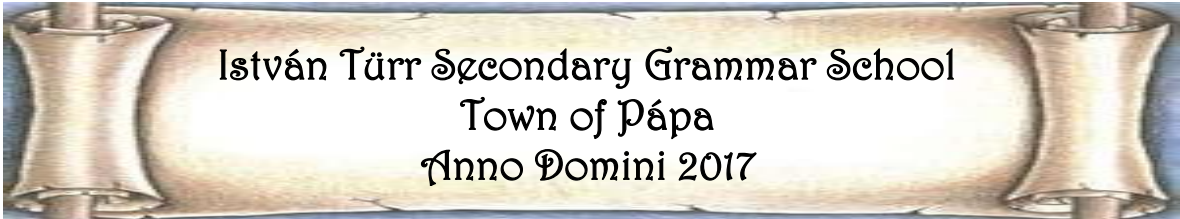




NATIONAL ENGLISH COMPETITION FOR AYP STUDENTS



**A KNIGHTLY VENTURE
INTO UNEXPLORED REALMS**
disguised as a test paper



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ABANDON ALL HOPE,
YE WHO ENTER HERE...



TO ALL CONTESTANTS: You can work on this test paper but you must write all your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Exercise 1: Read through the following text and say whether the following statements are True or False. Remember: Circle the correct answers on your Answer Sheet. (10 🟡)

The Western Alphabet

The Western alphabet, which is used in Europe, the Americas, Africa, Australia and New Zealand as well as in other countries, originated in the Middle East. The people who gave the world this alphabet were the Phoenicians, a people who established colonies all over the Mediterranean, including Carthage in Africa and Gades in Spain. In their alphabet, the letters were represented by little pictures which represented sounds. The Phoenician A was *aleph*, which means "bull". and it was made from a little picture of a bull's head. The letter B was *beth* which meant "house", and showed the round-roofed buildings which you can still see today in Syria.

The Phoenicians had contact with another nation of sailors, the Greeks, with whom they fought and traded. The Greeks also started to use the Phoenician alphabet. They changed the names so *aleph* and *beth* became *alpha* and *beta*. The shapes of the letters are the same but they have been turned sideways. Of course, the first two letters of the alphabet give it its name. Over the years there have been changes. Latin developed an alphabet with some different letters to the Greeks, and other letters have been added since. But really westerners are using the same system of writing which has served them so well for thousands of years.

Phoenicians	– föníciaiak
purpose	– cél
be composed of	– áll valamiből
compose	– alkot valamit

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| 1. The purpose of this text is to tell something of Phoenician history. | True / False |
| 2. The information in the text is meant to be funny. | True / False |
| 3. The Phoenicians came from Carthage. | True / False |
| 4. The Phoenicians were a nation of sailors. | True / False |
| 5. The Phoenician alphabet was composed of individual signs. | True / False |
| 6. The Greeks turned the letters in a different direction. | True / False |
| 7. The Greeks developed the alphabet from Latin. | True / False |
| 8. There were fewer letters in the original alphabet than there are now. | True / False |
| 9. Three letters compose the name of the alphabet. | True / False |
| 10. Our modern system of writing is similar to the Phoenician alphabet. | True / False |



Exercise 2: Read the article and choose one answer (A, B or C) for each question. Remember: Circle the answers on your Answer Sheet. (5 🍌)

The Toy Museum

This museum is in the centre of the town, a few metres from the cathedral, and near the market. It contains dolls, dolls' houses, books, games and pastimes, mechanical and constructional toys. In this collection there are toys made by all sorts of toy manufacturers from the most important to the smallest, including the most ordinary toys and the most precious. There are also records of children's pastimes over the last hundred and fifty years. Most major manufacturing countries of Europe had toy industries in the last century; French and German factories produced millions of toys each year. Many collectors of toys think that the second half of the nineteenth century was the best period for toy production and the museum has many examples of toys from this period which are still in perfect condition. There is now a growing interest in the toys of the 1920s and 1930s and as a result of this the museum has begun to build up a collection from these years. Visitors to the museum will find that someone is always available to answer questions - we hope you will visit us.
Hours of opening 10.00-17.30 every day (except December 25 and 26)

to manufacture -- gyárt
manufacturer -- gyártó

- This writing is from ...
 - an advertisement.
 - a school history book.
 - a storybook.
- What is the writer trying to do?
 - To give advice.
 - To give opinions.
 - To give information.

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3. The museum has so many toys from the late 19th century because ...
- A it is located in the middle of town.
 - B many consider this period the best for manufactured toys.
 - C visitors are interested in toys from that time.
4. What period of toy manufacturing is receiving increased attention?
- A Every day except in December.
 - B The 1920s and 1930s.
 - C The 20th century.
5. Which of the following advertisements would you find outside the Toy Museum?
- A Toys of Ancient Civilizations
 - B BEFORE TV! - a special exhibition of indoor games from 1890 to 1940
 - C How Children Dressed 1600 - 1900 "Clothes for all Ages"

Exercise 3: Read the text and complete it with the suitable words. Remember: Circle the answers on your Answer Sheet. (10 🍌)

Pets and health

Dog owners have (1) hearts that people who don't have pets, research suggests. And those who already have cardiac problems may be more likely to survive if they have the companionship of a pet.

The American Heart Association reviewed studies from around the world and found pet ownership, particularly dog ownership, 'is probably associated with a decreased risk of heart disease'. The strongest data comes from studies which show that dog owners (2) far more than other people. Research also says (3) help with stress and have a beneficial effect on obesity and cholesterol levels. Glenn Levine, who led the study, said there may also be a psychological benefit from simple companionship.

The American Heart Association said the research doesn't actually prove the benefits come directly from (4) pets. For (5), it may be animal lovers. However, the links are strong enough for it to have issued a statement saying that pet ownership and, particularly dog ownership, may be associated with a decreased risk of heart disease.

Dr Levine, of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, (6) the benefits may come from a range of physical actors, including exercise and stress relief. Speaking as he walked his three dogs, he said: 'A person may take better care (7) themselves if they have a good bond with a pet and feel better about themselves and are more motivated to (8) longer.' He added that pet owners still need to take care of their heart in other ways. 'The primary reason you should adopt or rescue or buy a pet is to give that pet a loving home and derive enjoyment from the (9) We (10) want people to go out and adopt a dog or a cat and then sit on the couch eating chips and smoking and assume they are now going to live longer.'

1. heavier / bigger / healthier / hopeful
2. run / jump / wake / walk

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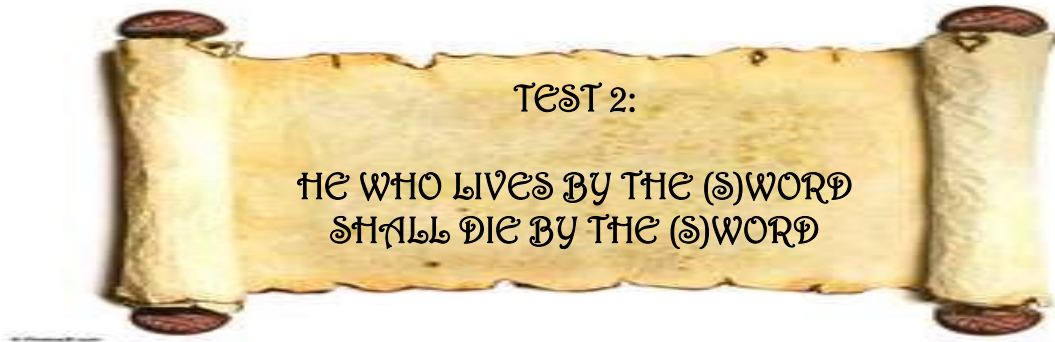
3. pets / pots / domestic animals / wild animals
4. the / an / my / own
5. experiment / example / express / extremely
6. talked / wrote / said / will say
7. by / to / with / of
8. living / live / life / lived
9. family / relatives / relationship / company
10. wasn't / mustn't / can't / don't



DRAG-ON

DRAG-OFF

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Exercise 1: Read the text below and use the words in brackets to form the words that fit into the gaps (1-20). There might be cases when you do not have to change the words in brackets. Use only one word to complete each gap. Remember: Write all your answers on the Answer Sheet. (20 🍀)

The Chicken with One Leg

When Lily, the chicken needed 1) _____ (urge) medical 2) _____ (assist), her 3) _____ (own) did not hesitate, although they knew the veterinary bills were going to be enormous.

Seven 4) _____ (operate) and an amputated leg later, Vicky Mills and her husband Sam have spent almost 2000 pounds on their 5) _____ (favour) pet. They took out a bank loan and have not spent money on anything except basic food for an entire year to pay for the 6) _____ (treat), which included Lily being diagnosed with depression.

However, 24-year-old Mrs Mills says it was worth it to see the smile back on Lily's beak. The charity 7) _____ (work) was horrified when her pet chicken got her leg 8) _____ (trap) in a barbed wire fence. A vet warned her the costs of trying to save the 9) _____ (damage) leg would be 10) _____ (significant) more than chicken feed, but he was instructed to do everything he could. The Mills spent almost 2000 pounds on Lily's 11) _____ (injure) before the vets were forced to amputate her leg.

Even Lily's medical bills were not over, as she was diagnosed with depression. Being 12) _____ (alone) in the house was getting her down, so now the couple leaves the TV on whenever they leave their home. Lily's only problem is that she falls 13) _____ (occasion), and she has to be extra 14) _____ (care) when she wants to cross a road.

Yesterday Mrs Mills said of her 15) _____ (expense) pet: She's worth every penny. I've not had a holiday this year because of the vet's bills. Now she is a 16) _____ (cheer) hen again and laying eggs 17) _____ (regular) for us. She likes hopping around on one leg. But sometimes she tries to scratch herself with her 18) _____ (miss) leg and falls over. She is a bit 19) _____ (experience) to get used to her new lifestyle. However, she is really 20) _____ (enthusiast).

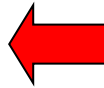
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Exercise 2: Read the text below and use five of the words in the box to complete it. Remember: Write all your answers on the Answer Sheet. (5 🍌)

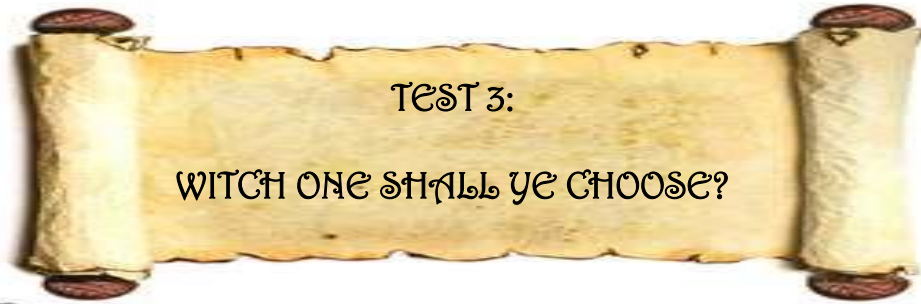
inside, weapons, rifles, everyday, outdoor, conversational, unpredictable, communicational, students, outside, people, inhabitants, beautiful, predictable, weapon, indoor

English Weather

Without the topic weather, the English would be without one of the most useful
1) _____ in their 2) _____ armoury. Rather like the
3) _____ of the British Isles, the weather there is particularly
4) _____. The geographic location of the country makes it prey to
momentary atmospheric changes, and forward planning of any 5) _____ event
can be difficult.



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Exercise 1: Read the text and choose the right answer (A, B, C, D) to fill in the gaps. Remember: Circle the answers on your Answer Sheet. (12 🟡)

Are you the person you'd like to be?

Have you ever felt sorry (1) doing something you shouldn't have done which you should have? At one time or another we probably all have. There's no point (2) getting depressed about it now - it's no use crying over spilt milk. But, there may be some gain in (3) about exactly what happened and why because we might be able to draw (4) conclusions for the future.

One thing we all do now and again is (5) lose our temper with a friend or close relative. The odd thing is that we more often display great anger at someone we (6) fond of than towards strangers. The explanation may be that we see friends and relatives as a kind of safety net, an opportunity to let (7) a bit of steam in a safe environment , (8) the consequences of insulting a stranger or a colleague at work could be far (9) serious.

Being honest is usually thought of as a virtue and undoubtedly this is the case. On the other hand we have all experienced occasions (10) we have spoken our minds to someone, telling them exactly (11) we feel, and then have found ourselves overcome with feelings of guilt and remorse. Perhaps we should have kept our mouths (12) ?

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| 1. | A to | B with | C as | D for |
| 2. | A with | B in | C about | D for |
| 3. | A think | B thought | C thinking | D thoughts |
| 4. | A few | B some | C little | D lot of |
| 5. | A to | B --- | C that | D may |
| 6. | A are | B got | C were | D could |
| 7. | A down | B off | C in | D out |
| 8. | A when | B then | C whereas | D depending |



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9. A away B very C --- D more
10. A when B which C Why D that
11. A --- B which C that D what
12. A shutting B shutting C shut D to shut



Exercise 2: You are going to read a text about artificial intelligence. Think of a word that fits into each blank. Use ONE word only! Remember: Write all your answers on the Answer Sheet. (13 🟡)

Artificial Intelligence

Predicting the future is not easy. In 1943, Thomas Watson, chairman (1) _____ the company IBM, said, "I think there's a world market for about five computers." Even in the 1970s, many experts (2) _____ saying, "Nobody will want a computer in their home." But (3) _____, computer technology is everywhere. "You already have several computers in your kitchen," says Dr Rodney Brooks of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, pointing (4) _____ the computer chips in our coffee makers, fridges, washing (5) _____ and ovens. It's almost impossible to imagine a world (6) _____ computers.

Dr Brooks is the director of MIT's Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory. He says that computers are not (7) _____ becoming more common, they're getting smarter too. They're starting to think. Scientists at AI Research are developing their own thinking robot, (8) _____ Hal. Child expert Anat Treister Goren is teaching Hal to speak. She talks to him and reads (9) _____ children's stories.

Baby Hal is growing up fast, and his language level is improving quickly. Soon, if you speak to him, you might even think he's human! AI experts (10) _____ optimistic. They (11) _____ that, one day, intelligent machines will be all around us. Perhaps everyone will have a Hal - their own personal assistant. If you've got a question, Hal will know the (12) _____. If you want to go on a trip, Hal will be able to (13) _____ all the arrangements. He'll never get tired, he'll never be ill and he'll never get angry. The technology is almost here. Think about it. Wouldn't you like to have your own "Hal"?



CONGRATULATIONS!
YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE QUEST!

