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SUBJECT: English
Grade 8 _____

School Olympiad
35 marks

Student Instructions:

1. You have **90 minutes** to complete this paper under **examination conditions** (no talking, no copying or asking for help from the teacher or other students).
2. Please, read the questions very carefully and use your time wisely.
3. For note completing tasks, pay attention to the spelling of the words.
4. Do not forget to double check your answers.

GOOD LUCK!!!

Listening

Task 1

You will hear an advertisement for a holiday in Wales. For questions 1-5 complete the sentences.

Breakaway is offering family 1 _____ at a hotel.

The hotel was built in the 2 _____.

Snowdonia is a good place to go 3 _____ and rock climbing.

Room 4 _____ is available around the clock.

Book before 4th 5 _____. SPECIAL OFFER Call now on 01802278954.

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Task 2

You will hear Dave telling his friend Janet about his recent trip to Brazil. For questions 1-6, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

1. Why did Dave go to Rio?
A) To go a business trip.
B) To go to the beach.
C) To experience Carnival.
2. Where was the first place he went?
A) To the beach.
B) To the hotel.
C) To the Carnival.
3. What does Dave say about the dancers?
A) They were tireless.
B) They were tiring.
C) They were tired.
4. What is the Sambodromo?
A) a parade
B) a street
C) a dance
5. What does Dave say about the nightlife?
A) It's an interesting mix.
B) He didn't go out much.
C) The nightclubs were great.

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Reading

Task 1

NO MORE SECRETS

What do your local supermarket, video rental shop and pizza takeaway restaurant have in common? Without even needing to meet you personally, they are all in the know about you. They can tell you what brand of toothpaste you buy, what films you watch and even which pizza topping you prefer!

Most of us are aware of the fact that every time we use a credit card, phone card, cash card or supermarket card, our personal information is being recorded somewhere. **1** _____. We have even accepted the fact that nothing we do on our computer is ever completely private.

You might think that you have never been on TV, but you are wrong. CCTV (closed circuit TV) cameras are everywhere! They are in shopping centers, at ATMs, outside buildings and even on our roads and motorways. They are operated by the police and private securing companies. By capturing criminals on film they hope to discourage crimes such as muggings, shoplifting and carjackings. They also watch the roads for people speeding, and more. **2** _____. They keep track of where you are and what you are doing all day, every day.

In the very near future you will no longer have to worry about forgetting your computer password, your cash card number or even your keys, because your body will be your ID. Finger scanning, which is similar to fingerprinting, is already being used by large companies to identify employees. Face recognition is another growing area of ID technology, as are voice and eye recognition. Something quite new on the market is footstep identification. **3** _____ This technology will let your employer or your teacher know exactly where you are and what you are doing while you are at work or at school.

Locating you when you are not at work or at school is also becoming easier. GPS (Global Positioning Systems) technology already exists, and in less than a minute it can find out, via satellite, exactly where you are. **4** _____ Mobile phone companies are even planning to use this technology in all their phones. This means that when someone makes a call on their mobile phone, or even if they simply have their phone turned on, they can easily be located.

Identity cards are also getting 'smarter'. Many countries already have a system which requires their citizens to carry identification cards. These cards usually include personal information such as name, address and birth date as well as a personal identification number. **5** _____ Using this technology, one card will be able to replace your driving licence, student card, medical card, library card, credit card, birth certificate and most of the other pieces of ID that we have to carry around us.

Read the article. Choose from the sentences (A-F) the one that best fits each gap (1-5) to complete the text. There is one extra sentence you do need to use.

- A. However, in the near future, these cards will also contain a microchip, which will be able to store a lot more information.
- B. Using special floor tiles, computers are able to identify people from the way they walk.
- C. This is the price we pay for the convenience of using cards instead of cash.

- D. In some buildings there are even cameras in smoke detectors, clocks and exit signs.
- E. Your colleagues will know you have arrived and your computer will recognize your voice and automatically log you on.
- F. Some car rental companies are already using this technology in order to know where their vehicles are being driven at any time.

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Task 2

THE WORKPLACE

The workplace is changing. Gone is the traditional office and gone too are the traditional office hours. We are no longer tied to a desk from 9.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m. with a couple of coffee breaks and an hour for lunch. Technology has revolutionised our working lives in many different ways.

One of the greatest changes that we can see happening today is related to where we do our work. The daily commute to and from the office will soon be a thing of the past for many of us. Technology allows us to work wherever we wish because of the increased ability to communicate via the Internet and send our work round the in seconds. More and more people are taking advantage of this freedom and working from home.

One significant effect of this trend is that people are having to develop their self-discipline and time management skills. And perhaps the greatest danger is that the workforce will become increasingly isolated, and some people will see no one from one day to the next. From a practical point of view, however, the way we organize our days is becoming more flexible and companies can cut office expenditure. Only time will tell whether the benefits of working from home make it worthwhile or not.

Are the sentences true or false?

1. No one will work in offices in the future. _____
2. Changes are happening because of technology. _____
3. People talk to each other more these days. _____
4. We have to control our working time carefully. _____
5. Working from home can be lonely. _____

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Vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the correct answers.

1. Can you call me a _____, please?
a bus b cab c car
2. They have a _____ of their grandmother in the dining room.

a portrait b still life cartoon

3. The _____ Charles Dickens wrote Bleak House.

a dancer b novelist c playwright

4. Which _____ is it for Manchester?

a carriage b track c platform

5. I must go to the bank to get some _____ .

a discount b debt c cash

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Grammar

Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. You look worried. What _____ (you think) about?

2. If we _____ (not wake her up), she'll sleep until lunchtime!

3. I _____ (cross) the road when I saw \$10 on the pavement!

4. You're late! We _____ (start) the lesson ten minutes ago.

5. It was great to see Jackie last night. I _____ (not see) her for ages.

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Answer key

Listening

Task 1

1 weekend breaks

2 18th century

3 walking

4 service

5 January

Task 2

1 C 2 B 3 A 4 B 5 C

Reading

Task 1

1 C 2 D 3 B 4 F 5 A

Task 2

1 F 2 T 3 F 4 T 5 T

Vocabulary:

1 B 2 A 3 B 4 C 5 C

Grammar

1. are you thinking
2. don't wake her up
3. was crossing
4. started
5. hadn't seen