple choice questions that follow.
Encircle the letter of the correct answer.**

A well-dressed young man entered a big textile shop one evening. He was able to draw the attention of the salesmen who thought him rich and likely to make heavy purchases. He was shown the superior varieties of suit lengths and sarees. But after casually examining them, he kept moving to the next section, where ready-made goods were being sold and further on to the hosiery section.

By then, the salesmen had begun to doubt his intentions and drew the attention of the manager. The manager asked him what exactly he wanted and he replied that he wanted courteous treatment. He explained that he had come to the same shop in casual dress that morning and drawn little attention. His pride was hurt and he wanted to assert himself. He had come in good dress only to get decent treatment, not for getting any textiles. He left without making any purchase.

(https://www.smartkeeda.com/General_English/Verbal_Ability/Comprehension_Test/D2_E/all/passage/Passage_No_68/)

- 1. The young man was well dressed because _____.**
 - A. it was his habit to dress well.
 - B. it was his wedding day.
 - C. he wanted to impress the salesmen.
- 2. The salesmen in the shop are described as people who pay attention to _____.**
 - A. only young men and women.
 - B. only rich customers.
 - C. regular customers.
- 3. The young man moved away to the hosiery section because he _____**
 - A. was not interested in purchasing anything now.
 - B. wanted better clothes.
 - C. was restless.
- 4. The manager asked the young man what he wanted because _____**
 - A. he would give him exactly what he was looking for.

- B. the salesman had drawn his attention to the indifferent attitude of the young man.
- C. he thought they could do more business with him that way.

5. The young man left without making purchases because he ____?

- A. decided to come to make the purchases later on.
- B. had come only to make a point about the indifferent attitude of the salesmen towards casually dressed customers.
- C. could not find any item of his choice.

(___/5)

Question 2.2

Read the passage below. For each of the questions (1 - 10), encircle the best answer from the text.

Elderly Japanese women are getting themselves put in prison for a depressing reason

Japan has the oldest population in the world, with at least 27 percent being over the age of 65. Yet the country is facing an **unprecedented** problem. The reason for this isn't down to an unusual crime wave. Instead, it's something far more socially-worrying for Japan. Between 1980 and 2015, the number of elderly people living by themselves in Japan increased more than six-fold to nearly 6 million. In 2017, a Tokyo government survey found that more than 50 percent of seniors who shoplifted lived alone and 40 percent didn't have a family or relative to turn to.

For decades prior to this trend, it was a tradition for families and communities to care for their older citizens, but a lack of resources is making that harder to do so. With the older population feeling more and more isolated as a result of this, women especially have turned to a life of crime in the hope that prison will provide them with a refuge and a home. They may have a house. They may have a family. But that doesn't mean they have a place they feel at home. They feel they are not understood. They feel they are only recognised as someone who gets the house chores done.

Elderly women, more so than men, are also considered to be more economically vulnerable, with nearly half of the female population over 65 living in poverty. Prison has provided these women with a chance to escape their domestic lives. Bloomberg spoke to several inmates with one, simply known as Ms. T, giving a particularly harrowing account of how her life deteriorated. The 80-year-old is quoted as saying: "My husband had a stroke six years ago and has been bedridden ever since. He also has dementia and suffers from delusions and paranoia".

It was a lot to take care of him physically and emotionally because of my old age. But I couldn't talk about my stress with anyone because I was ashamed. I was imprisoned for the first time when I was 70. When I shoplifted, I had money in my wallet. Then I thought about my life. I didn't want to go home, and I had nowhere else to go. Asking for help in prison was the only way. My life is much easier in prison. I can be myself and breathe, however temporarily. My son tells me I'm ill and I should be hospitalised in a mental institution and take it easy. But I don't think I'm ill. I think my anxiety drove me to steal".

While in prison the women are assigned a specialist worker who will assist them with bathing and toilet tasks during the day, yet at night these duties are handled by guards. For some of these correctional officers, their day-to-day jobs are now closer to that of a nursing home attendant, with some having to deal with issues like incontinence, that is, lack of voluntary control over urination or defecation. Satomi Kezuka, an officer at Tochigi Women's Prison, added: "They [the women] are ashamed and hide their underwear. I tell them to bring it to me, and I will have it washed".

Yet, this extra work creates further problems. Care for elderly prisoners saw medical costs in prisons pass the 6 billion yen mark in 2015, which is an 80 percent increase since 2005. Furthermore, more than a third of female correctional officers quit their jobs within three years, leading to an **obvious** shortage of staff.

Japan's government nor their private sector are yet to establish a rehabilitation program for the women affected by these issues, but they are attempting to do something. In 2016, a law was passed that would ensure that an ex-convict would receive help from Japan's welfare and social service systems. In addition to this, prosecution offices and prisons are working with government agencies in order to help the women who find themselves in this unfortunate situation.

(Posted Monday 23 April 2018 12:30 by Greg Evans in News)

1. Unprecedented means ____

- A an earlier event or action.
- B never done or known before.
- C a difficult time.
- D without a president.

2. Seniors are shoplifting because ____

- A they live alone.
- B they do not have family to turn to.
- C families do not care for seniors anymore.
- D of a lack of resources makes it harder for families to care for seniors.

3. **Prisons are ...**
- A providing refuge to seniors.
 - B providing refuge to women.
 - C seen as a place of refuge and a home.
 - D a place of refuge and a home.
4. **The reason why nearly half of the female population over 65 are living in poverty ____**
- A they are more than men.
 - B they are more emotionally vulnerable.
 - C they are more physically vulnerable.
 - D they are more economically vulnerable.
5. **Issues like incontinence ____**
- A are handled by some correctional officers.
 - B are handled by some nursing home attendants.
 - C are ignored by correctional officers.
 - D are ignored by nursing home attendants.
6. **Does the extra work provide problems?**
- A No, under no circumstances.
 - B Yes, the prisoners get sick.
 - C Yes, the officers quit within a few years.
 - D Yes, there is a shortage of staff.
7. **In this passage, six-fold means ____**
- A a form or shape produced by the gentle draping of a loose, full garment.
 - B six times the number or amount.
 - C six years old.
 - D a group or unit of six people or things.
8. **An antonym for obvious in Paragraph 6 is ____**
- A easily perceived or understood.
 - B modest.

- C frustrated.
- D obscure.

9. Japan's government and their private sector ____

- A established a rehabilitation program for the women.
- B are providing these women with a chance to escape their domestic lives.
- C Are placing these women in a mental institution.
- D are still to establish a rehabilitation program for the women.

10. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a reason for women getting themselves put in prison?

- A the older population feeling more and more isolated.
- B they feel they are not understood.
- C prison provides these women with a chance to escape their domestic lives.
- D The older people don't want to live with family.

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QUESTION 3: CRITICAL THINKING

Read the following passage carefully and then answer all the multiple choice questions. Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. “The blues had a baby and they named the baby rock and roll.” So sang Muddy Waters, one of the greatest bluesmen. While true, that is only part of the absorbing story Ted Gioia tells as he traces the blues, a seminal influence on all 20th-century popular music, back to its roots. The delta of his title is a vast tract of land between the Mississippi and Yazoo rivers, a source of agricultural riches, particularly cotton, and home to a poor black population whose very privation inspired an impassioned musical culture.
2. Mr Gioia's authoritative chronicle interweaves the steamy character of the delta with the hard lot of its population. Toiling in conditions not far removed from slavery, at the mercy of plantation and prison farm, the delta's sharecroppers expressed themselves through the blues, a vocal form derived from Africa, as well as from work songs and spirituals. Although the blues appeared in other places in the American South, the delta was astonishingly prolific in quality, abundance and sheer intensity. As the author puts it, aficionados reckoned there were blues, then deep blues, but delta blues had “the deepest roots of all”.
3. Mr Gioia's book is made up of a chronological series of biographies of the region's musical heroes, who became famous for a style in which singing and guitar playing merged into a single mesmerising sound. Charley Patton, Bukka White and Son House all won local renown, made recordings and then faded away into delta life, in which passion and violence often went hand in hand. Robert Johnson, who was supposed to have sold his soul to the devil in return for his prodigious skills, was poisoned after an ill-advised dalliance with another man's woman.
4. Johnson's recordings brought the delta's spell to a wider audience, as did the migration of a new generation of musicians northward, particularly to Chicago. From the 1940s, the Windy City became a hub for giants such as Waters and Howlin' Wolf, who added a new dimension to the blues with supercharged amplification. The plangent attack of electric guitar and harmonica gave the delta style greater intensity. Hard-driving bands superseded soloists, but the redoubtable Mississippi-born John Lee Hooker could still galvanise a room all by himself with his stomping “Boogie Chillen”.
5. With such emotional energy afoot, cocking a snook at well-scrubbed post-war pop, it wasn't long before the blues burst on to the mass market. Its carefree offspring, rock and roll, went on to become a huge commercial enterprise in which every singer affected a bluesy cry as a testament of personal emotion.
6. But Mr Gioia is in no doubt that delta blues retains its appeal. He describes the

revival movement in which enthusiasts tracked down some of the region's first stars, who brought the old sound alive. Records still convey the power of their music and of the delta tradition; a fire, Mr Gioia says, that is just waiting to be rekindled.

(The Economist, October 16, 2008)

1. Who is the author of the new book about the origins of the delta music?

- A. Muddy Waters
- B. Robert Johnson
- C. Son House
- D. Ted Gioia

2. The first part of the first paragraph points out that

- A. modern rock and roll music was not influenced by the blues.
- B. the blues of old and modern rock and roll music had a baby.
- C. all popular modern music was influenced by blues jazz music.
- D. most of today's rock hits influenced the delta-blues of the time.

3. The word 'his' in the last sentence of Paragraph 1 refers to

- A. title.
- B. tract.
- C. Mississippi.
- D. rivers.

4. The effect of the emotional energy of blues, according to Paragraph 5, is that it

- A. became like post-war pop.
- B. burst onto the pop market.
- C. burst onto the mass market.
- D. became like rock and roll.

5. Which phrase has the same meaning as the word "rekindled" in the last paragraph?

- A. brought alive.
- B. burst on to.
- C. affected.

D. created.

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QUESTION 4: SUMMARY

Road Accidents

As drivers, we have a responsibility on the road to ourselves, our loved ones and to other drivers. Responsibility here involves a few things. It means that we must be careful on the road. We must look out for other drivers, especially people in smaller vehicles and pedestrians. We must think of others and not be selfish and want our way all the time. Give way once in a while, be courteous and you will find driving a more pleasant experience.

It is also our responsibility to ensure that our vehicles are in tip-top condition. This is to make sure that our vehicles do not break down or cause accidents. Therefore, service your vehicles regularly, at least once in every six months. While driving on the road, keep to the speed limit all the time, not only when we suspect there is a speed trap ahead.

It is also the duty of the police to organize road safety campaigns to educate and raise awareness among road users about the dangers of inconsiderate driving. Drivers who are caught breaking traffic rules should be punished or fined severely. Right now, the punishment imposed is not enough to prevent drivers from repeating the offence or to scare off potential selfish drivers.

(<http://www.englishdaily626.com/summary.php?059>)

Select from the possible options below, the five sentences which form the summary of the above passage. Just encircle the letters of the sentences you select to form the summary. If you tick more than five options, you will not be awarded any marks.

- A To curb road accidents, we must ensure that we drive carefully on the road.
- B It is better to drive in smaller vehicles.
- C We must be courteous and considerate.
- D We must also make sure that our vehicles are serviced regularly and are in good working order.
- E We must not speed when there are speed traps.
- F The police should impose a heavy fine on traffic violators.
- G The police should scare off potential selfish drivers.

H The police must organize road safety campaigns to raise awareness.

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TOTAL [___/30]

QUESTION 5: ESSAY WRITING

Write an essay of not more than 250 words on ONE of the following topics.

1. Are women better parents than men?
2. What should a government do for a country to become successful?
3. If children behave badly, should their parents accept responsibility and also be punished?
4. Is a national lottery in Namibia a good idea?
5. Is dependence on cellphones a good thing or should we be more suspicious of their benefits?

ESSAY

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