

# Practice Test Twelve

PAPER 3 USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 2 hours

## Section A

1. Fill each of the numbered blanks in the following passage. Use only **one** word in each space.

The issue of fate or free will is a very controversial one and has been debated (1) ..... the beginning of the fifth century. The question was first addressed by Saint Augustine. Is man's existence (2) ..... by fate or by free will?

Belief in free will is based on the conviction that humans have a hand in shaping their (3) ..... lives and, therefore, are ultimately responsible (4) ..... their own actions. This theory, called existentialism, was derived (5) ..... the ideas of a Danish philosopher and later made popular by a French writer. The theory (6) ..... man as a unique and isolated individual in a violent and meaningless world, able to choose his own destiny.

On the other side of the (7) ....., the theory of predestination is based (8) ..... the belief that everything which happens has been predetermined by God and that man is not able to change it. So, the fork in the road of life seemingly offering man a choice (9) ..... two very different paths, may not exist in reality. If this is true, can man be (10) ..... responsible for his actions? If choices are beyond our (11) ....., are we wasting endless hours of our time trying to (12) ..... to a decision that has already been made for us? Can the man who murders his neighbour be (13) ..... for doing so simply because he had no choice?

In trying to answer these kinds of questions, many philosophies have developed compromises between the two extremes. (14) ..... such theory developed in the seventeenth century (15) ..... that human actions are formed according to past experiences but that (16) ..... the use of imagination and reason man can turn these past experiences (17) ..... foresight, therefore allowing him to (18) ..... his future.

Whatever theories are formed, the controversial (19) ..... remains for public debate even today. But, perhaps, simply by choosing to believe in the philosophy of fate or that of free will, man is in fact creating his own life. Existentialism (20) ..... predestination - which do you choose to believe in?

2. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means **exactly the same** as the sentence printed before it.

Example: Her parents believe nothing she tells them.

Answer: Whatever **she tells them, her parents don't believe her.**

a. I couldn't have managed without your help.

If it .....

b. While I don't like your attitude, I'm willing to listen to your opinion.

Despite my .....

c. I only asked for his help when I had no one else to turn to.

Not until .....

d. I expected her to be on time but she wasn't.

Contrary .....

e. It's pointless to cry.

There's no .....