

I) Explain the following words in English; (10pts)

handsome -
innocent -
inexpensive -
reasonable -
shallow -

upset -
thrilling -
tremendous -
disgusting -
huge -

II) Fill in the correct prepositions (10 pts)

I don't know what he died _____.
I'm sure he is very clever _____ discussing matters with his parents.
He is suffering _____ a terrible disease.
I like going _____ foot.
I hate being laughed _____.
I look forward _____ reading this book.
They want a piece of land _____ their own.
-to be in search _____ something
-a reason _____ war
He has to look _____ his little sister.

III) Fill in the words in brackets in the correct tense (25 pts)

I _____ (be born) in Chicago. My parents _____ (not be) very rich, but they _____ (work) hard to _____ (send) me to good schools. I _____ (not work) very hard at school, I _____ (not remember) the reason any more.
I _____ (never have) a good job. One day a friend _____ (take) me to a horse race and _____ (tell) me to bet. I _____ (win). That was a great day for me. I _____ (go) to the races more often and I won a lot of money. So I _____ (become) rich. I _____ (quit) my job and _____ (begin) to throw my money around. I _____ (give) big parties, I _____ (go) to the races and I _____ (give) money to people I _____ (not even know). And suddenly I _____ (realize) that I didn't have one penny left.
All my so called friends _____ (leave) me to find someone else to have a good time with.
I _____ (be) alone again. I _____ (learn) nothing and I _____ (have) nothing.
I _____ (decide) to change myself, and so now I _____ (try) to get a new job to earn money and to learn.

IV) Reading comprehension; read the attached text; then do the tasks below

- Multiple choice questions (next page); chose the best answer (a, b, c or d)
- Imagine you were in the boy's position. Describe what you did after you reached the clearing to when you hid in the doorway (about 80 words).

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V): (2 mistakes = 1 minus point; 10 words = 1 point; 2points = 1 grade)

The market place was crowded. Everywhere people were buying, selling, arguing about prices, or looking very pleased with themselves at having discovered a bargain. The owners of stalls were advertising their wares as the best in the world and shouting at the tops of their voices to prove it. There was so much movement that no one noticed a small boy pushing his way through the crowd. Even the fat man examining a pair of silver candlesticks barely looked down as the boy brushed past him. Judging from the condition of his patched but scrupulously clean clothes, the boy was obviously very poor. In his right hand he clutched a penny and walked with such a sense of purpose that it was clear he knew his way well.

Eventually the child arrived at a clearing behind a bombed site and went towards an old man who was playing a violin. Beside the man, was a little monkey dressed in a red cap and performing various antics on a stand. The monkey held the old man's hat and offered it to passers-by. As the boy gazed fascinated at the animal, the old man looked down at him and smiled kindly. Several minutes passed and the boy tried to put his penny into the hat. The monkey, however, gave the hat a playful pull and the boy could not reach it. He stood on tip-toe and tried again. In his effort to reach, he knocked the stand over accidentally. The monkey chattered wildly and pennies went flying everywhere. The old man's smile turned to a look of anger and he struck at the boy with the bow of his violin. Dodging the blow, the child dashed into the crowd. The man began shouting 'Stop thief! Stop thief!' and soon a small crowd was in pursuit of the boy. In his terror, the child fell headlong into an apple-cart and turned it over. This at once brought a furious stall-keeper into the chase, and the whole market-place was in an uproar: people began to run without knowing why. But there was no one who knew his way about as well as the boy who, by now, had slipped down a side-street and crouched in a doorway. Huddled in fear, he watched the angry crowd rush past.

Multiple choice questions

- 1) One of these statements is true. Which one?
- 2) Only the fat man spoke to the boy in the market place
- 3) The boy was wearing old clothes
- 4) The boy wanted to buy something at the market
- 5) The boy had never been to the market before

- 2) A small crowd chased the boy because...
- 3) he had knocked the stand over
- 4) he was a thief
- 5) they thought he was a thief
- 6) he had tried to steal some pennies out of the old man's hat

- 3) The small boy wasn't noticed by ...
- 4) no one
- 5) someone
- 6) anyone
- 7) nobody

- 4) The monkey gave the hat a playful pull and the boy to reach.
- 5) didn't;
- 6) couldn't
- 7) wasn't able
- 8) mightn't

- 5) Which of the following statements is true?
- 6) The boy didn't know the market-place very well
- 7) The people who chased the boy knew exactly where he would run
- 8) Nobody knew the market-place better than the boy
- 9) The boy went into a house through a door

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