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 **2014-2015 SPRING SEMESTER ENGLISH PREPARATORY PROGRAMME**

 **BELPT EXAM**

**LISTENING SECTION**

A. Listen and tick (✓) the five things which the speaker mentions. (5x1=5 pts)

**1.** He is going to travel around his own country. 

**2.** He will do some work during his holiday. 

**3.** He is going to spend his holiday in his house. 

**4.** He doesn’t have enough money to go abroad. 

**5.** He is often very tired when he travels somewhere. 

**6.** He always enjoys visiting beautiful places. 

**7.** He can get great views from his house. 

**8.** He usually travels at the weekend. 

**9.** He is going to buy something for his house. 

**10.** He thinks he will travel more when he has retired. 

B. Listen to five conversations. Tick (✓) A, B, or C. (5x1=5 pts)

**1.** When Oliver was 11 years old, he went to \_\_\_\_\_.

 **A** boarding school  **B** school in India  **C** India for a holiday 

**2.** Helen tells Adam \_\_\_\_\_.

 **A**  he wouldn’t like the film  **B** about the film’s plot  **C** how the film finishes 

**3.** Theo can’t find anyone \_\_\_\_\_.

 **A** to rent his flat  **B** to share his house  **C** to buy his flat 

**4.** Kay \_\_\_\_\_ on the second day of her holiday.

 **A** helped another skier  **B** hurt her arm  **C** got injured 

**5.** Mia says she’s trying to eat \_\_\_\_\_.

 **A**  less meat and fruit  **B** less meat and cream  **C** more fish and cream 

**USE OF ENGLISH**

**A. Complete the paragraph with the correct form of the verbs in the parenthesis. (10x1=10 pts)**

**The Thespians Drama Club**

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I 1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (always /want) to do something interesting in my free time, but I work really long hours and I’m often very tired when I get home from work. One year ago, a friend of mine 2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (offer) me to be a member of the Thespians Drama Club. Before I gave an answer, I 3\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (think) about it for a short time and then I decided to accept the offer. I 4\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) a member of it since February. The people in the club are very friendly.Three times a week, we come together and 5 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(work) for our new play but this week my friends and I 6 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (meet) nearly every day because we have to practise for the play. Our practices 7\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go on) for more than seven weeks. We 8 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(perform) our play on 29th June. I believe it 9\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(not be) a bad performance! At the moment, I am in front of the Drama Club and 10\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for my friends for our last practice.

**B. Fill in the blanks with one suitable word . (10x1=10 pts)**

Dear Mum and Dad,

I’m \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a wonderful time here \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_my grandparents. The weather is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and grandpa’s new house \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fantastic. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is huge and has a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ view. At the

 moment, grandpa is building the fence and grandma is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a cake \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the kitchen.

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I will go to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to swim with my friends. Everything is fine, yet I miss you.

Why don’t you come at the weekend?

 Love, Chris.

**C. Choose the correct alternative for each question. (20x0.5=10 pts)**

 **1-** He’s the man           helped me get the job when I first applied last week.

 **a)** which **b)** who **c)** whose **d)** where

 **2-** People eat too            junk food these days that is why obesity has increased among people in many parts of

 the world.

 **a)** many **b)** enough **c)** much **d)** a little

 **3-** We walked around            garden of his house while we talked.

 **a)** a **b)** the **c)** – **d)** an

 **4-** The school children           home early in winters because of the bad weather.

 **a)** are sometimes sent **b)** sometimes sent **c)** were sometimes sent **d)** have sometimes sent

 **5-** Students can’t stand            early for school classes that begin before 8 o’clock.

 **a)** getting up **b)** to get up **c)** get up **d)** got up

 **6-** Jack to Sarah: “ I came at nine yesterday morning.”

 Jack told her he            at nine.

 **a)** come **b)** comes **c)** had come **d)** would come

 **7-** Have you seen Hugh Jackman’s latest show           ?

 **a)** just **b)** yet **c)** ever **d)** last night

 **8-** You            to pay for parking here since it is free for our mall’s customers.

 **a)** mustn’t **b)** must **c)** don’t have **d)** have

 **9-** As far as I know, you haven’t been to Italy,           ?

 **a)** haven’t you **b)** you haven’t **c)** you have **d)** have you

**10-**While we           to check in, they            that our plane was delayed.

 **a)** waited/ were announcing **b)** are waiting/ are announcing

 **c)** were waiting/ announced **d)** had waited/ announced

 **11-** I            to like cabbage but I love it now.

 **a)** didn’t used **b)** didn’t use **c)** use **d)** used

 **12-** Could you drive            ? I hate it when you drive fast.

 **a)** more slower **b)** more slow **c)** more slowly **d)** more slowlier

**13-** One day if I won the lottery, I would travel           the world.

 **a)** everywhere **b)** around **c)** of **d)** on

**14-** How long            for this company?

 **a)** has Fred work **b)** has Fred working **c)** has Fred been working **d)** is Fred working

**15-** We haven’t got much money            we aren’t going to buy the flat.

 **a)** because **b)** so **c)** although **d)**unless

**16-** If I            my current job in this office, I            to find another one immediately.

 **a)** lost/ would need **b)** lose/ needed **c)** had lost/ would have needed **d)** lost/ needed

**17-** If I had seen you at the meeting which was held in Ankara last month, I            hello.

 **a)** had said **b)** will say **c)** would have said **d)** would say

**18-** My family and I            our neighbors since we            to Istanbul in 1995.

 **a)** know/ move **b)** knew/ moving **c)** have been knowing/ have moved **d)** have known/ moved

**19-**I don’t usually go to that coffee shop because the coffee is            expensive to pay for a student.

 **a)** enough **b)** too **c)** many **d)** much

**20-** I borrowed her laptop, because           was broken.

 **a)** my **b)** mine  **c)** I **d)** me

**D. Complete the sentences with the words in the box. (5x1=5 pts)**

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|  **float masterfully in a good mood** **sense of humour banned**  |

1. His friends think that Cem has a good ......................... because he always tells jokes and makes them laugh.
2. I strongly support that smoking should be ......................... in open public spaces.
3. If you face a shark quite near the shore in the sea, don’t ......................... and pretend to be dead.
4. The general who was angry at the mess commanded soldiers ......................... to form a line in front of the gate.
5. The boss is .........................at the moment. I think it is the right time to ask him for a raise in your salary.

**E. Match the words and the definitions. Write the letters into the gaps. (5x1=5 pts)**

 ........... **1)** barista

.......... . **2)** anxious

........... **3)** value

........... **4)** been sceptical of

........... **5)** cute

**a)** attractive; good looking

1. **b)** not completely believed; doubted
2. **c)** a person who works in a coffee shop
3. **d)** feeling worried or nervous
4. **e)** think that somebody or something is important

**READING SECTION**

 ***Francisco de Coronado: Explorer***

The early Spanish **explorers** came to the New World in the 1500s in search of gold. Francisco de Coronado was one of these explorers. The story of Coronado is one of the riches and **adventure.** He explored the American Southwest when he was searching for gold.

Coronado was born in Spain in 1510. In 1535, Coronado’s friend Antonio de Mendoza became the leader of New Spain. Coronado traveled with his friend to New Spain and worked as Mendoza’s assistant. After his arrival in New Spain, he became an important man. He married to Beatriz Estrada who was the daughter of a rich man. After this marriage, Coronado became very rich. His power grew, and he became *governor\** of one of the states.

After some time, Mendoza asked Coronado to search for seven **legendary** cities. These cities were called the ‘‘Seven Cities of Cibola.’’ People believed that these cities had streets which were made of gold. Stories were about tall houses with doors **decorated** with jewels.

In 1540, Coronado took 1,400 men with him to search for these **treasures.** He took horses for his men to ride. He also took sheep and pigs to feed these men. The explorers searched in what is now the American Southwest. They climbed up mountains and found a Native American village. The Native Americans were the *Zuni* people.

When Coronado found the Zuni village, he found something unusual. Most of the Zuni homes were built on the rocky mountains. They built their homes in this way to protect themselves, but this was not enough to protect the Zuni people from the men on horses and their guns. Coronado captured the Zuni village. The treasure huntersdid not find any gold, so they kept looking. They captured and searched other villages but found nothing.

The explorers still did not give up. Coronado sent a small group of men west and another group north. Both groups returned with stories of deep canyons but without gold. Eventually, Coronado realized that the seven cities were probably not real cities, only a legend.

After two years, Coronado and some of his men returned to New Spain. Coronado told Mendoza that he had not found any gold. Mendoza was angry and thought that Coronado wasn’t successful. Coronado was *judged\** for his failure. But in the end he was found innocent. He returned to his role of governor. Later he was judged again because of his *dishonesty\*,* so Coronado was removed from office. He died that same year in 1544.

Many people thought that Coronado’s search for treasure failed, but he and his men found something more important than gold. The men who did not return with Coronado became the first Spanish settlers of the American Southwest. The land that he and his men explored is different from other places in the world. The explorers did not find the gold that they were looking for. Instead, they found natural treasures like the Grand Canyon and Monument Valley.

***\*governor (n) :*** *a person who is the leader of the government of a state.*

***\* judge (v) :*** *to make an official decision about a person.*

*\*****dishonesty (n):*** *being not honest.*

1. **Match the words with their definitions. (5x1=5 pts)**
2. explorer \_\_\_\_ **a.** to make something look more attractive by putting things on it.
3. adventure \_\_\_\_ **b.** very valuable objects such as gold and jewels
4. treasure \_\_\_\_ **c.** an experience/event that is unusual, exciting or dangerous
5. legendary \_\_\_\_ **d.** a person who travels around to find out about a place
6. decorate \_\_\_\_ **e.** from an old story that may or may not be true
7. **Choose the best answer for each question. (5x1=5 pts)**
8. **What is the main topic of the passage?**
9. the search for new touristic places
10. Coronado’s explorations
11. the life of Antonio Mendoza
12. Coronado’s marriage to Beatriz Estrada
13. **Which of the following statement is probably true?**
14. Some of Coronado’s men stayed in the new land.
15. Coronado returned with all 1,400 men.
16. All of Coronado’s men were judged with him.
17. Coronado found gold and left his hometown with his wife.
18. **Why did Coronado take sheep and pigs with him?**
19. for his horses to ride
20. for his men to ride
21. as food for his men
22. to carry all the stuff
23. **What did Coronado find on his searches?**
24. jewels
25. gold
26. horses
27. none of the above
28. **Which of the following is not true?**
29. Coronado found villages built on the rocky mountains.
30. Coronado found tall houses with doors decorated with jewels.
31. Coronado got married to a rich man’s daughter.
32. Coronado was born in Spain.

**C) Complete the sentences with the words from the box. (10x1=10 pts)**

**investment wandering prevent encouraged attitudes eventually appropriate debris remove affects**

1. The doctor asked what they could do to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the disease spreading.
2. She is such a talented pianist that her music \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ every audience deeply.
3. After the bombing there was a lot of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ everywhere in the ruined city.
4. A financial \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is something you put money into with the hope that it will grow larger.
5. After a long trip, Greg and Brooks \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_reached Argentina, the southernmost city in the world.
6. An operation was needed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the knife from his chest.
7. My literature teacher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me to keep on writing poems of romance.
8. This poor dog has been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all over the neighbourhood looking for his master.
9. Her positive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ towards the top management helped her to be promoted.
10. The young man’s bright clothes were not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for a funeral ceremony.

 **D) Complete each sentence with the best answer. (5x1=5 pts)**

 **1.** Some people say the Loch Ness monster has a head like a horse. Others say the monster\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to a snake.

 The snake and the monster are nearly the same, they believe.

**a)** approaches **b)** proves **c)** resembles **d)** exists

 **2.**  The scientists \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that billions of people will die because of the frequently-happening earthquakes.

 **a)** compete **b)** estimate **c)** remove **d)** leads

 **3.** The planet’s surface is so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_that all the machines were broken down because the surface is not clean.

 **a)** annual **b)** rapid **c)** costly **d)** rocky

 **4.** The people of the country are pleased about their President. He is able to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the country very well both

 economically and politically.

 **a)** govern **b)** pretend **c)** identify **d)** emphasize

 **5.** The experts say that the painting is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ £ 5.000.000. Hundreds of years ago it was painted by Da

 Converto for his girlfriend.

 **a)** previous **b)** wise **c)** worth **d)** charming

**WRITING SECTION**

**Choose ONE of the topics below. Write a well organized and detailed essay about the topic you choose.**

 **(180-200 words) (25 pts)**

1. “You cannot learn a second language in your country well.” Do you agree or disagree with the statement?
2. What are the effects of using the Internet too much on children?