



The VIII of English Language Competition FINAL

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PART A

(..... // 6 points)

Listen to a travel agent, Carl, explaining what he does. Match the beginnings and endings of the sentences to make a summary of what Carl says.

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1. He's been a travel agent	a. customers have all the information they need.	
2. One thing he likes about his job	b. difficult customers.	
3. His main task is to	c. for about ten years.	
4. He also has to make sure	d. is that he gets cheap flights and holidays.	
5. He loves	e. organising tailor-made holidays.	
6. He sometimes gets	f. sell holidays.	

Source: www.britishcouncil.org

PART B

(..... // 21 points)

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest

Finish these sentences.

1. Jack Sparrow is the pirate who ever sailed the ocean.
2. The piece of cloth has a drawing of a on it.
3. Elizabeth Swann wants to Will Turner.
4. The punishment for helping a pirate escape is
5. Lord Beckett wants Will to bring Jack's to him.

Who says the sentences?

1. "So you found something?"
2. "Lord or not, do you have a reason to arrest this man?"
3. "If I spend one hundred years on his ship, I can rest after that."
4. "When you find him, give him a message."
5. "There is more than one treasure chest in these oceans."

Write the right words in the sentences. There are 12 words but only 11 sentences!

captain draws key kills letters move neck punish sails son tears years

1. Davy Jones's eyes filled with as he looked at the picture of the woman with long, thick hair.
2. Bootstrap tells Davy Jones that Will is his
3. Davy Jones tells Bootstrap to Will himself.
4. Jack shakes his head and puts the in his jacket pocket.
5. Will offers one hundred of service on Davy Jones's ship.
6. The key hangs on a chain around Davy Jones's
7. Bootstrap is on guard when he sees the of another ship.
8. Bellamy is the of a ship called the *Edinburgh Trader*.
9. The Kraken Bellamy and then comes back for the ship.
10. Jack an X in the sand with the toe of his boot.
11. Jack holds his sword against Will's neck and asks him for the

PART C

(..... // 8 points)

Complete the sentences using the words below.

<i>get</i>	<i>down</i>	<i>off</i>	<i>got</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>put</i>	<i>carry</i>	<i>set</i>
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- The bus broke _____ so we had to walk the last two kilometres.
- We couldn't find anywhere to stay. Luckily a friend _____ us up at her house.
- You have to _____ off the metro at the end of the line.
- I quite liked the film but it was a bit long. It went _____ for two and a half hours.
- The tour will start _____ at the cathedral.
- We have to _____ off promptly at eight o' clock, so please don't be late.
- That's the end of today's class. We'll _____ on with this lesson on Thursday.
- We _____ off the bus at Trafalgar Square and visited the National Gallery.

PART D

(..... // 8 points)

Complete the sentences using the expressions below.

<i>cabin crew</i>	<i>hand luggage</i>	<i>flight-information screen</i>	<i>check-in desk</i>
<i>departure lounge</i>	<i>passport control</i>	<i>duty-free shop</i>	<i>boarding card</i>

- Can I take this small bag on the plane with me as _____?
- My mum asked me to buy her some perfume in the _____.
- Patrice was stopped at _____ because his visa was out of date.
- The _____ shows us which seats we're in.
- I was quite nervous about flying, but the _____ were very kind to me.
- Oh no! Look at the _____! The plane's been delayed two hours!
- I have a frequent flyer card, so I can use the business class _____, and I never have to queue.
- Let's not go through to the _____ yet. There's nothing to do there.

PART E

(..... // 10 points)

Malik enjoyed his evening with Sammy. The next day he goes back to the website and reads an article by Jon French, who started *OldSchoolFriends.com*. Read the article and then complete task(a) and (b)..

The Story of *OldSchoolFriends.com*1. Example: D

OldSchoolFriends.com was launched in July 2000 by Jon French, his wife Tessa, and their business partner Nick. The number of registered users has risen and by October 2002 there were nearly 8 million members. They have taken on a new team to run the website, which is now one of the most successful websites in Britain.

2.

The idea for *OldSchoolFriends.com* started back in July 1999 when Tessa was pregnant with their daughter Rosie. She wondered about her old school friends and what they were doing now - did they all have families of their own? Did they still live in the same area? Were they married, divorced, even still alive?! At the same time Jon was looking for original ideas to develop for the Internet with his business partner, Nick. Tessa had been a computer programmer, and she realised that the Internet was a great way to get in touch with old friends. All that they needed to do was set up a database of schools where people could register their name against the school they had attended and see who else had done the same!

3.

It was a simple idea and - in theory at least - simple to start up! Tessa planned to learn the skills necessary to set up a website while she was on maternity leave. Jon and Nick began to try out some of their ideas, although they did not want to spend too much money until they were sure the site would be successful. Their philosophy was to try out the site and see what the response was before investing a lot of money.

4.

After just a few weeks, they received an email from one of the members. He told them how he had met an

old school friend after 30 years. It was a very rewarding start and encouraged Jon, Tessa and Nick to continue with the site. By October 2000 all their spare time was spent answering emails and promoting and developing the site. By January 2001 the site was extremely popular: 'The Web' magazine heard about **OldSchoolFriends.com** and they had their first interview and photograph. Tessa even went back to her old primary school and had some photos taken in the playground! 3,000 people registered to use the site in that week alone.

5.

By February 2001 **OldSchoolFriends.com** was a full-time job. At this point Jon gave up his consultancy work to run the site, so they needed to make money from **OldSchoolFriends.com**. Shortly after this Nick took over the day-to-day running of the site so that Jon and Tessa had time to deal with the increasing administration work. They didn't want to have to charge members to use the site, but had to make money in order to keep it going. So, in March 2001, they introduced a £5 charge. Most of the members understood, and they had no real problems.

6.

In May 2001 they appeared on their first TV show, and had the first of many radio interviews. After they appeared on the Rob Young Radio Two Show in June, listeners voted them "Website of the Day". This led to even more interest from people, and by the end of June the total number of members was almost 100,000. Also at this time the national newspapers became interested in **OldSchoolFriends.com**, and over the next month the number of registered members suddenly increased to 300,000. Tessa became pregnant again, and their son Max was born in February 2002. It was a busy year!

TASK (a)

Choose a heading for each paragraph from the list below. Write the correct letter in the box next to the paragraph number. The first one is an example. Be careful. There are two more headings than you need.

A. Family problems

B. Meeting the costs of the website

C. How it all began

D. OldSchoolFriends.com as it is now

E. Spreading the word

F. It's a quiet life

G. Starting to become successful

H. Plans and preparations

TASK (b)

Read the text again and answer the following questions. Write **no more than three words** for each answer. The first one is an example.

Example: When did Jon and Tessa decide to start **OldSchoolFriends.com**?

July 1999

1. Who did Jon work with before they started **OldSchoolFriends.com**?

_____.

2. What was Tessa's job before they started **OldSchoolFriends.com**?

_____.

3. When did Jon give up his job to run **OldSchoolFriends.com**?

_____.

4. When the site got bigger, who did Jon pass responsibility to?

_____.

5. How many children do Jon and Tessa have?

_____.

PART F

(..... // 8 points)

In this series of questions, three words have the same sound but one does not. Choose the one that does not.

1.	a- cleared	b- feared	c- beard	d- heard	
2.	a- shoes	b- goes	c- blows	d- knows	
3.	a- wait	b- state	c- great	d- heat	
4.	a- among	b- wrong	c- rung	d- sung	
5.	a- broad	b- load	c- showed	d- road	
6.	a- spear	b- wear	c- dare	d- prayer	
7.	a- spread	b- tread	c- bread	d- bead	
8.	a- blow	b- allow	c- owe	d- sew	