

English entrance exam 2011 - example items

GRAMMAR:

1. I'm very good _____ swimming.
 - a) in
 - b) at
 - c) for
 - d) on

2. I had a teacher _____ never gave us any homework.
 - a) which
 - b) whom
 - c) what
 - d) who

3. I hope I will _____ speak French more fluently next year.
 - a) can
 - b) could
 - c) be able
 - d) be able to

4. Paul says that Mr. Black is _____ of those men.
 - a) the richest
 - b) richer than
 - c) the rich
 - d) the richer

5. If I _____ you, I would never agree with it.
 - a) would be
 - b) am
 - c) were
 - d) had been

VOCABULARY:

1. **From a letter**

My wife and I had a fantastic holiday. Normally we just head for the beach as that's what the kids like, but this year their grandparents took them to stay with some friends of theirs on an olive farm in Italy. They had a great time there. Anyhow, we could do whatever we wanted. Even though we were thinking of sightseeing in Europe, we finally went hiking and rock climbing.

- The husband and wife spent their holiday_____.**
- a) with their children
 - b) in the mountains
 - c) with their friends
 - d) at the seaside

2. From the news

When he won, he decided to devote all his effort to build his career. He wanted to answer all the questions of his voters and fulfil all their demands. He invested all his money and time in enforcing new and progressive ideas.

The person became _____.

- a) a builder
- b) a science researcher
- c) a politician
- d) a financial expert

3. From a magazine

We arrived at the airport with just a few minutes to spare, but we needn't have bothered. We were supposed to fly to Frankfurt to pick up a connecting flight to London. But we picked the wrong day. Apparently, German air traffic controllers stopped working in protest of their bad working conditions and all flights to Britain had been cancelled.

What was the reason of the passengers' problem?

- a) an airport strike
- b) a flight delay
- c) a traffic jam
- d) a silly mistake

4. From a woman magazine

I find my career extremely interesting, but I am in love with a man who wants me to give my job up so that we can get married and start a family. I know that if I stopped working, I would be very unhappy. His salary is much lower than mine and we wouldn't have enough to live on. However, he keeps saying: "Money isn't the most important thing in my life", and "If you really loved me, you would do what I want."

I don't want to give him up - but I don't want to give up my job, either.

What do we know about the woman? She _____.

- a) needs more money
- b) has to leave her job
- c) prefers family to her career
- d) has to make a decision

5. From a newspaper article

Fast food restaurants work hard to get more customers. Big lights and TV advertisements are not enough. The waitresses wear special uniforms. There are lots of big mirrors and bright colours. Many of the fast food restaurants have special offers for families, and do their best to attract children. Some even organize children's birthday parties. For busy mothers with no ideas and plenty of money, a birthday party at McDonald's can save a lot of time and trouble.

What is the aim of the article?

- a) to criticise
- b) to inform
- c) to complain
- d) to educate

GRAMMAR + VOCABULARY:

Choose one of the options A, B, C, or D which best suits the text. Mark your choice on your answer sheet. An example has been done for you.

Stealing is a hard job

Rob Norwell is an experienced mugger, but he didn't know about little old English ladies. Now he 1.

86-year-old Lady Elizabeth White was 2. down New York's East 22nd Street. She looked 3. an easy prey - small, grey-haired and expensively dressed, carrying a handbag over her 4.

Norwell came up on his bicycle and grabbed the handbag. Lady White 5. him on his head with her umbrella, knocking him 6. his bicycle, and started screaming at the top of her voice.

The unfortunate mugger tried to get back onto his bicycle and escape, but Lady White kept hitting him. A lorry driver, 7. her screams, came and joined in the fight.

Holding his head, Norwell pushed the handbag at the driver and exclaimed "Here it is. It's over, it's over."

"The hell it's over," 8. the driver. They went on fighting, and Lady White went on screaming 9. a policeman arrived and took Norwell prisoner.

Lady White refused medical help, saying that she felt fine. But she allowed the policeman 10. take her arm and escort her home.

	A	B	C	D
Example	<i>on</i>	<i>about</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>around</i>
1.	is	does	has	can
2.	walked	walk	walks	walking
3.	like	such	as	at
4.	knee	neck	shoulder	waist
5.	put	hit	got	caught
6.	up	on	at	off
7.	listening	hearing	knowing	seeing
8.	said	told	spoke	talked
9.	since	for	until	by
10.	that	to	so	and