

**10 Grade**

**1 Tour**

**Maximum score – 100 points**

**Total time - 120 minutes (2 hours)**

**I. Listening**

**Maximum score -20 points**

**Time – 25 minutes**

**Task 1. You will hear an interview with a TV actress called Brittany Briers. For each question, choose the correct answer, A, B or C. Eg.: 0 –C**

0. *Brittany realised that she really enjoyed acting when* (example)

A *she played at being an actor at home.*

B *she attended some acting classes.*

C *she took part in a school play.*

1. How did Brittany feel before her first theatre performance?

A worried about forgetting her lines

B anxious that she would use the wrong accent

C nervous about appearing in front of a large audience

2. Why did Brittany move into TV acting?

A She needed to earn more.

B She lost interest in theatre work.

C She wanted to try something new.

3. What does Brittany still find difficult about screen acting?

A having to repeat scenes

B learning to speak more quietly

C not having an audience

4. Brittany particularly enjoys

A receiving a new part to learn.

B attending special events for actors.

C seeing her new films for the first time.

5. What does Brittany dislike about being an actor

A not having many holidays

B being recognised in the street

C starting work early in the morning

10 points / 1 point for each correct answer.

**Task 2. You will hear two local politicians, a man called Robin and a woman called Lisa, talking about recycling in their town. Decide if each sentence is CORRECT or INCORRECT.**

**Eg.: 0 –Correct**

	<b>CORRECT</b>	<b>INCORRECT</b>
0. <i>Robin is surprised by how much recycling people do in his town.</i> (example)	✓	
1. Lisa thinks it takes too long to recycle metal.		
2. Robin believes there should be more bottle banks.		
3. Lisa thinks that people are making good progress with paper recycling.		
4. Robin and Lisa agree that people need more information about plastic.		
5. Robin thinks that people should pay less to use public transport.		

10 points / 2 points for each correct answer  
Total maximum score for this section - 20

## II. Reading

Maximum score – 20 points

Time – 30 minutes

**Task 1. Look at the sentences below about bees. Read the text on the next page to decide if each sentence is True or False. Eg.: 0 - False**

0. Nobody likes seeing bees in their yards or parks.
1. Lisa first saw the bees in her garden when she opened the window.
2. Lisa went back into the kitchen because she heard the bees.
3. Lisa was scared when she saw the bees.
4. The beekeeper thought it was funny that the bees had landed on Lisa's cake.
5. Even though the bees had eaten a lot of the cake, Lisa still ate it.
6. When John saw the insects, he knew immediately that they were bees.
7. John stopped his car because he wanted to call a beekeeper.
8. The queen bee was in the boot of John's car.
9. The bees followed the car because they could see the queen.
10. John got out of his car when the beekeeper arrived.

Most people enjoy seeing bees in gardens and parks, but it can be scary when they're flying together in large numbers, and it can be even more frightening if they come a bit too close!

A few years ago, Lisa Turnbull was in her home in York. She had made a cake and left it on the kitchen table. She was looking forward to eating it, but when she opened the kitchen window to help the cake cool more quickly, she unfortunately didn't notice the large number of bees flying around in her back garden. A few minutes later, Lisa heard a loud noise coming from her kitchen. She opened the door and saw a huge swarm of bees all over her kitchen table. The bees had left their old home and were looking for a new one. It seems that the queen bee, which controls all the others, had fancied a bit of cake and landed on it.

She was followed by 15,000 others! Luckily, Lisa knew a bit about bees, so she knew they weren't dangerous and she didn't need to be afraid. She calmly closed the door and called a local beekeeper who found the situation very amusing and took the bees away. Although her cake wasn't badly damaged, Lisa didn't fancy eating it!

Last summer, John Norton from Manchester had a similar experience with a large number of bees. He was driving home after a long day at work when he noticed thousands of insects following his car. He realised after a while that they were bees and stopped his car, hoping that they would continue flying on and leave him in peace. However, when he stopped the car they landed on the back of it and stayed there. Feeling rather nervous, John used his phone to look online and find the phone number of a local beekeeper. John called him, and the beekeeper arrived half an hour later. It turned out that the queen bee had flown into the boot of the car while John was putting some shopping into it. When he closed the boot, she was stuck inside, so when he drove off, the rest of the bees followed. They somehow knew where their queen was even though they couldn't see her. John stayed in his car and didn't get out until the beekeeper had safely removed all the bees – which took over three hours! That's a good excuse for being late home!

20 points / 2 points for each correct answer

**Task 2. You are going to read an article in which four people talk about their careers. For questions 1-10, choose from the people (A-I). The people may be chosen more than once. Eg.: 0 - A**

Which person

0. had a gap year?
1. did not go to university?
2. has heard the company might be bought by a bigger organisation?
3. was pleasantly surprised by the working conditions?
4. says that enthusiasm and determination will bring great success for the employee?
5. found it difficult at first to complete work on time?
6. is confident they will be able to carry out their extra duties?
7. says the way they are paid makes financial planning simpler?
8. liked their job as soon as they started it?

9. had to understand a lot of new things very quickly?

10. is unsure exactly how much they will earn in the future?

A. Jessica

After leaving school, I had a gap year working in Africa before I did my medical degree. I'm now a Junior Doctor in training at a local hospital, where the work is demanding but very rewarding with lots of advice and support from senior colleagues. Before I started here I'd expected to have to work very long hours, but nowadays there's a maximum of 48 hours per week for doctors. There is of course shift work, but the days of junior doctors having to live in and be on call all night are, I was happy to find, long gone. There's also a dearly laid-down salary structure in this profession, and that makes it easier to think ahead - for instance, if you're intending to take out a loan for house purchase, you know roughly what you'll be able to afford.

B. Stefan

I'm a Trainee Financial Advisor with a leading Financial Services firm. I came here after I graduated in Economics and took to the work straightaway. Once I've finished my training, I'll be working with an established team of specialist advisors. That will mean taking on a lot of added responsibilities such as building lasting business relationships with clients, but I'm sure I'll manage. And although the basic salary is possibly a little below average, from next year there will also be a few extras such as fully paid holidays in Miami and a car allowance, as well as a company lunch every month at one of the best restaurants in town. If, like me, you're highly motivated, in this firm your career can really take off.

C. Tobin

I graduated last year and shortly afterwards I was taken on here as a Graduate Engineer. Unlike some of my colleagues I didn't have any work experience and the tasks I was given were quite varied, so there was a tremendous amount to take in all at once. And in those early days I had a little trouble meeting deadlines, though as I gained experience I quickly got over that. From next autumn I'll become a buyer for the firm, purchasing imported goods and equipment, which means I'll control a fairly large budget. That's going to be quite a challenge. At present I'm keen to remain here at this branch, though that may be affected if the rumours that a major corporation is considering taking the firm over turn out to be true.

D. Matthew

I would like to have studied law at university but I didn't have the grades, so I went straight from school into a law firm. I spent two years there, and then took up my current post in Local Government as a Trainee legal Assistant. It's interesting work, with lots of variety within the field of planning law. I have particular responsibility for public transport, for instance giving legal advice on any new schemes or proposed changes in the bus, tram or suburban rail networks. That means doing a lot of research, so a basic requirement of the job is the ability to work on one's own, rather than as part of a group. The salary here is reasonable, although in the present economic climate, with such huge cuts to public spending, that may not be the case for much longer. Still, I feel it's a worthwhile job, and fairly secure, too.

10 points / 1 point for each correct answer  
Total maximum score for this section - 20

**III. Use of English**

**Maximum score – 20 points**

**Time – 25 minutes**

**Task 1. Read the text below and for 1-10 choose the correct answer A, B, C or D. Eg.: 0 – B**

**The Pizza Fest**

It's September 2008 and I am at the world pizza festival in Naples, Italy. I've always 0) ... Italian food. When I was a child, I 1) ... to make pizza and other Italian dishes for my family, and now I work as a chef in an Italian restaurant in New York. In my opinion, nobody cooks as 2) ... as the Italians, and many people think that the people in Naples make pizzas better 3) ... anyone else in the world. So what happens at the festival? There is music and dancing and of course lots of pizza eating. You can 4) ... your own favourite pizza created for you, or if you 5) ... to, you can go to a workshop and learn how to make it yourself.

Yesterday, I 6) ... a restaurant owner to explain the history of pizza. He 7) ... me that the people of Naples made the first pizza. He 8) ... that although flat bread is thousands of years old, people didn't use 9) ... put ingredients on bread until the 19th century. Eventually, somebody made a topping that consisted 10) ... tomatoes, mozzarella cheese and basil, ingredients with the colours of the Italian flag, and called it 'Margherita', after the Queen of Italy.

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| 0 A love      | B loved  | C loving | D loves      |
| 1 A use       | B used   | C to use | D using      |
| 2 A good      | B better | C best   | D well       |
| 3 A than      | B as     | C for    | D of         |
| 4 A make      | B do     | C have   | D take       |
| 5 A will want | B wanted | C want   | D had wanted |
| 6 A asked     | B said   | C told   | D had        |
| 7 A said      | B spoke  | C asked  | D told       |
| 8 A spoke     | B said   | C told   | D asked      |
| 9 A to        | B for    | C with   | D as         |
| 10 A of       | B on     | C from   | D for        |

10 points / 1 point for each correct answer

**Task 2. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given in CAPITALS. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. Eg.: 0 – if I were**

0. My advice to you is to change your job. - IF - I'd change my job ... you.
1. I'm fed up with them trying to sell me things I don't want. - WISH - I ... to sell me things I don't want.
2. 'Put your hands where I can see them,' Ashlyn said to the suspects. - SHE - Ashlyn told the suspects to put ... see them
3. 'I don't think you should go there on your own,' Abby's mother said. - AGAINST - Abby's mother ... there on her own
4. It's possible that nobody warned them of the danger. - MIGHT - They ... warned of the danger.
5. It's a good thing we ate before we set out or we'd be hungry by now. - EATEN - We'd be hungry by now ... before we set out.
6. I couldn't have managed without their help. - THEY - I couldn't have managed ... me.
7. It's a pity I got rid of those old shoes of mine. - THROWN - I wish ... those old shoes of mine.
8. I didn't call because I forgot your hone number - WOULD - I ... hadn't forgotten your hone number
9. Harry made up an excuse to avoid getting into trouble. - SO - Harry made u an excuse ... into trouble.
10. Maria took up gymnastics last summer. - BEEN - Maria ... last summer.

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#### IV. Writing

Maximum score – 40 points

Time - 40 minutes

**Write an essay on ONE of the tasks. Write approximately 130-140 words.**

**Task 1.** You have seen this advertisement in an English-language site.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FAIR

Fair requires staff

The International Students Fair helps people choose the right college or university, and we are looking for assistants for this year's Fair. Duties will include giving directions and offering advice.

- do you like helping people?
- do you have experience of choosing a place of study?
- are you willing to work evenings?

If so, apply to the organiser, Ms Evie Ross, saying why you think you are suitable for the job.

Write a letter of application in words in an appropriate style.

**Task 2.** You have received a letter from an Irish online friend, Linda. Read this part of the letter and then write your letter to Linda.

*I'm really looking forward to spending my summer holidays in your country – and to seeing you! As you know, I always try to keep quite fit. So can you give me some tips on the sports I could do in your town while I'm there?*

*Write back soon,*

*Linda*

**Task 3.**

Your English class has done a project on the subject of the environment. Now, your teacher has asked you to write an essay.

Write an essay using all the notes and give reasons for your point of view.

Write about:

- The harm we are doing to the environment
- What we are doing to save the environment
- Your own idea

Write an essay in an appropriate style.

**Task 4.** You see this announcement in an international magazine. Read the information and write your article.

What is the most important computer program you have?

Write us an article about it, saying why it is so important to you and how it could be improved. The writer of the best article will win a prize.

**Task 5.**

A group of American Exchange Program students are planning to visit your school next winter. You have been asked to write a report about the television and radio there, and say which kinds of programme you think the group might enjoy watching and listening to.

Write your report.