

**GAZİOSMANPAŞA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES
SAMPLE PROFICIENCY EXAM**

GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

Choose the word or words that best complete the sentence .

1. My brother has been lying on the beach all day long and eventually he has a painful sunburned back. If he _____ he _____ now .

- a) hadn't lain so long under the sun / wouldn't be sunburned.
- b) didn't lie so long under the sun / weren't sunburned.
- c) doesn't lie so long under the sun / won't be sunburned.
- d) hasn't lain so long under the sun / might not be sunburned.

2. In the center of the photo is a tall, well-dressed man -- _____ the firm's boss.

- a) actually
- b) exactly
- c) hopefully
- d) presumably

3. Millions of workers died of _____, disease, and exhaustion during the building of the Great Wall of China.

- a) temper
- b) solitude
- c) starvation
- d) assumption

4. The boss gave us an extra day off, ___ was really nice of him.

- a) what
- b) which
- c) that
- d) it

5. I ___ get up at six every morning when I was at primary school.

- a) didn't must
- b) mustn't
- c) didn't have to
- d) hadn't to

TRANSLATION

Translate the sentences into English .

1. Kuzey Amerika, futbolun erkeklerden çok kadınlar tarafından daha çok sevildiği tek kıtadır.

- a) Women in North America are more keen on playing football as compared with females in other continents.
- b) The only country that males like to play football is North America.
- c) North America is the only continent where football has become more popular with females than males.
- d) The female population interested in football is higher than male population in North America.

2. Sigmund Freud, bilinçsizlik kavramını ileri sürerek, davranış, düşünce ve tutumlarımızın her zaman bizim kontrolümüz altında olduğu inancını zayıflattı.

- a) Sigmund Freud introduced the unconscious that undermines our actions, thoughts and behaviours at all times.
- b) By introducing the notion of the unconscious, Sigmund Freud undermined the belief that we are in control of our actions, thoughts and behaviours at all times.
- c) Undermining the notion of the unconscious, Sigmund Freud introduced the belief that our actions, thoughts and behaviours control us at all times.
- d) With the unconscious, Sigmund Freud has undermined the idea that we are not responsible for our actions, thoughts and behaviours at all times.

Translate the sentences into Turkish .

3.J.K. Rowling's books have been translated into over 60 languages, and over 300 million copies have been sold worldwide so far.

- a) 60'dan fazla dile çevrilen ve 300 milyondan fazla satış yapan J.K. Rowling'in kitapları kopyalandı.
- b) 60'dan fazla dile kitapları çevrilen J.K. Rowling'in kitapları dünya çapında 300 milyondan fazla sattı.
- c) J.K. Rowling kitaplarını 60 dile çevirdi ve 300 milyondan fazla kitabı dünya çapında kopyaladı.
- d) J.K. Rowling'in kitapları şimdiye kadar 60'dan fazla dile çevrildi ve dünya çapında 300 milyondan fazla kopyası satıldı.

4. Although Starbucks has a company policy of fair trade and employee welfare, it has been the recent target of anti-globalization protests.

- a) Starbucks, dürüst ticaret ve personel mutluluğunu bir şirket politikası olarak benimsemesine rağmen, küreselleşme karşıtı protestoların son hedefi haline gelmiştir.
b) Starbucks'ın şirket politikası dürüst ticaret ve personel mutluluğudur ayrıca küreselleşme karşıtı protestoları hedef haline getirir.
c) Dürüst ticaret politikası ve personel mutluluğunu öncelikli hedef olarak gören Starbucks, küreselleşme karşıtı protestoları şirket politikası olarak görmektedir.
d) Starbucks, dürüst ticaret ve personel mutluluğuna önem vermekle kalmaz aynı zamanda küreselleşme karşıtı protestoları önlemek için yeni hedefler ortaya koyar.

CLOZE TEST

Choose the correct words that best complete the sentences .

Many artists late in the last century ___(1)___ in search of a means to express their individuality. Modern dance was one of the ways some of these people sought to free their creative spirit. At the beginning there was no exacting technique, no foundation from which to build. In later years trial, error, and genius ___(2)___ the techniques and the principles of the movement. Eventually, innovators even drew from what they considered the dread ballet, but first they had to discard all that was academic ___(3)___ the new could be discovered. The beginnings of modern dance were happening before Isadora Duncan, but she was the first person to bring the new dance to general audiences and see it accepted and acclaimed. Her search ___(4)___ a natural movement form sent her to nature. She believed movement should be as natural as the swaying of the trees and the rolling waves of the sea, and should be in ___(5)___ with the movements of the Earth.

- 1.** a) was b) were c) did d) have done
2. a) founded b) destroyed c) happened d) maintained
3. a) such as b) whereas c) so that d) although
4. a) with b) on c) in d) for
5. a) harmony b) disagreement c) organization d) separation

SOURCE:

<http://belajarbahasainggrisonlinegratis.blogspot.com.tr/2013/09/reading-practice-9.html>

Choose the correct words that best complete the sentences .

Ebola is a rare but deadly virus that causes bleeding inside and outside the body. As the virus spreads through the body, it damages the immune system and organs. The initial ___(6)___ are usually high fever, headache, muscle aches, stomach pain, and diarrhea. Ebola isn't as contagious as more ___(7)___ viruses like colds, influenza, or measles. The virus is transmitted through contact with blood or secretions from ___(8)___ person, either directly or through contaminated surfaces, needles or medical equipment. Health workers and caregivers of the sick are particularly ___(9)___ risk for the disease because they work in close contact with infected patients during the final stages of the disease when the virus can cause internal and external bleeding. ___(10)___, the virus is not airborne, which means a person cannot get the disease simply by breathing the same air as an infected patient.

- 6.** a)diagnosis b) symptoms c) prescription d)advice
- 7.** a)common b)rare c)unusual d) raw
- 8.** a) an infect b) an infecting c) an infected d) infected
- 9.** a)in b) on c) by d)at
- 10.**a)Unfortunately b) Absolutely c) Endlessly d) Thankfully

SOURCES:

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<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/fullpage/ebola-virus-24809270>

SENTENCE COMPLETION

Choose the phrases that best completes each sentence .

- 1.** Britain is no longer a manufacturing nation, _____.
- a)its economy is based on the service industries instead.
b)so 70% of the working population is employed in manufacturing.
c)therefore they don't need to import anything.
d)as a result, many businesses in the public sector are owned privately.
- 2.** Approximately 58% of the adult male population was able to vote by 1900. However, women in the United Kingdom were not given the vote until 1928, _____.
- a)so men and women had equal rights before 1928.
b)even though they could vote before the men.
c)therefore the vote wasn't restricted by sex in the beginning of 19th century.
d)because they were considered to be incapable of rational thought.

DIALOGUE

Choose the alternative which best completes the dialogues.

1. Paul: One mustn't forget that the West has contributed much to the development of the Third World.

Mary: _____.

Paul: I suppose you are referring to the fact that the West is benefiting from an ever-expanding market for its goods.

Mary: Yes, I certainly am.

a) Nor should one forget that the Third World has also put a great deal of effort into its own development.

b) I still maintain that the reasons for this are philanthropic as well as political.

c) Yet, remember that in most Third World countries living conditions have got worse over recent decades.

d) True, but in my opinion the reasons have been largely mercenary.

2. Tom: Have you heard this news about the economies of the Middle Eastern countries?

Pete: No, not yet. Why is it interesting?

Tom: _____.

Pete: That's to be expected. After all, Iran is the second largest oil producer in OPEC.

a) Well, Iran's nuclear aims appear to have increased international tension

b) To my surprise, 50% of Iran's revenue comes from its oil exports

c) Clearly, the global economy is suffering heavily from the current US economic crisis

d) It seems that China, India, and Japan have become the primary market for the Middle East's oil and gas

Choose the correct question to the given responses.

3. Just a little.

a) How much water do we have left?

b) How many chairs are there in the class?

c) Are there a lot of pages in that book?

d) How often do you go to the gym?

4. Since we were children.

a) Had you seen Peter before?

b) When did you see Peter last?

c) How long have you known Peter?

d) Have you seen Peter?

What would you say in the following situations?

5. Your coworker is regularly late and it impacts your job. Several times a month she shows up several hours late. She rarely apologizes and acts this is no big deal. However, you think it is a big deal. So you say:

- a) I'm very worried about your health.
- b) I fear that I may create a bad impression by arriving late .
- c) From now on if you don't arrive punctually, I'll have to report you to the boss.
- d) Your progress is slow but steady. Carry on.

6. Your close friend has been diagnosed with cancer. You want to show concern, as well as expressing your support and encouragement. So you say:

- a) To be honest, I am not very optimistic about your condition.
- b) You are not alone. I am there to help you at any and every step of life.
- c) I can't stop crying. I was up all night worrying about you.
- d) I am sorry to inform you that many expensive new cancer drugs are useless.

PARAGRAPH COMPLETION

Choose the best sentence which completes the paragraph meaningfully.

1. Technology is the application of science and the scientific method to achieve a commercial goal. Inventions like telephone and electric light bulb began to excite imaginations about the usage of science. _____. Dreams have become reality- man has walked on the moon and information from around the world is at one's fingertips through computers.

- a) Technological advances have taken the human's expectations beyond
- b) Philosophical debates have arisen over the present and future use of technology
- c) The telephone and the light bulb are the two most important inventions of mankind
- d) Most people are not aware of the benefits of technology

2. The parent-child relationship consists of a combination of behaviors, feelings, and expectations. Children learn from their parents' morals and values and try to shape their own character. To help their children parents must be able to communicate and be a good listener. _____. As a result they will be able to work out any problem together such as a difficult school project or a conflict with classmates.

- a) Children would rather their parents did not interfere with what is going on at school
- b) This kind of support will help the child and parents have a healthy relationship
- c) The interaction may lead to more problems rather than contribution
- d) The quality of the education is rarely influenced by the coordination between parents and children

IRRELEVANT SENTENCE

Choose the irrelevant sentence that does not belong to the paragraph.

1. A study published last year suggests that people are pleased with sad music – it can actually make people feel better. **(I)** Sad songs allow listeners to experience the emotions expressed in the lyrics. **(II)** The sadness may not directly reflect the listener's own experiences, but it can trigger chemicals in his brain that can produce tears, chills. **(III)** Happy songs really make you feel optimistic about the day and life. **(IV)** This is not an unpleasant feeling, and may explain why listeners like listening to sad songs.

- a) I b) II c) III d) IV

SOURCE: <http://www.bbc.com/culture/story/20140325-are-sad-songs-better>

2. In 1853, a young tailor from Germany, called Levi Strauss, began working in San Francisco; Levi sold thick canvas to miners; the miners used the canvas to make tents. **(I)** The canvas was rather heavy and stiff. **(II)** One day, a miner told Levi that he could not find trousers that were strong enough for work in the gold mines. **(III)** Levi decided to make some trousers out of canvas. **(IV)** Very soon, he had sold all the canvas trousers he had made!

- a) I b) II c) III d) IV

SOURCE: <http://linguapress.com/intermediate/blue-jeans.htm>

READING PASSAGES

Read the text below and decide which answer (a,b,c or d) best fits each sentence.

Before Europeans came to North America, Canada was inhabited by native Americans, known today as Indians and the Inuit (or Eskimos).

Contrary to popular imagination, Canada's Indians were not all nomadic people, and in eastern Canada, many Indians lived in villages made of wooden huts. Like Europeans, they grew crops and cultivated small fields.

Different groups of Indians often fought for territory, for good agricultural land, for the rivers with most fish in them. However, there was plenty of room for everyone in such a vast country, and food was not a real problem; the forests were full of wild animals.

Indians in the western half of Canada were more nomadic. The great prairies of Western Canada were home to tribes of Indians who lived in teepees; these nomads lived mainly from hunting.

Today, there are about 300,000 officially registered Indians in Canada, and about a million other Canadians who are partly of Indian origin. Indian ceremonies and

festivities are an important part of Canadian culture.

Across Canada, there are over 2000 Indian **reservations**, many of them relatively poor. However some Indian reservations have rich natural resources. In Alberta, Indian groups receive hundreds of millions of dollars each year in royalties for gas and oil extracted from the ground in or under their reservations.

1. It is understood from the passage that in Canada, _____.

- a) there were some groups of people who did not meet European people before
- b) there were no people who were originally from North America
- c) Native Americans lived together with European people in the past but today they do not
- d) Indians and Europeans started to inhabit the same places before Eskimos came there

2. According to the text, similar to Europeans, a group of Indian people _____.

- a) living in all parts of Canada built huts in their villages
- b) helped nomadic people
- c) were imaginative people who grew food plants
- d) had a settled life

3. Although the region was rich in food and resources, there were _____.

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- a) not enough places for everybody to survive
- b) no Indian people going fishing by the river
- c) some disagreements between some groups of Indian people
- d) a lot of problems between the tribes

4. In the last paragraph, the word **reservations** can be best replaced by the word(s) _____ below.

- a) people who are not nomads but poor
- b) Indian population
- c) protected zones
- d) inhabitants

5. It can be believed that _____.

- a) Canada has been an economically valuable land
- b) Indians get on well each other when they share the millions of dollars
- c) People who are not originally Indian only have festivities not ceremonies
- d) Alberta is a relatively poor place today

Read the text below and decide which answer (a, b, c or d) best fits each sentence.

London on the Thames, yes; but London in the Sea? No thank you! Yet this could happen before 2060, unless actions are taken quite quickly, to stop it.

As a result of global warming, the sea level around the south east corner of England is expected to rise by 54 cms in just half a century! And scientists now say that many parts of London will be at serious risk from flooding by the sea within 50 years.

It's not all of London that is in danger; just some parts to the east of the city. And they won't be under water all the time; just when there is a high rise and fall of the sea.

The low-lying suburbs beside the Thames in the East End of London are already protected from high tides by a massive barrier that stretches right across the river; but more defences will be needed along the side of the Thames to protect a larger area to the north of the river, and further east. And no-one really knows if the existing Thames Barrier will still be enough to protect London, even in 2050.

The Thames barrier was opened in 1982. During the first ten years of its life, it was closed, on average, just once a year. Some years it was never closed at all. Between 2000 and 2013, it was closed an average of almost six times a year; and in the year 2013-2014, it was closed 50 times... in twelve months. The level of the sea is getting constantly higher, that is certain.

Other towns and low lying areas in the east of England are facing similar problems; and it will take a lot of time, and cost a lot of money, to protect them.

Of course, there have always been occasional very high tides. A thousand years ago, there were big floods around London; and in 1953, before the Thames Barrier was built, over 300 people lost their lives in "the big flood"; but today the dangers are bigger. There are more people, more roads, more infrastructure. In the past, people did not build in places where there was a risk of flooding. Today, in southeast England, land is so expensive, that people build everywhere – even in places that will perhaps be flooded.

Scientists also say that global warming will lead to warmer and drier summers in the south east of England. This will cause major changes in vegetation, and several **species** of native wildlife will not be able to survive. Wet in winter, hot in summer: will that be London in fifty years' time?

London faces big problems in the next fifty years; but London is a rich city, which can pay to build the protections that will be needed. London's difficulties will be very small, compared to the problems that will be faced in some of the world's poorer counties, like Bangla Desh.

6. Today, prospective big floods can cause big damages to London because _____.

- a) the sea level will be lower than expected in 50 years
- b) it is financially a poor city to fund the big barriers
- c) it doesn't have enough forest to keep floods away from the city
- d) there are a lot of buildings, roads, and services in some regions which have a serious risk of flooding

7. It is clear from the passage that global warming _____.

- a) will be able to play a big role in the city's natural habitat
- b) can help scientists to find a solution for plants in risky places
- c) has a big effect not only on low lying places but also higher places
- d) is a result of overpopulation in London

8. The word "**species**" can be best replaced by the word ____ below.

- a) average
- b) special
- c) variety
- d) exterior

9. One can understand from the passage that a big barrier _____.

- a) can only help species survive in larger areas from the north to the east
- b) might not be enough to protect the residents near the Thames
- c) is not a big factor for saving the people living in East End of London
- d) is sure to be costly

10. When compared with the other cities, London's problem _____.

- a) is not much more important
- b) has been the most dangerous of all the cities in the world
- c) will take a long time to come up with a solution
- d) can be solved in a short time

SOURCES FOR THE READING PASSAGES:

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ANSWER KEY

GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

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TRANSLATION

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