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**ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST 2016: QUESTION PAPER**

**TOTAL MARKS: 80**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Answer **ALL** the questions.

Write neatly and clearly.

CANDIDATE'S SURNAME: ..... FIRST NAME(S): .....

IDENTITY NUMBER:.....

Lined writing area with horizontal lines.

5. **A** is                      **B** were                      **C** are                      **D** was
6. **A** are shown              **B** is showing              **C** have shown              **D** has been shown
7. **A** and                      **B** but                      **C** or                      **D** therefore
8. **A** affective                      **B** effectively                      **C** effective                      **D** affectively
9. **A** when                      **B** for                      **C** while                      **D** until
10. **A** you're                      **B** your                      **C** yours                      **D** you

**QUESTION 3: VOCABULARY**

**[10 marks]**

**Choose the word or phrase which best completes each sentence. Circle the correct answer.**

- 1 I was very excited about living on my own but my brother \_\_\_\_\_ me by telling me about the difficulties of such a life.
- A** persuaded                      **B** deterred                      **C** refrained                      **D** prohibited
- 2 The suspect admitted hitting his neighbour but \_\_\_\_\_ intending to kill him.
- A** acknowledged                      **B** refused                      **C** agreed                      **D** denied
- 3 The employer agreed to give everybody a 10% \_\_\_\_\_.
- A** raise                      **B** leverage                      **C** rise                      **D** accumulation
- 4 Today, people have to pay a certain fee to \_\_\_\_\_ the Internet in many parts of the world.
- A** access                      **B** excess                      **C** enter                      **D** trespass
- 5 The prisoner was \_\_\_\_\_ from jail last week.
- A** discharged                      **B** retrenched                      **C** released                      **D** expelled
- 6 Our principal was forced to \_\_\_\_\_ earlier because of his ill health.

1. According to the passage, the ancient Greeks believed that the concept of *eris* defined the universe
  - A as a hostile, violent place.
  - B as a condition of opposites.
  - C as a series of problems.
  - D as a mixture of gods and man.
  
2. Most specifically, bad *eris* is defined in the passage as
  - A the violent conditions of life.
  - B the evil goddess who has a golden apple.
  - C the problems man encounters.
  - D the murderer of generations.
  
3. It can be inferred that Zeus married Thetis off because
  - A he needed to buy the loyalty of a great king of mankind.
  - B he feared the gods would create bad *eris* for him
  - C he wanted to establish mixed marriages.
  - D he wanted to protect his own existence.
  
4. It can also be inferred that Zeus did not fear a child sired by King Peleus because
  - A he knew that the child would be killed in the Trojan War.
  - B he knew that Thetis would always love him above everyone else.
  - C he knew that he would be stronger than any mortal child.
  - D he knew that his own children would be stronger than the king's children.
  
5. Which of the following statements is the message conveyed by the myth?
  - A Do not ignore the problems that arise in life.
  - B So not anger the gods.
  - C Do not consider a mixed marriage.
  - D Invite trouble into your life.

#### 4. Paragraph D

For most of us, getting older means getting better. We might not have as much energy as we used to, but we know how to use it more efficiently. We think more clearly. We have more experience and get less intimidated. We are more focused on what we love best. That is what maturity is all about.

- A There are many advantages to getting older.
- B Many people enjoy getting older.
- C Elderly people experience many problems.
- D Old people are more mature.

#### 5. Paragraph E

“If you want something done, give it to a busy person.” That advice sounds odd at first, but people with energy and ambition often get results. Time and again, people with ambition accomplish things that others thought were impossible. Whether a person wants to set a world record, or rise to the tops of a company, ambition is one of the qualities that is most needed.

- A Busy people can accomplish the impossible.
- B You need ambition to set a world record.
- C Tips on how to become more ambitious.
- D Ambition is vital to success.

**END OF TEST**