
Practice Test Five

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.

It is often said that the British (1) about the weather more than any (2) people in the world; some extremists (3) that they talk about nothing else. But in fact, even in countries with (4) less changeable climates (5) Britain's, the weather is an endless, if not varied, (6) of conversational fodder. This seems only natural when you (7) that the weather is (8) of the few things we all have in (9) It affects our senses, and (10) our moods, so directly and, at times, so intensely (11) it is only natural we should talk about (12) After several days (13) even weeks of dark, gloomy weather, a bright day (14) to bring out the best in everyone; people recognise the relief (15) others' expressions which they feel inside themselves, and (16) it hard to resist commenting (17) a change which is having such an evident (18) on everyone. "Nice day, isn't it?" is much more than simply a comment on the state of the weather; it is a comment on the human state (19) , an acknowledgement that the tenability of our place in the universe (20) on the existence of a community of human feeling.

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. In spite of his absent-mindedness, he is a good teacher.
Although.....
- b. He was sentenced to two years in prison for drunken driving.
Drunken driving earned.....
- c. Many people were doubtful about the new rules.
There was.....
- d. There was no precedent for the chairman's dismissal.
Never.....
- e. It is a mystery what happened to the passengers.
The fate.....
- f. John moved to Ireland a year ago.
It is.....
- g. The family was informed of the whereabouts of their son.
The whereabouts.....
- h. For an athlete of his strength and speed, winning should be easy.
For such.....