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## **B ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 2018 – READING TEST**

### **PART ONE**

*First, read the tasks (1,2,3), then read the texts and complete the tasks. You have **20 minutes** to complete this part of the test.*

1. Several sentences from this text have been deleted. Find them below the text and match the letters to the numbers in the story. **You will not use one of them.** (16 points)

A guy went out one Saturday night to a party. He was having a good time and had had a couple of beers when a girl who seemed to like him invited him to go to another party. (1)\_\_\_\_\_ She took him to a party in an apartment and they continued to drink and even got involved with some other drugs. The next thing he knew, he woke up completely naked in a bathtub filled with ice. (2)\_\_\_\_\_ He looked down at his chest, which had “CALL 999 OR YOU WILL DIE” written on it in lipstick. He saw a phone was on a stand next to the tub, so he picked it up and dialed the number. He explained to the operator what the situation was and that he did not know where he was, what he took, or why he was really calling. (3)\_\_\_\_\_ He did, and she asked him to look himself over in the mirror. He did, and appeared normal, so she told him to check his back. He did, only to find 9-inch slits on his lower back. She told him to get back in the tub immediately, and they sent a rescue team over. Apparently, after being examined, he found out more of what had happened. (4)\_\_\_\_\_ They are worth 10,000 pounds on the black market. Several guesses are in order: The second party was a sham, the people involved had to be at least medical students, and it was not just recreational drugs he was given. Regardless he is currently in the hospital on life support awaiting a spare kidney from a suitable donor.

(5)\_\_\_\_\_ It is well organized, well funded, has very skilled personnel, and is currently in most major cities and recently has been very active in London. The crime begins when a business traveler goes to a lounge at the end of a working day. (6)\_\_\_\_\_ The last the traveler remembers until he wakes up in a hotel bathtub, his body submerged to the neck in ice, is sipping a drink.

There is a note taped on the wall of the bathroom instructing him not to move and call 999. (7)\_\_\_\_\_ The business traveler calls 999 where they have become quite familiar with this crime. The business traveler or clubber is instructed by the 999 operator to very slowly and carefully reach behind him and feel if there is a tube protruding from their lower back. The business traveler finds the tube and answers, “Yes”. The 999 operator tells them to remain still, having already sent paramedics to help. The operator knows that both of the business traveler’s/clubber’s kidneys have been harvested. This story is real. (8)\_\_\_\_\_ A horrible fact is that skilled doctors are performing these crimes!

- A) His kidneys were stolen.
- B) A new crime ring exists, targeting business travelers and general club goers.
- C) He was still feeling the effects of the drugs, but looked around to see he was alone.
- D) According to the police, hotel owners might also profit from such parties.
- E) He quickly agreed and decided to go along with her.
- F) She advised him to get out of the tub.
- G) A phone is on a small table next to the bathtub for him to call.
- H) It has been documented.
- I) A person in the bar walks to him and offers him to buy a drink.

2. Choose and circle the letter of the most **suitable title** for the story: (4 points)

- A) REASON NOT TO PARTY ANY MORE
- B) NEW GANGS IN LONDON
- C) THE 999 OPERATORS HAVE TO BE TRAINED

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### PART TWO

3. Match the following extracts (A – O) from newspaper and magazine articles to the appropriate headings (1 – 16). Write the appropriate letter next to each heading. **You will not use one of the headings.** (30 points)

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| 1. A Tolerance Project Ends in Uncertainty _____ | 9. Pretty British Boys _____        |
| 2. Baseball – America’s Pastime _____            | 10. Responsible Tourism _____       |
| 3. Fashion Show _____                            | 11. Risky Jobs _____                |
| 4. High Time for Skyscrapers _____               | 12. The Boston Tea Party _____      |
| 5. How to Be an Astronaut _____                  | 13. The Solar System _____          |
| 6. Lego _____                                    | 14. Earthquake _____                |
| 7. Why people do not speak up _____              | 15. Vocabulary Practice Games _____ |
| 8. Parliament Needs Change _____                 | 16. Yellow Fever _____              |

- A) Although now often played with sophisticated equipment, in huge stadiums by players earning millions of dollars, the basic rules and unhurried pace are the same.
- B) Although they are recreational activities by nature whose main purpose is enjoyment, in the language learning process their purpose is to reinforce what has already been taught.
- C) In 1767 the British Parliament passed the Townshend Acts which placed taxes on a variety of goods imported to the colonies.
- D) In addition to flight and engineering expertise, space exploration requires scientific knowledge and the ability to apply it.
- E) They occur most often along geologic faults, narrow zones where rock masses move in relation to one another.
- F) People who live in infected areas can be vaccinated with a live virus vaccine against the disease.
- G) Finally, look at the glamorous touches – long lines of sequins (like shiny fish scales); long ropes of glittery rhinestones (=not real diamonds); and beautiful embroidery (=needlework) in exactly the same shade as the fabric.
- H) Being rejected, thrown out, or having my voice suppressed has been one of the top themes in my life. Since fear of rejection is deep-rooted into all of us, I’ve been compelled to study, research, and experiment for three decades looking for a new approach to understand rejection.
- I) UK men are still behind the Americans when it comes to manicures and tanning. But British businessmen lead a transatlantic lifestyle and increasingly book hotels for the quality of their spas.
- J) Whether or not such a building would stand up longer in a crash and fire, one would hope that its thick concrete core would better protect the exit stairs and elevators than the Sears Tower’s gypsum board.
- K) It is widely admired by developmental psychologists, who recognize the scope it offers children for invention and experiment, and by parents, who enjoy the resulting quiet absorption of their children.
- L) Upon operation of the lighter-like object, the gas in the house exploded, sending pieces of it up to three miles away. Nothing was found of the technicians but the lighter was virtually untouched by the explosion.
- M) After their formation, Earth and the other planets were bombarded by travelers from space. These travelers were meteorites, composed of material left over from the formation of planets.
- N) Before you go, get as much information as possible and educate yourself about customs, language, art etc. of the region/country you are planning to visit.
- O) A poll shows that two thirds of the population were familiar with the campaign, which is quite a success. But how successful was the campaign in achieving its main target, changing people’s opinions and attitudes?

