



OPTION B

Part 1: Argumentative essay

Write an argumentative essay on the following topic (275-300 words):

Most young people believe they are safer going to college and working at jobs that will give them a steady paycheck and benefits, rather than trying to start their own business. Discuss it. **(4 points)**

Part 2: Language test

Task 1. Cloze test (1 point)

For questions 1-10, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each gap. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.

Being English (1) _____ to be so easy. They were one of the most easily identified peoples on (2) _____, recognised (3) _____ their language, their manners, their clothes and the (4) _____ that they drank tea (5) _____ the bucketload. It is all so much more complicated now. (6) _____ occasionally, we come across someone whose stiff (7) _____ lip identifies them as English, we react (8) _____ amusement: the conventions that defined the English are dead and the country's ambassadors are more (9) _____ to be singers or writers (10) _____ diplomats or politicians.
(Jeremy Paxman, *The English*)

Task 2. Vocabulary (1 point)

Choose the word or phrase which best completes each sentence. For each question, indicate on your answer sheet *the letter A, B, C or D* against the number of the question.

1-I tried to explain why I had been delayed but he _____ my excuse as pathetic.

- A) ignored B) disregarded C) dismissed D) refused

2-I'd give up my job _____ if only I could find a better one.

- A) on the spur of the moment B) at the drop of a hat C) on the dot D) at one swoop



3-She's fallen rather _____ with her schoolwork since she's been swimming competitively.

- A) below B) back C) down D) behind

4-He was a most effective speaker and his audience seemed to _____ on his every word.

- A) catch B) hold C) hang D) cling

5-Our plans to start our own business seem _____ to failure!

- A) doomed B) fated C) compelled D) designed

6-Police blamed a small hooligan _____ in the crowd for the violence which occurred.

- A) portion B) constituent C) element D) division

7-The most important _____ that he was responsible for was the use of video in teaching.

- A) novelty B) innovation C) reformation D) introduction

8-You've done more of the work than I have recently so I'll give up my day off in order to _____ the balance.

- A) redress B) compensate C) offset D) repair

9-He thought that if he admitted he was afraid of swimming he would lose _____ with his friends.

- A) weight B) nerve C) face D) regard

10- If you wait a moment, there will be another _____ of loaves, fresh from the oven.

- A) batch B) collection C) bunch D) bundle



Task 3. Word formation (1 point)

Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the space. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.

A Musical Genius

For many people Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827) is the most (1) (INFLUENCE) figure in the history of western classical music. His (2) (ORDINARY) talent was already clearly evident as a young man, (3) (MERCY) surviving a somewhat unconventional (4) (BRING) during which his eccentric father would often force him to take music lessons in the middle of the night. The young Beethoven's ability won him the admiration of the leading contemporary musical figures. Throughout the 1790s he worked hard to secure the interest of wealthy patrons. Such patronage (5) (ABLE) him to concentrate on becoming a successful composer.

Whatever his awe-inspiring musical (6) (ACHIEVE), however, his personal life was something of a disaster. His day-to-day (7) (RELATE) with people (8) (VARIABLE) turned out to be rather turbulent. Although he apparently fell in love with a number of society women, the identity of the girl who lay closest to his heart remains (9) (ELUDE) to this day. However, just at the point when Beethoven was beginning to reap the rewards of his early endeavours, he had to come to terms with the crushing realisation that his increasing deafness was (10) (CURE). From that point on, his music displayed a striking change in style, becoming both heavier in tone and larger in scale.

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Task 4. Keyword transformation (1 point)

Keyword Transformation. Complete the second sentence so that its meaning is as similar as possible to the first sentence. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and six words, including the word given. Copy the **COMPLETE SENTENCE** in your answer sheet.

1. The number of people travelling through the airport was highest in April.
REACHED
The number of people travelling through the airport _____ in April.
2. If you feel stressed, breathing slowly should calm you down.
MAKE
Breathing slowly _____ if you feel stressed.
3. However hard he tries, he still manages to offend people.
MATTER
It _____ he tries, he still manages to offend people.



4. Whatever film you want to see will be good for us
MIND
We _____ film you want to see.
5. I'm sure Sadie will get a promotion very soon.
LONG
I'm sure it _____ Sadie gets a promotion.
6. This milk is bad - it smells terrible!
OFF
This milk _____ - it smells terrible!
7. The size of the population is unlikely to change much in the near future.
STABLE
The size of the population _____ in the near future.
8. My sister was totally shocked when she won the lottery.
CAME
Winning the lottery _____ my sister.
9. "A massage would do you a lot of good," Jake told Amy.
FROM
"You _____ a massage," Jake told Amy.
10. The match will be postponed if it keeps raining.
MEAN
Further rain _____ postponement of the match.

Task 5. Family words (1 point)

Choose the word which best completes each sentence. For each question, indicate on your answer sheet *the letter A, B, C or D* against the number of the question.

1. Share prices on the Stock Exchange plunged sharply in the morning but _____ slightly in the afternoon
A) recovered B) recuperated C) regained D) retrieved
2. The business man had a(n) _____ interest in a new supermarket being erected near his factory.
A) established B) compound C) settled D) vested
3. A good boss always _____ responsibility to his assistants.
A) relegates B) delegates C) removes D) refers
4. He tries to _____ himself with everyone by paying them compliments
A) gratify B) ingratiate C) commend D) placate



5. He thanked me _____, too much I thought for the little I had done.
A) significantly B) profusely C) prolifically D) sumptuously
6. The party's reduced vote was _____ of lack of support for its policies.
A) indicative B) confirming C) revealing D) evident
7. Your latest project has little _____ of success.
A) prediction B) preview C) prospect D) forecast
8. My enquiries did not _____ any information of value
A) extort B) elicit C) arouse D) induce
9. Although most of the rooms are small, the hall is _____
A) extending B) extended C) spacious D) expansive
10. She was extremely lucky: when her great-uncle died, she _____ a fortune.
A) came by B) came about C) came into D) came through

Task 6. Phonetics.

A- Transcribe the following words phonetically using IPA. Only standard American English or standard British English will be accepted. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet. (0'5 points)

1. knowledge
2. failure
3. mature
4. tomb
5. giant

B- Transcribe the following sentence phonetically using IPA and marking stress. Only standard American English or standard British English will be accepted. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet. (0'5 points)

I could borrow his car to take your mother out.