

OBJECTIVE TEST 8th and 9th grades

I. Read the text in each question (1 - 5).

What does it say?

Write the correct letter A, B or C on your answer sheet.

1.



What should Peter do?

A tell Stefan which film he wants to watch

B let Stefan know if he is delayed

C wait for Stefan inside the cinema

2.

Zoe

I won't be back in time to take you to dance class. I have arranged for Emily's mum to collect you at 5. Please be ready and remember your things.

Mum

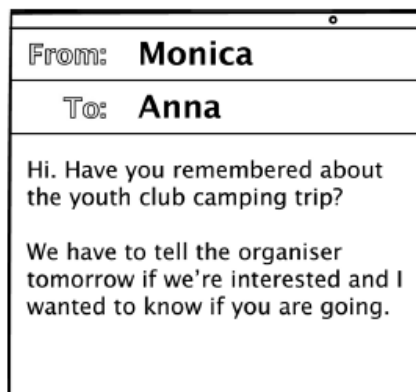
What must Zoe do?

A Get ready for the dance class before Emily's mother arrives.

B Ask Emily's mother for a lift to the dance class.

C Collect her things for the dance class from Emily's mother.

3.



Why has Monica written the email?

A to remind Anna about the date of the trip

B to ask Anna to book places on the trip

C to check if Anna is going on the trip

4.



A The swimming competition will last for one hour.

B There is an opportunity to swim before the competition starts.

C All swimmers should get some practice before Saturday.

5.



A Lina would like to know if Natasha is going to do her history homework later this evening.

B Lina wants to compare the notes she wrote about the history homework with Natasha's.

C Lina hopes she can look at the information Natasha has for the history homework.

II. The people below all want to watch a TV programme.
On the next page there are descriptions of six TV programmes.
Decide which programme would be the most suitable for the following people.
For questions 6 - 9, write the correct letter (A - F) on your answer sheet.
Two descriptions are not used.



6. Ivan and Anna like to keep up to date with what's happening in the world and enjoy seeing interviews with politicians and other people. They prefer to watch programmes which last about 30 minutes.



7. Rosa likes watching comedy programmes which last about half an hour. She enjoys watching a series where she can follow what the characters are doing from one episode to another.



8. Grace is interested in travelling and she likes watching documentaries about different parts of the world. She especially enjoys programmes which show animals and birds.



9. William is keen on general knowledge and likes watching quizzes to see how many questions he can answer. He prefers those which have questions on lots of different subjects.

A ★★★★★★★

Every Saturday evening between 8.30 and 9.30, Kevin Connery presents an hour of fun and entertainment. As usual in the new series, there is music and chat with well-known stars from the world of film, music or comedy. Each guest is interviewed and then one of them performs their latest song live.

★★★★★★★

C ★★★★★★★

This is the weekly chance to try to get a better score than the celebrities in the studio, who range from pop musicians to politicians. As usual Billie Flannagan spends a half hour asking the two teams the questions. They need to be experts in a wide range of topics from music to animals to international news.

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E ★★★★★★★

Joel and Charlie return for another series of *The Shop*. They work in a supermarket where things seem to go wrong every day. This series should be as funny as the last, with a new manager in the shop and some unexpected events in each 30-minute programme.

★★★★★★★

B ★★★★★★★

Find out about the latest news, both international and local, with Aaron Willis, every day between 6.00 and 6.30 in the evening. His interviews with those in the news, whether they are politicians or journalists, always get to the point of a story.

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D ★★★★★★★

***On the Way* is a short comedy film made 30 years ago. The actors were unknown at the time but they have since become famous. The main character, Zak, decides to travel to India but he takes a variety of animals with him on the journey. They soon become a problem.**

★★★★★★★

F ★★★★★★★

Robert Burroughs first visited the Amazon rainforest 40 years ago. Since then, he has travelled all around the world showing us amazing scenery, animals and different ways of living. Now he returns with a series about the Amazon and we see again the amazing wildlife of this beautiful area.

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III. Read the text and questions below.

For each question, write the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

JAZZ

I play the trumpet in my school jazz band. Last month we held a jazz competition with bands from local high schools – and our band won!

Each band had their own costumes, ranging from black school uniforms like my band wore, to brightly-coloured T-shirts. We didn't look much like adult professional bands, but all of us were used to performing in competitions, so the quality of playing was amazing, especially considering everyone was so young. Players from each band even created new tunes right there on stage. It was exciting to watch – but even better when my band played on stage!

We have a great jazz band at my school, but not everyone who wants to play in it gets accepted – only about half, in fact. But anyone who's keen to play goes to jazz practice before school, and we often spend time together after school, listening to jazz and learning its language. There are also trips to jazz summer camps across the country – I've been to a couple and learnt a lot.

Adults are often surprised that young people are getting interested in jazz. My music teacher thinks it's because pop music isn't challenging enough for people like me who are serious about music. But I find it exciting because it's both new and old at the same time – you can create your own music, but you also feel you're part of its history, as you're playing on stage in the same way as great jazz performers before you.

My school's really lucky because we have great teachers, and parents who've supported us all the way. Without them, we'd never get anywhere with our music!

10. What is Katie trying to do in the text?

- A encourage young people to try to listen to more jazz
- B explain how jazz is becoming popular with young people
- C advertise young people's jazz events in her area
- D give advice on how to create great jazz music

11. Katie says the bands in her school's jazz competition

- A played music they'd written themselves before they came.
- B had little experience of playing in public.
- C played at a high level despite their age.
- D were dressed to look like professional jazz bands.

12. Most people at Katie's school who are interested in jazz

- A attend early jazz sessions at school.
- B join the school jazz band.
- C learn about jazz in after-school classes.
- D go to jazz summer camps at the school.

13. Why does Katie enjoy playing jazz so much?

- A She finds it easier to learn than other forms of music.
- B She thinks it is more serious than pop music.
- C She likes the chance to perform with others on stage.
- D She feels in touch with jazz players of the past.

14. Which of the following would Katie write to a friend?

A The competition was great, but I think I preferred being in the audience to playing – I was nervous!

B My mum and dad always do all they can to help with my trumpet playing – I couldn't do this successfully without their help.

C One band wore really colourful clothes, but we chose dark costumes. Maybe that's one reason why they won instead of us.

D One music teacher left a while ago and no one's replaced him yet. We just haven't got anyone good to help us now.

**IV. Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space.
For each question, write the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.**

Sharks

Sharks are (15) _____ of the most frightening creatures in our oceans. They are well prepared for feeding under water because they can (16) _____ very well, and they can also feel movement through special lines on the sides of their bodies. These make sharks very (17) _____ for smaller sea creatures that become their food. Although sharks are similar (18) _____ other fish in a number of ways, their bodies are different. For example, unlike other fish, most sharks (19) _____ to swim all the time in order to breathe and stay alive, (20) _____ they hardly sleep at all. Also, if sharks are turned over on their backs, they can stop moving (21) _____. This is a very useful technique for researchers (22) _____ are often required to (23) _____ sharks. It allows them to (24) _____ out more about these fascinating creatures.

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|----------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| 15 A one | B some | C any | D many |
| 16 A watch | B look | C notice | D see |
| 17 A dangerous | B difficult | C serious | D important |
| 18 A with | B from | C to | D of |
| 19 A ought | B need | C must | D should |
| 20 A so | B as | C but | D or |
| 21 A perfectly | B finally | C fully | D completely |
| 22 A which | B who | C what | D whose |
| 23 A sort | B care | C deal | D handle |
| 24 A discover | B search | C find | D study |

**V. Complete this letter.
Write ONE word for each space (25–34).
Write the words on the answer sheet.**

Dear Lynne and Tony,

I'm writing to say thank you (25) _____ the two nights I stayed in (26) _____ lovely home. It (27) _____ good to see you again.

Here (28) _____ the photographs (29) _____ your children that you asked for. They're good photos, aren't (30) _____? I hope you like (31) _____. I really love my new camera.

I (32) _____ going to visit my sister in New York next week. I (33) _____ take a lot of photos there, too. I haven't seen my sister for a long (34) _____.

Thanks again.

Love,
Roy

VI. Complete the conversation *In a Garage*.

What does David say to the mechanic?

For questions 35 - 40, write the correct letter A–H on the answer sheet. Two answers are not used.

Mechanic: Good morning. How can I help you?

David: 35 _____.

Mechanic: Certainly. What's the problem?

David: 36 _____.

Mechanic: How long have you had the car?

David: 37 _____.

Mechanic: Hm, there may be something wrong
with the engine.

David: 38 _____.

Mechanic: I'm afraid we have a lot of work at the
moment. I can't do it until Friday.

David: 39 _____.

Mechanic: Well, I suppose I can do it on
Wednesday.

David: 40 _____.

Mechanic: Bring it in at 8.30 in the morning.

A Oh dear. Can you repair it now?

B That will be fine.

C Thanks. How much will it cost?

D It's only Monday today. I'll go to another
garage.

E Would you have a look at my car, please?

F I bought it new about four years ago.

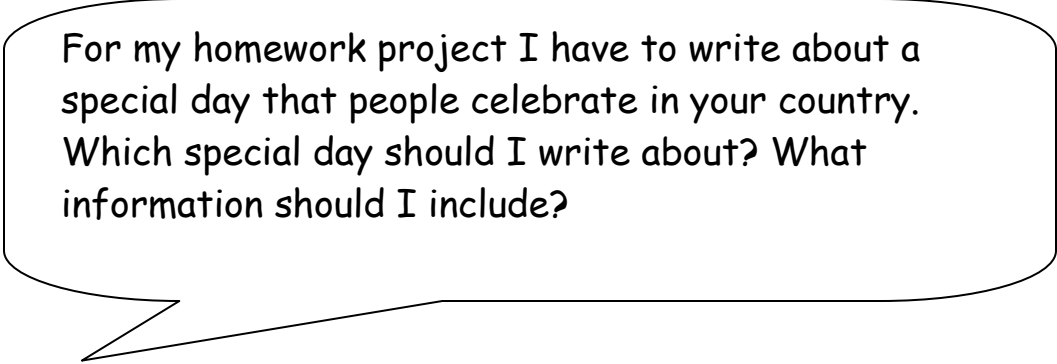
G It goes at eighty kilometers an hour.

H It won't start in the morning.

Writing Part

Read the letter excerpt below. Write an answer of about 100 words to the questions asked in the letter. All your writing should be done on the answer sheet.

- This is part of a letter you received from an English friend.



For my homework project I have to write about a special day that people celebrate in your country. Which special day should I write about? What information should I include?

- Now write a letter to your friend.