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A ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 2019 – READING TEST

This test consists of two articles. Read them and answer the following questions according to the text. You have 20 minutes to complete the task.

Task 1. Read the following passage. There are 10 newspaper headlines and 10 extracts from newspaper articles. Match the headlines to the appropriate extracts. (10 points)

1. Brief History of Lying
2. Bringing Up Adolescents
3. Elton Is Quitting
4. Together Forever
5. Healthy Resolutions
6. Highs and Lows of Celebrity Life Last Year
7. Staying Home with Kids
8. Twin Eiffel Towers
9. Visits to the Chapel or Church
10. Why Holiday Can Be a Lifesaver

_____ Saturday's queue stretched so far it was kept open for three hours past the official closing time of 16:00. The crowds have been building since an estimated one million people turned out for the 101-year-old's funeral.

_____ If you like weddings, then 1970 was your year. Helped along by the post-war baby boom, it marked an all-time high for first marriages in England and Wales: 390,000 in total.

_____ "The United States is the most vacation starved country in the industrialized world," says Joe Robinson, the director of the Work to Live Campaign.

_____ "I've seen parents willing to destroy themselves financially," says financial planner Bill Mahoney of Oxford, Mass. "They're giving their college graduates \$20,000, \$30,000, even \$40,000 – money that should be plowing into retirement."

_____ But the idea that a person's truthfulness can be detected, regardless of what they are actually saying, may be not much more than a throwback to ancient ideas of trial by ordeal.

_____ And the number of working, married women with children under 3 also has stalled, going from an annual average of 4 million in 1999 to 3.9 million in 2000.

_____ Big goals are fine – losing weight, say, eating better, or exercising more – but you might have more success if they're accomplished by what New York dietitian Lisa Drayer calls "mini-goals".

_____ Back in the world of show business, the tabloids sharpened their pens when millionaire movie producer Steve Bing said he was unsure about being the father of Liz Hurley's unborn baby.

_____ The developers have submitted their plans to the city manager's office and city commissioners have been briefed. But most doubt the replicas will ever be built.

_____ "I'm fed up with it. I like playing to you but I hate the record industry. I've made 40 albums and it's about time for me to get out."

Task 2. In passage 1, five sentences have been erased and put below the text. Into each blank space in the text, write the appropriate letter (A – E) of a sentence from below. (10 points)

Passage 1

Britain's long work hours culture has been described as a national disgrace while in Japan death by overwork is said to be commonplace. And America is starting to be a nation of employees suffering from something called "vacation deficit disorder".

"The United States is the most vacation starved country in the industrialized world," says Joe Robinson, the director of the Work to Live Campaign. "Small business employees, the majority of us, get an average of 8 – 13 days off a year while Europeans and Australians receive 4 – 6 weeks of paid leave. **1 _____**."

At meetings with members of Congress in Washington he will call for an increase in annual leave. His demands are modest compared with what employees in the rest of the world already get. "**2 _____**," he says.

But this isn't just about giving Americans more time in the sun. Numerous studies show there is a direct link between time off and a reduced risk of death. **3 _____**. In women aged 45 to 64 the death risk was halved. The "work hard philosophy" has also led to countless problems with depression, fatigue, stomach problems, over-eating, under-eating, increased drinking, smoking and dampened sex drive.

The irony is that many workers don't even take the small holiday allocation they have. 1 in 6 are too busy to actually use up all their vacation allowance. And rather than liberating us, technology chains people to their work, says writer Jill Andresky Fraser. "**4 _____**."

The result, says Joe Robinson, has led to many Americans being unable to chill out when they aren't working. "We get into this absurd situation where enjoyment, which is what we are doing all this for, makes us feel bad. **5 _____**." Ammondson adds: "There are a lot of people now who are really, really worried and they're working just to save their jobs. Add to that the work that's dumped on the remaining employees after downsizing and you have a lot of overstressed workers."

- A. Although we thought technology would make our lives easier and more creative, the real impact of our laptops, our e-mails and our cell phones is that we can't ever *not* work
- B. Every American who holds the same job for at least a year should get 3 weeks of paid leave and 4 weeks after 4 years of service
- C. One such survey by State University of New York found regular vacations lowered the risk of death by almost 20% among men aged 35 to 57
- D. People simply can't switch off because they think even in their downtime they have to be doing something, they have to be productive otherwise that time is worthless and so are they
- E. In total hours, we now work two months longer every year than the Germans and two weeks longer than the Japanese

Task 3. Read the passage 1 again.

Choose and circle the best single alternatives to the words underlined in the text. (5 points)

disgrace	a. custom	b. feature	c. honour	d. shame
commonplace	a. locality	b. ordinary	c. rare	d. strange
fatigue	a. enthusiasm	b. exhaustion	c. fame	d. fulfilment
chill out	a. freeze	b. produce	c. relax	d. switch on
dumped	a. curved	b. failed	c. reduced	d. thrown

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B ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 2019 – READING TEST

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Task 1. Read the statements below passage 2 and decide whether they are true or false. If they are true, write T, if they are false, write F. (10 points)

Passage 1

The most congested roads, the longest commuting times and some of the highest bus and rail fares can be found in the UK, says the Commission for Integrated Transport. Professor David Begg, chairman of the commission, said the report was a “stark demonstration” of 50 years of neglect and under-investment. And he said the government’s £180bn, 10-year plan for restructuring the transport system would only start to bridge the gap.

In the report, British motorists and passengers come out worst on almost every count. The roads are easily the most congested - 25% of main roads are jammed for at least an hour a day, but less than 10% of the main highways get blocked in Germany and France. The average daily commuting time is 46 minutes while Italians, for example, can get to work in half the time. The average British family spends 15% of its income on transport – again way out of line with most of its European neighbours.

Despite the congestion, Britain remains the most car-dominated country in Europe. 87% of road journeys are by car and only 12% are by public transport. Fuel tax is also the highest in Europe, and only Denmark and Sweden have higher rail fares.

Professor Begg added: “This report demonstrates what a mountain we have to climb. The decisions that we take now as a nation will determine whether we end up with a US-style car culture or a sustainable European multi-model system.”

Transport Secretary Stephen Byers said: “I think the important thing is, whether it’s Railtrack or the London Underground, what we’ve got to do is to take these tough decisions and get the investment going in, because I take the view that we don’t have a transport system here in the UK that we can be proud of.” But he added that he expected his restructuring to be successful. “I’m confident that over the next period, we will see a real improvement in our transport system.”

After BBC

1. ____ According to the article, the report about the British transport system is taken seriously by the government.
2. ____ Public transport in Britain is worse than in some other European countries.
3. ____ According to Mr. Begg, £180bn is not a sufficient sum to solve the whole problem.
4. ____ Because British drivers can get to work faster than other drivers in Europe, they don’t want to give up travelling to work by cars.
5. ____ Trains in Britain are more expensive than in any other country in Europe.

Task 2. Read passage 2 and write the number of the paragraph in which the author:
(one example has been done for you) (10 points)

- compares the nature of a man and a robot. _____
- describes a situation in which robots could be used in the future. 1
- explains how the approach of scientists to creating robots has changed. _____
- gives examples of jobs robots will be able to do. _____
- hopes that the new view of scientists on robots will help them develop these machines soon. _____
- writes about the intentions of a well-known scientist. _____

Passage 2

Paragraph 1

1st January, 2010. The New Year party was over and the **damage** was done. Upstairs the people slept the dreamless sleep of the drunk. Below the house was quiet again, well, almost quiet. In the living room, the household robots were at work clearing up now what the guests had left. They had learned to do most of their work at night when there were no people to bump into. One circled under the Christmas tree sucking up pine needles. Another concentrated on cans and glasses.

Paragraph 2

Upright glasses and cans were lifted straight into a hopper on its back. Cans lying on their sides were inspected so nothing was spilt when lifted. Curtains twitched as a robot slowly crawled across the glass, chasing off spiders, sucking up webs and buffing the panes. Beneath the stairs, the hub for the home was looking through the TV guide and selecting programmes its owners might want to watch. The fridge was sending messages to local shops. It knew its owners well and had ordered lots of comfort foods to soothing their savage hangovers.

Paragraph 3

Well, it's a fanciful glimpse into the future, but it may not be too far from the truth. After 50 years of failure, scientists are now taking a very different approach to the creation of intelligent autonomous machines driven by "AI" - artificial intelligence.

Paragraph 4

Most early AI researchers thought intelligence was something that could be distilled, taken out of humans and put inside robots to make metal men. They tried to build the brain first and then worried about a body later. They failed. The ambitions of modern researchers are more humble. Many try to get small things right and build on them to create useful, autonomous, if not especially smart, robots.

Paragraph 5

British AI guru Steve Grand has decided to make a robot which will use biochemicals and simulated neurons to create a brain based on that of an orangutan rather than a person. Mr Grand says he picked the orangutan because animals like it fall in the middle ground between humans and insects.

Paragraph 6

The human ability to learn and adapt is key, but new research into DNA may also help. "Humans start off with a little program called instinct that's contained within our DNA," said Martin Smith, head of the mobile robots group at the University of East London. "The amount of information in DNA is almost the same as can be stored on a compact disc." The problem now is making a machine that can build on instinct and generate its own view of the world. As yet, no one has a very clear idea of how to get there. And so it looks like we will be clearing up after ourselves for a while yet.

(After LN, 12th January 2001)

Task 3. Read the definitions below. In passage 2, find words corresponding with them.
(one example has been done for you) (5 points)

- harm or injury that causes loss of value (par. 1) ...**damage**
- hit or knock against something (par. 1)
- unpleasant after-effects of excessive drinking (par. 2)
- short look (par. 3)
- cause something to exist (par.4)
- natural tendency to behave in a certain way without reasoning or training (par. 6)

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Task 1. Read passage 1 and decide if the following statements are true or false. Put a circle round the letter T if the statement is true, if the statement is false, put a circle round the letter F. (one example has been done for you) (7 points)

Passage 1

CHILDREN AND STUDENTS TICKET INFORMATION

Under 5: **Free**

Between 5 and 16: **Child rate**

17 and over: **Adult rate**

17 and over *and*: in secondary education: **Child rate**
in full time tertiary education: **Concession rate**

Two adults and up to three children under 17: **Family ticket**

DISABLED VISITORS

The Houses may present difficulties for disabled visitors, although in most cases the ground floor rooms and garden are accessible. Our staff will be happy to assist in any way possible. There are special toilet facilities available at all five Shakespeare Houses. Registered disabled visitors will be charged the child admission rate and the helper will be admitted to the house free of charge.

GROUP VISITS

Groups of 20 or more visitors qualify for a 10% discount on ticket prices. For more information or to obtain a copy of our Group Visits Leaflet telephone 01789 201806/201836. Groups who regularly visit the houses can take advantage of our Group Voucher System.

EDUCATION GROUPS

We welcome visits by organised groups. One member of staff is admitted free with every ten pupils or students. Additional adults and helpers will be charged at the adult rate. Pupils of primary and secondary schools will be charged at the child rate; students will be charged at the concession rate.

Education groups of 20 or more visitors (excluding free admissions) also qualify for 10% discount on admissions.

MARY ARDEN'S HOUSE, Wilmcote, 3 miles from Stratford-upon-Avon

ADMISSION:

Adult £5.50 **Child** £2.50 **Concession** £5.00 **Family** £13.50

ANNE HATHAWAY' COTTAGE, Shottery, 1 mile from Stratford-upon-Avon

ADMISSION:

Adult £4.50 **Child** £2.00 **Concession** £4.00 **Family** £11.00 (2 adults + up to 3 children under 17)

SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHPLACE and Shakespeare Exhibition, Henley Street

ADMISSION:

Adult £6.00 **Child** £2.50 **Concession** £5.50 **Family** £15.00 (2 adults + up to 3 children under 17)

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| 0. The set of information above is intended for visitors of a protected nature area. | T | F |
| 1. A secondary school student aged 18 will pay the same admission as a child over 5. | T | F |
| 2. A university student has no discount. | T | F |
| 3. A Family ticket will do for parents with four children aged 5 to 15. | T | F |
| 4. A group of 30 adults who want to see the house in Henley Street will pay £6.00 each. | T | F |
| 5. A primary school teacher on a school trip with her 14 pupils has free admission. | T | F |
| 6. All groups over 20 visitors can make use of the Group Voucher System. | T | F |
| 7. A disabled person will pay £2.50 if he/she visits Mary Arden's House. | T | F |

Task 2 You are going to read a newspaper article about environmental damage to Europe's forests. Choose from the list (A-F) the sentence which best summarises each part (1-4) of the article. There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use. *There is an example at the beginning (0)* (2 point each =8 points)

- A More research is needed to find out the reasons for tree damage.
- B The situation in Europe may soon get better.
- C Environmental damage is threatening certain European industries.
- D Planting more trees is only part of the solution.
- E Threatened trees need European protection.
- F Europe's trees have been harmed in a variety of ways.

Europe's Trees in Danger

0...E Forestry experts have called on the European Union to use its powers in order to protect the continent's woodlands. This follows the publication of a recent report showing that one quarter of Europe's trees showed signs of severe damage. The experts are asking for wide-ranging action as it now seems clear that Europe's forests are reaching crisis point.

1..... The study examined trees across the whole of Europe and found that they were being damaged throughout the continent. Twenty-six per cent of Europe's trees had lost significant numbers of leaves, while more than ten per cent showed signs of discoloration.

2..... The report also put forward factors such as air pollution and climate change as causes of this environmental problem. Responding to the report, however, a European spokesman said it was too early to be certain about what was causing the widespread

damage. The European commission has now begun a more detailed 20-year study which will hopefully produce clearer answers.

3..... Francis O'Sullivan, senior forestry officer at the World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF), said: "Less than one per cent of our ancient forests remain. If this is allowed to continue, the damage to our forest systems will result in a reduction in water quality and will cause a crisis in the fishing, tourist and timber industries, as well as threatening the ecological balance in Europe".

4..... Next month the WWF will be reporting on how well governments around the world have kept the Rio Earth Summit (1992) promises. Most governments are expected to get poor reports. The situation in Europe may, however, be about to improve as the European Parliament is to begin investigating forest protection and may ask for new safeguards to protect the health of Europe's trees.

Task 3 Read the advertisements and choose one or more which match the requirements of the person who:

One example has been done for you. The number of correct answers is indicated. (10 points)

- 0. does not want to live in the countryside 7
- a. uses public transport _____
- b. looks for cheap accommodation _____
- c. must pay a deposit _____
- d. wants to live with a partner _____
- e. looks for a spacious room _____
- f. does not have house equipment _____
- g. can access to the backyard _____
- h. does not know who to contact _____
- i. must pay a charge _____

Flatmate

1.WANTED. Fifth person to share flat. Own room and use of kitchen, bathroom.
012 24 3 532

2. CONSERVATIVE. Professional couple, late twenties, needed to share spacious Surbiton flat with similar. £180/W. Close station. Phone 958 4600.

3. ROOM VACANT in shared flat, low cost area. Would suit single person. Use of kitchen. 336 528 693

4. SINGLE ROOM £ 130 /Week, 1 Week rent in advance and administration fees of £ 150 per person.

5. COUPLE wanted for double room in mixed house. £32 pcm each. Gardens, TV. Tel: 607 7134.

6. LOOKING for a flat? Large room for student (or two) in modern flat, Low rent. Ring 278 6090 or messages: 604 2421.

7. A fully furnished room with natural light, you will love the view of the city from the balcony. Tel: 677 7784

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Reading A

Reading B

Reading C

TASK 1

1	9	1	T	1	T
2	4	2	T	2	F
3	10	3	T	3	F
4	2	4	F	4	F
5	1	5	F	5	T
6	7			6	F
7	5			7	T
8	6				
9	8				
10	3				

TASK 2

1	E	a	6	1	F
2	B	b	1	2	A
3	C	c	4	3	C
4	A	d	2	4	B
5	D	e	3		
		f	5		

TASK 3

1	D	1	BUMP INTO	A	2
2	B	2	HANGOVER	B	6,3
3	B	3	GLIMPSE	C	4
4	C	4	CREATE	D	5
5	D	5	INSTINCT	E	6
				F	7
				G	5
				H	4
				I	4

