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# Practice Test Nine

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PAPER 3 USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 2 hours

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**Section A**

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

"Read a book? There must be something (1) ..... to do." This phrase is (2) ..... more and more frequently as not (3) ..... the desire but also the incentive to read declines. Young people nowadays are (4) ..... with too many alternatives (5) ..... reading for them to find a justification for actually sitting down and opening a book, let (6) ..... curling up in a chair for the afternoon to (7) ..... a good long read for the pure pleasure of it. Even in schools, where books have been the standard (8) ..... of storing and transmitting nearly all types of knowledge (9) ..... centuries, they are (10) ..... supplanted by the tools of the video and computer revolution. Why (11) ..... to turn a page when by tapping a button or (12) ..... a screen the same information can be flashed (13) ..... your eyes within seconds? Even the act of reading (14) ..... is being "revolutionized" by the advent of portable, walkman-like devices which can store and (15) ..... the texts of innumerable books without the reader having to (16) ..... a page. One wonders (17) ..... future generations will ever know the actual, physical pleasures of reading: the sturdy weight of the book itself, the rough or (18) ..... texture of the paper, the soothing rustle of the pages, and that indescribable (19) ..... of old paper and ink which is (20) ..... a perfume to the dedicated reader.

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. "How did you get here?" asked John.

John asked her .....

b. If the baby is a girl, we shall call her Jane.

Unless .....

c. How did that pin get on my chair?

Who .....

d. In Victorian times people didn't travel in planes like today.

Nowadays people .....

e. How about one of the chef's specials?

Do .....

f. Let's not drink another cup of coffee.

It would .....

g. The doctor advised me to go into hospital.

The doctor said .....

h. Listen to the teacher and make notes at the same time.

Take .....