

Heritage Science PG
English Proficiency Exam

Read the instructions carefully for each part.

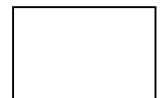
You are required to answer all questions.

Reading (40 Minutes)

Reading Part 1 Sentence Comprehension

Choose the best word from the list for each gap.

1. The hotel was _____ from the city center than we expected.
a. farer
b. more far
c. further
d. farest
2. Everybody carried on _____ until after midnight.
a. sing
b. to sing
c. sings
d. singing
3. We walked to _____ city center, but we took _____ taxi back to the hotel.
a. a/a
b. the/the
c. the/-
d. the/a
4. My father is a pensioner, so he has _____ free time.
a. enough
b. much
c. many
d. a lot of
5. I have been a member of the Rotary Club since _____.
a. a year
b. my last birthday
c. a long time
d. ages



Reading Part 2 Text Organization

Order the sentences below to make a story. **The first one has been done for you.**

1. Long ago prehistoric man began to domesticate a number of wild plants and animals for his own use.
2. As centuries passed and human cultures evolved and blossomed, humans began to organize their knowledge of nature into the broad field of natural history.
3. The early herbalists sometimes overworked their imaginations in this respect. For example, it was widely believed that a plant or part of a plant that resembles an internal organ would cure ailments of that organ.
4. Nevertheless, the overall contributions of these early observers provided the rudiments of our present knowledge of drugs and their uses.
5. One aspect of early natural history concerned the use of plants for drugs and medicine.
6. Thus, an extract made from a heart-shaped leaf might be prescribed for a person suffering from heart problems.
7. We tend to forget that all our present-day pets, livestock, and food plants were taken from the wild and developed into the forms we know today.
8. This not only provided more abundant food but also allowed more people to live on a smaller plot of ground.

Answer: ...1... ..

Reading Part 3 Complete Text

Read the text and complete each gap with a word from the list at the bottom of the text.

Having a best friend to 1. _____ in can bring a positive effect on our emotional health. An evening out with the closest friend may be the best 2. _____ of a good time. In fact, our best friend can 3. _____ us from developing serious psychological problems such as 4. _____ and anxiety. Best friendship evolves with time - we cannot go out and pick our best friend. We become friends with people who share common 5. _____ - at school or through hobbies, for example. Best friends have usually known each other for years and 6. _____ together through good and bad times. If you haven't got one, perhaps you are being too 7. _____ from people, or focusing too much on your work.

distant	interests	depression	stuck	facilitate
confide	adapt	prevent	guarantee	

Reading Part 4 Matching Paragraphs to Headings

Read the passage and choose a heading for each numbered paragraph 1-6 from the list. There are more headings than you need. Write your answer in the box below each paragraph.

- A) Disputed achievements
- B) Questionable Behavior
- C) Work hard, play hard
- D) Initial Need of Assistance
- E) Multiple sporting skills
- F) Outside the skating rink
- G) Questionable financial practices
- H) Unparalleled achievements

1. Sonja Henie was born in Kristiania, current Oslo. Her father had been a one-time World Cycling Champion and the Henie children were encouraged to take up a variety of sports at a young age. Henie initially showed talent at skiing, and then followed her older brother Leif to take up figure skating. As a girl, Henie was also a nationally ranked tennis player and a skilled swimmer and equestrienne. Once Henie began serious training as a figure skater, her formal schooling ended. She was educated by tutors, and her father hired the best experts in the world, including the famous Russian ballerina Tamara Karsavina, to transform his daughter into a sporting celebrity.

2. Henie won her first major competition, the senior Norwegian championships, at the age of 10. She then placed eighth in a field of eight at the 1924 Winter Olympics, at the age of eleven. During the 1924 program, she skated over to the side of the rink several times to ask her coach for directions. But by the next Olympiad, she needed no such assistance.

3. Henie won the first of an unprecedented ten consecutive World Figure Skating Championships in 1927 at the age of fourteen. The results of 1927 World Championships, where Henie won in a 3-2 decision (or 7 vs. 8 ordinal points) over the defending Olympic and World Champion Herma Szabo of Austria, were controversial, as all three of five judges that placed Henie first were Norwegian while Szabo received first-place ordinals from an Austrian and a German judge.

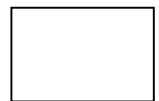
4. Henie went on to win the first of her three Olympic gold medals the following year. She defended her Olympic titles in 1932 and in 1936, and her World titles annually until 1936. She also won six consecutive European championships from 1931 to 1936. Henie's unprecedented three Olympic gold medals haven't been matched by any ladies' single skater since; neither are her achievements as ten-time consecutive World Champion.



5. Towards the end of her career, she began to be strongly challenged by younger skaters. However, she held off these competitors and went on to win her third Olympic title at the 1936 Winter Olympics, albeit in very controversial circumstances with Cecilia Colledge finishing a very close second. Indeed, after the school figures section at the 1936 Olympic competition, Colledge and Henie were virtually neck and neck with Colledge trailing by just a few points. The closeness of the competition infuriated Henie, who, when the result for that section was posted on a wall in the competitors' lounge, swiped the piece of paper and tore it into little pieces. The draw for the free skating then came under suspicion after Henie landed the plum position of skating last, while Colledge had to perform second of the 26 competitors, which was clearly in Henie's favor.



6. In addition to traveling to train and compete, she was much in demand as a performer at figure skating exhibitions in both Europe and North America. Henie became so popular with the public that police had to be called out for crowd control on her appearances in various disparate cities such as Prague and New York City. It was an open secret that, in spite of the strict amateurism requirements of the time, her father demanded "expense money" for his daughter's skating appearances. Both of Henie's parents had given up their own pursuits in Norway in order to accompany Sonja on her travels and act as her managers.



Reading Part 5 Comprehension

Read the following passage and choose the correct answer (T or F) in the questions below.

Juvenile delinquency refers to antisocial or illegal behavior by children or adolescents and is considered a serious problem all over the world. It is caused by social, economic and cultural factors. This juvenile criminality is apparent in marginal sectors of urban areas where children are exposed to violence in their immediate social environment, either as observers or as victims. Because delinquents' basic education, if they have any, is poor they have been marginalized from society and destitute of any dignity or self-esteem. Although most legal systems prescribe specific procedures for dealing with young criminals, such as juvenile detention centers and suppression, approaches to prevent youth from becoming delinquent should also include measures to instill equality and justice, fight poverty and create an atmosphere of hope and peace among youth. These preventive policies should be given priorities over any coercive measures.

Socioeconomic opportunities and administrative services should be provided in rural areas to discourage young people from migrating to urban areas. Similarly, youth from poor urban settings should benefit from plans that focus on education, employment and access to leisure programs, especially during long school holidays. Young people who drop out of school or come from broken families should have access to specific social programs that help them become responsible adults.

Information campaigns should be planned to sensitize youth to be aware of the detrimental effects of violence on the family, community and society, to teach them how to communicate without violence. Focus on the importance of family should become a priority because it is the primary institution of socialization of youth and continues to play an important role in the prevention of juvenile delinquency and underage crime.

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| 1. Juvenile crime is affected by economic factors. | T | F |
| 2. Migration might be another cause of Juvenile criminality. | T | F |
| 3. Family is not an important factor when dealing with juvenile criminality. | T | F |
| 4. Suppression is not an option when dealing with juvenile criminality. | T | F |
| 5. Social programs initiated for youth from broken families should teach them how to communicate on social networks. | T | F |

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Total

Writing (20 minutes)

Writing Part 1

You are a member of 'MEALS DELIVERY ONLINE'. On your last visit to their website you saw the notice below.

Dear valued customers,

We are sorry to inform you that from next month we have to introduce a fee for the meals' delivery. It will constitute 10% of the meal order. We have to introduce this measure to reduce the high costs involved in delivering the meals.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to email us at customer.service@mealsonline.com

Write an email to a friend who also uses the MEALS DELIVERY ONLINE service. Write your feelings about the notice and suggest possible alternatives. Write about 50 words.

Use friendly, **informal** English here, but use standard spelling and punctuation.

Writing Part 2

Now, write an email to the Customer Service Team, explaining your feelings about the notice and suggesting possible alternatives. Write 100-120 words.

Use **formal** English here. Remember to open and close your letter appropriately.