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## Competitive Entrance Examination into First Year

**Warning!!!**

**All questions must be answered on this question paper.  
The answer paper given to you should serve as a file jacket only.  
Do not write your name on this question paper!  
Failure to heed to this instruction will attract serious sanctions.**

### A) SECTION A: **GRAMMAR** (10 MARKS)

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**1. Provide the appropriate preposition in the spaces below. 2,5 marks.**

- a. Halloween is celebrated in the United States \_\_\_\_\_ October 31.
- b. Are you going away for the weekend?  
– I don't know. It depends \_\_\_\_\_ the weather.
- c. Don't kiss the prince. He might turn \_\_\_\_\_ a frog
- d. I have been living here \_\_\_\_\_ ten years.
- e. Have you been \_\_\_\_\_ the cinema recently? Yes. I was there a few days ago.
- f. He always drives \_\_\_\_\_ a tremendous speed because he's always \_\_\_\_\_ a hurry.
- g. He married \_\_\_\_\_ the age of 28.
- h. I bought many things \_\_\_\_\_ my stay in New York.
- i. According \_\_\_\_\_ the guide there are three hotels \_\_\_\_\_ town.
- j. I want to post this letter \_\_\_\_\_ a friend. Would you like to come with us.

**2. Choose from much, many, some, few, a few, little, a little, a lot. 2,5 marks.**

- a. There are ..... biscuits in the packet.
- b. We've got ..... time before the plane leaves.
- c. Only ..... students were able to pass their exam. It was rather disappointing.
- d. We need to hurry. We don't have ..... time left.
- e. I've been there only once, I don't remember .....
- f. Ryan had so ..... in his mind that he couldn't concentrate on anything.

- g. You just need ..... patience, you are rushing things too much.  
 h. .... people might want to live a lonely life, but most don't.  
 i. How ..... exercises have you done today?  
 j. Very ..... people are actually happy with their jobs.

**3. Fill in the following gaps, choosing the suitable word from the brackets. 2,5 marks.**

- a. I always get tired of ----- recognised everywhere I go. (being, to be, be)  
 b. My brother is quite shy: he is not used to -----in public. (dancing, dance, have danced)  
 c. If this is not your phone, ----- then? (who is it, whose is it, who's is it)  
 d. What do you expect ----- your teacher? (to, for, from)  
 e. I would be happy if I ----- you. (was, am, were)

**4. Give the opposite of the underlined words. 2,5 marks.**

- a. We bought the piece of land at 25million. ....  
 b. His punctuality to work earned him a good position. ....  
 c. The new Manager seems to be more considerate than the former one.  
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 d. Every business operates with the hope of making profit. ....  
 e. My employer is very cruel. ....  
 f. My employer is kind. ....  
 g. Many students succeeded in exams this year. ....  
 h. Contrary to what I thought, she is actually calm  
 i. Stop noise! .....

**B) SECTION B: VOCABULARY AND SPEECH WORK (10 MARKS)**

**1. Underline the correct answer. 1,5 marks.**

- a. Did you ..... your partner to accept the deal? (advise / advice)  
 b. Some things like car can be ..... only to an intimate friend. (lent / borrowed)  
 c. It was impolite of him to have ....., his car at his neighbour's gate. (parked / packed)  
 d. She always flatters her friend ..... exploit him more. (in order to / in order to)

- e. He felt very .....when his family went on holiday. (alone / only / lonely / lone)  
f. The absence of beard makes his face really look ..... (childish / childlike)

**2. Choose the correct plural for each of the words in bold. 1,5 marks.**

- a. **Tooth**          teef          teethe          teeth          tooths  
b. **Mouse**          mouses          mices          mice          mise  
c. **Monkey**          monkeys          monkeyes          monkies          monkeies  
d. **Quiz**          quizzes          quizzes          quizzes          quizies  
e. **Goose**          gooses          goose          geese          geeze  
f. **Tomato**          tomatos          tomats          tomatoes          tomatoos

**3. Use the word in brackets to form a negative word that fits into each gap. 3 marks.**

- a. It was \_\_\_\_\_ of you to laugh at him when he showed us his costume. (KIND)  
b. The headmaster \_\_\_\_\_ of the way his teachers talk with parents. (APPROVE)  
c. The departure of the plane was delayed again, and made us even more \_\_\_\_\_. (PATIENT)  
d. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to smoke in public places. (LEGAL)  
e. He wasn't very \_\_\_\_\_ and made many mistakes. (CARE)  
f. It was \_\_\_\_\_ to him badly after all the good things he did to you. (FAIR)

**4. Choose the right letter A B C or D. 4 marks.**

- a. Three prisoners \_\_\_\_\_ from the central prison this morning. Police have described them as dangerous and warned the public not to approach them if seen.  
a. emptied                  b. abandoned                  c. escaped                  d. rushed  
b. You said you were with Trevor but that was a \_\_\_\_\_! You were with that terrible boy again.  
a. dishonest                  b. insincere                  c. lie                  d. false  
c. I hope you have finished \_\_\_\_\_ your suitcases – the taxi has just arrived!  
a. making                  b. having                  c. packing                  d. wrapping  
d. I didn't sleep very well at all last night. It was too cold; I will put another \_\_\_\_\_ on the bed tonight.

- a. blanket                      b. pillow                      c. sheet                      d. headboard
- e. The boat sank when it hit a \_\_\_\_\_ that was hidden under the water. Everyone had to swim to the beach.
- a. rock                      b. cliff                      c. coast                      d. wave
- f. When we go on vacation, I want to \_\_\_\_\_ sometime fishing in that lake we visited last year.
- a. do                      b. spend                      c. lose                      d. give
- g. When he asks me the questions, just \_\_\_\_\_ the answers quietly in my ear and he will never know.
- a. shout                      b. talk                      c. whisper                      d. yell
- h. If you want to pass that exam, I \_\_\_\_\_ you to start studying for it immediately.
- a. advice                      b. push                      c. convince                      d. advise
- i. When you finish making the dough for the bread, put it in the oven and \_\_\_\_\_ for about 90 minutes.
- a. roast                      b. fry                      c. bake                      d. grill
- j. Hayley is a very \_\_\_\_\_ girl. She knows where she wants to be in five years' time and how she is going to get there.
- a. arrogant                      b. ambitious                      c. snobby                      d. wealthy

**C) SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION (10 MARKS)**

**Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions below it. Make sure you write complete and correct English sentences. Pay attention to spelling.**

**Want to know if a leader is good? Ask their team.**

**The Guardian, 10th July 2021.**

Assessing bosses at work doesn't give the full picture – it's important to ask the people they manage.

Leaders are often defined by qualities such as empathy, inspiration, and judgement. The key trait of a great leader is self-awareness; the ability to understand their own reaction to a situation, the appropriate response, and to put it into practice under pressure.

In a recent survey by Top Employers, which polled more than 200 HR directors, leadership was ranked the number-one HR driver in terms of its importance to their business.

Mark Whybrow, founder of leadership development consultancy Engage Technique, believes that measuring an individual leader’s understanding of leadership won’t reveal how good they are at making a difference. In his view, the most effective way of assessing leadership is to look at and measure their team. “If leadership is about altering the natural course of events and taking people with you, the best way to assess leadership capability must be to look at the team capability and assess their sense of ambition, purpose, and leadership.”

Strong leadership that delivers results is the goal of every organisation – and to develop the next generation of leaders, some companies, such as PepsiCo, have focused on evaluating effectiveness. “PepsiCo has partnered with some of Europe’s best business schools to design learning programs that embrace virtual technology and the latest thinking,” says Jesper Petersen, vice-president of human resources for PepsiCo UK & Ireland. “Progress has also been made in improving the assessment of the leadership development programs, using bespoke compass tools that consolidate feedback from colleagues and stakeholders, together with self-assessment and team assessment data.” This has led to enhanced clarity on strengths and development areas, and, ultimately, a heightened level of that key leadership trait, self-awareness. “Only through developing and maintaining an exceptional talent base will we grow our business and deliver superior long-term performance,” says Petersen.

**QUESTIONS**

1. Where and when was this article published? 1mk

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2. Who are the best people to evaluate a boss? 1mk

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3. Give 4 qualities/capabilities, extracted from the text, of a good leader. 2mks

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4. What two major actions has PepsiCo set up to improve leadership? 2mks

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5. Why do you think it is important for companies to have great leaders? 2mks

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6. Write in your own words a definition of leadership. 2mks

**D) SECTION D: ESSAY (10 MARKS)**

Write an essay of at least 300 words on any ONE of the following topics.

1. Studying engineering abroad is much better than studying it in Cameroon. Do you agree or disagree?
2. A student spend 35h on average playing with his phone. Do you agree? Is that a problem? What about you?
3. Your friend invited you for her birthday party last week. The party was very interesting and you enjoyed yourself very well. Write a composition in which you say when, where, and what happened. Also say what you enjoyed most and what attracted you most. Your friend's name is Amata.

