

# Practice Test Six

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 last person I had ever (1) ..... to see was Rupert; in (2) ..... I was so far from expecting to see him that I had (3) ..... forgotten he ever existed. I hadn't seen him for more than fifteen years, (4) ..... as soon as I sat down opposite him on the train from Brighton to London I recognised him. He had changed (5) ..... than anyone would have expected; still the same hazy blue eyes (6) ..... thick glasses, the unruly, dark red hair, the almost supernaturally white (7) ..... Even the characteristic habits, little gestures that I had seen so often when we were (8) ..... up together that I half thought they were my (9) ....., remained unchanged. As he sat rubbing his left ear lobe (10) ..... thumb and forefinger, crossing and (11) ..... his legs, thrusting his head forward as (12) ..... trying to unkink his neck, I seemed to travel (13) ..... to the years when we met nearly every day, shared the same problems (14) ..... school work and parents, and had even once planned to run (15) ..... together. I watched him for some time before he finally looked (16) .....; when he did look at me it was, at first, without a (17) ..... of recognition. Then (18) ..... his expression changed. He leaned forward to look at me more (19) ....., turned away and looked out of the window, then looked back at me. "Is (20) ..... you, John?" he said.

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. Peter left Italy five years ago.

It is .....

b. It was more a miscalculation than an accident.

It was not so .....

c. I work out in the gym almost every day.

I hardly .....

d. I never intended to accept the job.

I never had .....

e. If you haven't read the book, you can't really criticise it.

Unless you .....

f. He never passes a test even though he tries hard.

However .....

g. We regretted that we had to miss the party.

We regretted not .....

h. We told the police about our noisy neighbours.

We reported .....