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Erasmus+ Mobility
English Proficiency Exam (Sample)
Use of English & Reading Session

Student Name-Surname:

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Date:

PART 1: Choose the correct option.

1. The most important mathematician of the 18th Century was Euler who, _____ his works in a wide range of mathematical areas, was to invent two new branches, namely the calculus of variations and differential geometry.

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| a) on behalf of | b) instead of |
| c) in spite of | d) in addition to |

2. Historians emphasize Byzantine trade and industry because these provided most of the _____ wealth that supported the state.

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| a) compelling | b) uneasy |
| c) enduring | d) surplus |

3. Indian legislative and executive powers are vested in a Parliament that is _____ two houses: the Council of States and the People's Assembly.

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| a) comprised of | b) taken after |
| c) made up | d) brought on |

PART 2: Choose the best option that has the closest meaning to the sentences.

4. As anyone who has done a survival course can tell you, we can survive weeks without food but only a matter of days without water.

- a) Most people are not aware of how long we can live without water and food.
- b) Just as anyone in a survival period may tell, we, humans, are able to live for weeks without food but not many days without water.
- c) Without water and food, we cannot survive for many days, like survivors can say.
- d) Water is more effective on our health than food because we cannot live for days without it.

PART 3: Choose the correct option that is inappropriate in the paragraphs.

5. (I) Technology now allows us to read facial expressions and identify which of the seven universal

emotions a person is feeling: fear, anger, joy, sadness, disgust, surprise, or suspicion. **(II)** Unlike in the past when communication was limited to letter writing and waiting for those postal services to deliver your message, today technology has made the field of communications so easy. **(III)** This new feature of technology –because it helps us measure emotions- is very useful in video game development, medicine, marketing, and, perhaps less obviously, in driver safety. **(IV)** We know that in addition to fatigue, the emotional state of the driver is a risk factor; irritation, in particular, can make drivers more aggressive and less attentive. **(V)** Polytechnique researchers, in collaboration with a leading auto brand, have developed an on-board emotion detector based on the analysis of facial expressions.

- a) I b) II c) III d) IV

PART 4: Please choose the best alternative to complete each dialogue.

6. **A:** I want to take up gardening as a hobby and grow vegetables, but I don't have a garden to plant them in.

B: _____

A: But they may not grow successfully if they don't get a sufficient amount of sunlight.

B: You can grow some vegetables without any sun at all. For example, lettuce and parsley will beautifully under artificial light.

- a) It's not only the space you should take into account, but sunlight is also important when growing vegetables.
- b) Vegetables need to be watered very frequently, and they tend to grow more nicely in sunny areas.
- c) Have you ever heard about indoor gardening? You can use your attic, basement, or balcony to grow vegetables.
- d) Near a bright window that takes sunlight at high intensity, you can grow cherry tomatoes and cucumbers.

PART 5: Please choose the best response to each situation given.

7. *A friend has been having a really tough time for several weeks. Everything has been going wrong for her and she's really very depressed. There's nothing anyone can do to help except offer a little understanding and sympathy. You say:*

- a) Try to keep smiling. It'll pass. We all have to go through these hard times.
- b) Stop worrying and stop complaining.
- c) We're all here to help you. Just let us know what you want us to do.
- d) It's time to forget all about it and make a new start.

PART 6: READING COMPREHENSION

Text 1: Decades and Generations

Just as every teenager thinks he is brighter than his parents, every decade considers itself superior to the one that came before. Over the past few months, we of the 2000 decade have made it quite clear that we are morally heads above those who lived in the 1990s. We've done it first by establishing a reigning cliché for that period. Just as the 1960s are known for student unrest, the 1980s for Reagan, Thatcher and the Yuppies, the 1990s will henceforth be known as the second Gilded Age. They will be known as the age when the real problems in the world were ignored while the illusions of the dotcom types were celebrated. It was the age of effortless abundance, cell phones on every ear, stock markets that only went up and Mercedes sport utility vehicles. Never before had business leaders enjoyed so much prestige, and never before had capitalism had fewer mortal enemies. Bill Gates couldn't be on enough business-magazine covers; tycoons like him felt free to assume the role of global sages, writing books with such weighty titles as "The Road Ahead."

8. According to the passage, the decade of the 1990s was characterized by ----.

- a) capitalism, blindness and possessions
- b) hard-work, greed and the need to communicate
- c) indifference, immorality and selfishness
- d) generosity, spontaneity and individuality

9. We understand from the passage that, during the 1990s, ----.

- a) there was a great deal of student unrest
- b) capitalism again fell into disrepute
- c) technological advance took the form of useful gadgets
- d) business tycoons received undue respect and were indeed almost idolized

Listening Session

Listen to the five conversations in the track. Choose the correct answer.

1. José doesn't know the name of _____.

- a) a book
- b) a film
- c) a job
- d) an artist

2. Chloë and Arjun are most interested in the museum's _____.

- a) archive
- b) history
- c) reading room
- d) architecture

3. Saliyah is _____ chef.

- a) a world-famous
- b) a local
- c) an influential
- d) a self-taught

4. The police _____ the thief in Ecuador.

- a) shot
- b) caught
- c) are looking for
- d) arrested

5. Bella and Louise are talking about _____.

- a) an iconic designer
- b) second hand shops
- c) what music they like
- d) the best way to shop

Writing Session

PART I - Situationally based writing task

* *You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.*

You see this announcement on the faculty's notice board. Read the announcement below and write an application to become a volunteer (150-180 words).

Volunteers needed

We are looking for volunteers to help out at the coming international event of the Sports Student Club. We're looking for friendly, respectful people with good language skills, good team skills and a 'can-do' attitude. We need people to welcome delegates, provide customer service and solve problems.

If you think you have what it takes, apply now.

PART II- Formal essay

**You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.*

You have watched a video on a non-profit organisation working to stop the use of animals for testing medicines used by human beings. Now, your professor has asked you to write an essay.

Write an essay using all the notes and give reasons for your point of view. (250-300 words)

Testing on animals is a standard in scientific research. What is the best way to deal with this problem?

Notes

Write about:

- animals suffer
- outdated form of research
- (your own idea)