

Practice Test Two

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.

One of the (1) problems with holidays, (2) from the usual travel complications and accommodation difficulties, (3) the expectations people have of (4) When we go on holiday we expect to leave all the stresses and strains of our (5) lives behind us. We imagine we will be (6) to escape to such a (7) that we even tend to believe, consciously or not, that we can leave our (8) personalities behind and become completely different people. The (9) business-person, tense, preoccupied, short-tempered, (10) to relax, envisages herself/himself becoming, from the moment of locking the office door, a radically different (11) of person: carefree, good-humoured, ready to relax and enjoy whatever adventures present themselves. (12) practice, we take ourselves with us (13) we go, and the personality that is (14) over years of stress and tension is almost impossible to shake off at a moment's (15) It is no wonder so many holidays are a disappointment, no (16) how smoothly they go or how lovely the weather is. In (17) , the innumerable problems that (18) up during the average holiday are probably a welcome (19) from the nagging feeling that we are not enjoying ourselves as much (20) we should.

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. As he gets richer, he spends less money.

The richer

b. Jane didn't study, and this led to her failure.

Jane's failure

c. Whales are rarely seen at this time of year.

There are

d. It is open to question whether the candidate will succeed.

It is not

e. Everyone left as soon as she started singing.

No sooner

f. A car like that will cost us at least £20,000.

We won't be able

g. My story has been rejected.

I have received

h. My teacher assured me that I would pass the exam.

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