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Part 1a**Questions 1 – 5**

Read the text about horse riding.

Circle the correct answer **A, B, C** or **D**.

Horse riding is a hobby enjoyed _____ **(0)** _____ all ages and although many start horse riding when young, more people are taking up horse riding for the first time _____ **(1)** _____ in life. The horse has been with man throughout history and has served different practical purposes. Horses have been used as _____ **(2)** _____ of transport as well as in farming and in battles.

Today horses are mostly used _____ **(3)** _____ pleasure and in competitions. Although you can't really understand what it is to ride a horse before trying it, you can prepare for your first lessons by reading about horses and horse riding and learning as _____ **(4)** _____ as possible about this sport before you meet your first horse.

Horse riding is completely a new experience exactly the _____ **(5)** _____ as visiting a new country.

Example

- 0** **A** by **B** in **C** at **D** with
- 1** **A** after **B** later **C** shortly **D** presently
- 2** **A** ways **B** methods **C** means **D** techniques
- 3** **A** of **B** to **C** off **D** for
- 4** **A** much **B** many **C** most **D** more
- 5** **A** like **B** similar **C** same **D** alike

[5 marks]

Part 1b**Questions 6 – 10**

Read the text about meals.

Circle the correct answer **A, B, C** or **D**.

It is important to have three regular meals a(n) (0) . Breakfast is the most important meal of the day because the food you ate the day before has already been broken down and most of (6) has been used up. You need a fresh supply of energy to (7) the day. A good breakfast not only makes you feel better (8) also gives you strength to face the day. A proper lunch will give your body what it needs because (9) the day you are most active and will use up the most energy. A good dinner is necessary too but you should not have a heavy meal because at night your body is resting and doesn't require (10) of food.

Example

- | | | | | |
|-----------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 0 | A morning | B day | C evening | D night |
| 6 | A her | B his | C him | D it |
| 7 | A sleep | B take | C start | D walk |
| 8 | A but | B and | C or | D then |
| 9 | A before | B until | C during | D while |
| 10 | A little | B few | C least | D a lot |

[5 marks]

Part 2
Questions 11 – 15

The students below need to do some online research for a school project about British Columbia, which is on the west coast of Canada.

On the opposite page there is information on eight different websites.

Decide which website would be the most suitable for each student's research.

For Questions 11-15, mark the correct letter (A-H).

There are two extra letters that you do not need to use.

Example

0



Fatima's project is about the animals and birds that live in the mountains of British Columbia, and she wants to find some pictures to add to her text.

H

11



Hamad is looking for some information to help him find out about the cultural life and history of people who lived in British Columbia hundreds of years ago..

12



Sara wants to write about the city of Vancouver and the different areas of interest within easy reach of it. She's interested in art and wants to include pictures, maps and photos.

13



Mousa is writing about bridges, not just bridges in towns and cities but particularly about bridges built in the forests and mountains of British Columbia which allow people to walk above ground level.

14



Noor's project is on nature and wildlife. She wants to do some research into the kind of sea life that inhabits the Pacific Ocean around the islands off the coast of British Columbia.

15



Saif is preparing a project on transport and is interested in finding out about the different types of transport that tourists can use for sightseeing in British Columbia.

[5 marks]

Websites

- A If you're visiting Vancouver, look no further. Our website has everything you need to know about where to stay and what to do. We book hotels, excursions and even organise your shopping trips. We provide private transport with your own driver who'll take you wherever you want to go. www.vanfor.org
- B Did you know that whales are wild animals? British Columbia has some of the world's most exciting animals and birds, but it's the whales in the coastal waters that are most fascinating. Watch clips of sea lions, and listen to the sounds the killer whales, known as orcas, make! www.bckw.com
- C Learn about the British Columbian floatplane, that flies in the air and lands on the water. You can only reach some of the islands that make up British Columbia by using a floatplane. Another great way to travel around on land is to use the Sky Train or the Sky Bus. www.trfpst.net
- D Vancouver is a fantastic city, but best of all is the fact that there is a huge variety of places to see. Download the details of where to visit including pictures and directions of how to get there in about 40 minutes' travelling time from the city centre. www.zzhere.htm
- E Our museum was the first of its kind to display the art and traditions of British Columbia. Each gallery has its own exhibition of things such as drums, paintings and wooden objects from the past when the people of the west coast hunted and fished for a living. www.wcdot.htm
- F Check our website for pictures of great buildings in and around Vancouver. We also have details of bridges high up on the mountain slopes which provide links between trees. These wooden links are like paths so you can actually look down on the birds and the wildlife! www.Qjz7.com
- G This new website has an amazing art gallery of work produced by local people. Some of the pictures are of historical interest, but the majority are from the past 30 years. The main topics are British Columbian nature with its wonderful natural surroundings of sea and mountains. www.300.htm
- H Visit our website to see British Columbian wildlife. Grouse Mountain is the most famous area where you can watch birds and other animals from hidden viewing points and tree bridges. Download our photos of the brown bears which live in the forests on the mountain slopes. www.jnpb.net

Part 3
Questions 16 – 20

Read the text about the common pigeon.
For each question, circle the correct answer **A, B, C** or **D**.



The Common Pigeon

You can see pigeons in most areas of the world including Africa and Arabia, Europe to China and even Madagascar, which explains why it is called common. In the UK it is the commonest bird we have, and it is the bird I see most often in my garden.

In the past people kept them for food. People also taught them to fly long distances so that they could carry messages before the days of the post office. Some people even kept them in cages because they can be beautiful. Nowadays though most people think they are just a problem in our towns and cities.

They used to have a small diet of food they found in forests but they now eat almost anything. This is because of the rubbish we leave on the streets in towns and cities like hamburgers and chips. Because there is now so much food available, they are increasing in number and it is difficult to count them. As their numbers increase, they become a problem because of the damage they can do to historic buildings, making them look dirty. They can also damage plants as they step on small spring flowers. They have also become less shy and in parks demand food from people who are having a picnic.

In London, it is now against the law to feed pigeons in public squares and gardens, but I remember as a child we could buy little packets of food to take to the park and I even have a photograph of a pigeon sitting on my hand eating. In other cities, people have put wire fences around buildings so that there is no place for the birds to rest, except on trees. In Dubai people have introduced larger birds to attack the pigeons and encourage them to leave. This has been really successful in reducing the number of pigeons in the city.

Example

- 0 Where does the common pigeon get its name from?
- A** It lives in lots of different areas of the world.
 - B** It first appeared in Madagascar.
 - C** It is the largest bird in the UK.
 - D** The writer sees it very often.
- 16 According to the writer, how did people use pigeons?
- A** People used them to communicate with others far away.
 - B** People killed them and fed them to their animals.
 - C** People made them carry messages to the post office.
 - D** People used them to solve problems in cities.
- 17 What does the writer say about the diet of the pigeon today?
- A** They only like some kinds of food.
 - B** They have started eating food in our rubbish.
 - C** They can only eat fast food.
 - D** They have a special diet.
- 18 What problems are pigeons causing in cities and towns?
- A** They frighten children in the park.
 - B** They kill many plants.
 - C** They ask for food when people are eating outside.
 - D** They are noisy around old buildings.

- 19** What does the writer say about the city of London?
- A** You can only see pigeons in some places.
 - B** You can have a photo with a pigeon.
 - C** You must not give food to pigeons in the city.
 - D** You must not touch the pigeons.
- 20** What does the writer say has been the best action to decrease the number of pigeons?
- A** protecting buildings by using wire
 - B** attacking and killing pigeons by hand
 - C** reducing the number of trees
 - D** introducing new birds to the area

[5 marks]

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Part 4**Questions 21 – 30**

Read the text about Study Skills.

For questions **21 – 30**, complete the notes.

Use **ONE WORD** from the text for each gap.

Study Skills

Every student at school spends a lot of their time studying, but do students have all the skills they need? Here is some advice to help you on your way.

Your Study Area

First you need a good place to study. This is somewhere calm with enough space for all your things. If you have to share your room or your desk, make sure there are times in the week when you can be on your own. So put together a timetable and show it to your family. It is important that people around you know when not to interrupt, so put away your phone too. Some people however work better if there is some soft music in the background but make sure it is not too loud. You should also have all your study material with you. For example your school books or books from the library, your pens and papers and your school bag should be nearby. Finally, you should make sure that there is enough light though this depends on what you are doing. The important thing is to be able to see without feeling uncomfortable.

Manage your time

There are only 24 hours in a day! The answer is to create a weekly calendar with all the important dates like your homework or tests. You can make a note of the things you need to do each week and what you need to do to prepare for the coming week. Don't forget any activities you do out of school like music lessons, they are important too. If you have lots of things on your list for a particular day, remember, you need to have regular breaks, to give yourself time to think about what you have been learning. Around 10 minutes will give you enough time to get yourself a drink or check an email before you go back to your studies.

Another thing you can do is to set yourself some goals each day. Choose 1 or 2 things that you want to achieve. Too many and you will feel disappointed and too few and you may be wasting your time. And remember, have a positive attitude, don't tell yourself, 'it's too difficult', or 'I can't do this'. You just need to do your best. Finally when you have finished a task, give yourself a small reward, ten minutes watching TV or maybe chatting to a friend. Then you will be ready for the next task.

Complete the notes below, using **ONE WORD** from the text for each gap.

For
Examiner's
Use

Study Skills

Example

- Your study area should be (0) calm with lots of space

You should:

- make a study (21) _____ and tell your family about it
- make sure you are not interrupted, so turn off your (22) _____
- keep all the (23) _____ you need together, for example books and school bag
- there should be plenty of (24) _____ so you feel comfortable

Managing time:

- prepare a (25) _____ for each week
- write down dates for homework, tests and out of school (26) _____
- organise (27) _____ regularly
- have some (28) _____ for each day
- be (29) _____ about studying
- (30) _____ yourself when a piece of work is done

[10 marks]

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