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SUBJECT: English
Grade 9 _____

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!!!

Section: Listening

Listen and choose the correct answer according to what you hear

- 1) To become a member of High Park. Leisure Centre, you should:
 - a... hang up and call the correct extension.
 - b... push the number 2 button on the phone.
 - c... stay on the line and wait for someone.

- 2) The High Park Leisure Centre is open:
 - a... every day of the week.
 - b... on New Year's Day.
 - c... at the same times every day.

- 3) If you are under 13:
 - a... you must pay 10 pounds to skate.
 - b... you may not skate alone.
 - c... you cannot rent skates.

- 4) If you pay 5 pounds for the day, you can:
 - a... use the swimming pool and the gym.
 - b... only use the swimming pool.
 - c... use the gym, but not the pool.

- 5) You can play tennis any time:
 - a... when the Leisure Centre team has a match.
 - b... by dialing extension 67 of the Centre.
 - c... there is a free court available.

- 6) A ballet class lasts:
 - a... until January 15th
 - b... for a whole year.
 - c... for ten weeks.

Listen again and match the first half of the sentences (a-e) with the second halves. Careful, there is one extra:

- 7) Our classes
 - 8) If you would like information about our facilities and opening hours,
 - 9) Please take advantage of our online booking service
 - 10) If you would like to hear this information again,
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- a) ... please press 3
 - b) ... please press 1
 - c) ... at www.highparkleisurecentre.co.uk
 - d) ... last for ten weeks
 - e) ... please stay on the line

Section: Reading

Schoolchildren in China learn that the opening of the East-West Trading route popularly known as the silk road occurred in 139 B.C., when Zhang Qian, the Chinese ambassador-aventurer, travelled westward across the Pamirs, a mountain range in Central Asia. He was the first known Chinese person to do so. The term “silk road” was actually first used late in the nineteenth century by a German geographer, Baron Ferdinand von Richthofen (1833-1905). Silk was not the only material that passed along these routes. Other goods are known to have included ceramics, glass, precious gems and livestock. However, there are reasons to think that these roads were being used centuries, probably even millennia, earlier than Zhang’s expedition. In Roman times, Pliny the Elder reported a “stone tower” which he said existed on the Pamir Plateau where goods had been traditionally exchanged between traders from the East and the West. In the early second century, Maes Titianus, an ancient Roman-Macedonian traveller, actually reported reaching the famous Stone Tower, but its exact location remains uncertain. According to one theory, it was at Tashkurgan in the Pamirs. (The word “Tashkurgan” actually means “stone tower” or “stone fortress” in the Uyghur language). Scholars today, however, believe that its location was probably somewhere in the Allay Valley. Whatever the truth about the Stone Tower may be, it seems likely that some form of trade was taking place in this region millennia before more formal recorded trade took place.

On the other hand, it is difficult to believe that people in those times were able to travel such huge distances. Travelling from West to East, the trader first had to cross the Pamir Plateau, through the 20,000-foot-high mountains. If the weather in the mountains had been kind and the journey undertaken in the right season, the eastward bound traveler would then finally arrive at the Kashgar, a logical place for trade and rest, where they could exchange horses or camels and then start on the return journey back over the mountains before the winter snows started.

It is unlikely in these earlier times traders or travelers would have continued further westwards from Kashgar, as they would have had to go round the Taklamakan Desert. Going through it was not an option as its name suggests: it literally means “Go in and you won’t come out”. Beyond this desert, there still would have remained eight hundred miles of a dangerous journey before they would have found the first true signs of Chinese civilization.

Read the following passage. Do the statements agree with the views of the writer? Write:

YES if the statement agrees with the views of the writer

NO if the statement contradicts what the writer thinks

NOT GIVEN if it is impossible to know what the writer’s point of view is.

- 1) Another name for the East-West trading route is “silk road”.....
- 2) Zhang Qian is admired by Chinese schoolchildren
- 3) Zhang Qian was a Chinese adventurer
- 4) At least one German used the silk road in the 19th century
- 5) Silk was the main material to be traded on this route.....
- 6) The silk road was used for trade in natural materials, man-made materials and animals
- 7) We know that Zhang Qian was the first person to use the silk road
- 8) The Romans may well have used the silk road
- 9) The reports about a “stone tower” provide evidence that the Romans used the silk road
- 10) Kashgar is a welcoming city

Section: Grammar and Vocabulary

1) Choose suitable phrase for the sentence: I am happy you are helping me with the assignment. This kind of work is not really my _____

- a) cup and sauce
- b) cup of tea
- c) cup of coffee
- d) tea cup

2) Choose the correct spelling of the word:

- a) Believe
- b) Believe
- c) Believ
- d) Beleiv

3) Choose the correct word: A class full of very good students means _____ failures for the teachers to worry about.

- a) lesser
- b) less
- c) fewer
- d) less than

4) He seems to know a lot about you! How long have you _____ him?

- a) known
- b) knew
- c) been knowing
- d) know

5) Choose the correct option:

Ravi: I think it's really exciting to go to new places.

Teacher: What _____ keep in mind if you are going to a new place?

- a) do you have to
- b) should you
- c) have you to
- d) must you have to

6) Change the given direct sentence into indirect. Drive carefully! Ram said to me.

- a) Ram said to me drive carefully.
- b) Ram ordered me drive carefully.
- c) Ram told me to drive carefully.
- d) None of the above

7) Choose the correct word order: Mr Prasanna is _____ and he works for a well-known computer firm.

- a) dark tall man with an MBA from a Gujarat.
- b) a tall dark man from Gujarat with an MBA.

c) an tall dark man from Gujarat with a MBA

d) with an MBA from Gujarat a tall dark man.

8) Choose the best option: Don't be so _____! You'll have to wait.

a) impatient

b) untidy

c) mean

d) tolerant

9) Choose the best word to complete the sentence. A perfume usually consists _____ a substance that is generally known _____ essential oils.

a) of, as

b) in, by

c) of, an

d) in, an

10) Find two words with the same sound but different spelling for the given sentences.

I cannot ___ to see any animal suffering. The giant pulled the roof off the house with his ___ hands.

a) bare,beer

b) bare, bear

c) bear, bare

d) bear, beer

- 2) NOT GIVEN
- 3) YES
- 4) NOT GIVEN
- 5) NO
- 6) YES
- 7) NO
- 8) YES
- 9) NO
- 10) NOT GIVEN

Section: Grammar and Vocabulary

- 1) b
- 2) a, b
- 3) c
- 4) a
- 5) b
- 6) c
- 7) b
- 8) a
- 9) a
- 10) c