

Use of English

I. Fill each of the numbered blanks in the following text. Use only one word in each space. (15 points)

Television owes 1 origins to many inventors. But it was the single-minded determination of an amateur inventor, John Logie Baird, that led 2 the first live television broadcast. Born in Scotland in 1888 and educated in Glasgow, John Logie Baird earned a living 3 a razor-blade salesman. In the 1890s Guglielmo Marconi showed that sound could 4 sent by radio waves. Baird became convinced that a similar system could transmit a picture. He spent most of 5 spare time working on his ideas in his tiny workshop without 6 commercial support. He 7 to use his 8 earnings to continue his research.

In 1924, Baird successfully transmitted the general outline of a figure over more 9 three metres. He continued to experiment and 10 October 25, 1925, transmitted a recognisable image of a doll. He ran 11 to the office on the ground floor and persuaded one of the office boys to come upstairs. 12 boy became the first living image transmitted by television. Overnight, Baird became famous and the money 13 he needed to continue his research was at 14 made available. In 1927 he made a transmission from London to Glasgow and in 1928 he made 15 from London to New York. He continued experimenting the possibility of colour television.

II. Use the words in capitals at the end of the lines below to form words that fit the gap in the same line (10 p)

If you usually use your left hand in 1 to your right you are said to be left-handed. Such
PREFER

people have always been looked at 2 because 90 % of the population is right-handed.
SUSPICION

It is 3 a right-handed world: next time when you want to get into a tin of beans try
DEFINE

using an 4 with your left hand and you will understand the problem. However, this OPEN
5 has been overcome by many famous left-handed people. Left-handed sporting stars ABLE

led the way: for example, Martina Navratilova's 6 on the tennis court feared her
OPPOSE

7..... left-handed shots. Julius Caesar, Alexander the Great and Charlemagne have all been
BEAT

8 as left-handed. In the field of arts, the illustrious list of left-handers is
IDENTITY

9 : Harpo Marx played a left-handed harp; Ravel wrote a piano concerto for a END

left-handed 10; then there were Charlie Chaplin, Lewis Carroll, Leonardo, Picasso...

PIANO

III. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between 3 and 8 words including the word given.

(15 points)

1. It is a good idea to learn Chinese to improve your future job prospects. **(TAKING)**

.....is a good way to enhance your work opportunities.

2. As soon as I pressed the send button I began to regret ever writing it. **(THAN)**

No sooner..... I began to regret ever writing it.

3. I don't want anyone to disturb me when I'm working so I switch off my mobile. **(DISTRACTED)**

I switch off my mobile so
.....
work.

4. I can't believe you stayed so calm. **(TEMPER)**

I.....if I had been in your shoes.

5. The only option we had was accepting the pay-off. **(CHOICE)**

We.....
.....accept the pay-off.

IV. Write one preposition in each gap. (10 points)

1. I've got to summonthe courage to tell my parents I'm not going to university after all.

2. You were lucky to get.....with just a warning.

3. The police are planning to crack.....on drink-driving over the holiday period.

4. I would single this poem.....for its wonderful use of imagery.

5. Carl's speech went.....very well at the reception.

Writing (50 points)

Write an article for a young people's magazine commenting on whether it is appropriate for teenagers to become fashion models. Use between 200 and 220 words.

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Key:	
I. Use of English	Writing
1. Fill-in	Task achievement 15 p
(1) its	- correct format
(2) to	- relevance of ideas to task
(3) as	- length constraint
(4) be	Accuracy 10 p
(5) his	- correct use of grammatical structures
(6) any structures	- wide range of grammatical
(7) had	- correct spelling and punctuation
(8) own	Register and vocabulary 10 p
(9) than	- semi-formal register
(10) on	- varied vocabulary
(11) down	Organization, cohesion, lay-out 10 p
(12) this paragraphing)	- correct lay-out (headline,
(13) which	- clear organization of ideas
(14) last	- linking words
(15) one	Overall effect 5 p
	- reader will be interested and persuaded
2. Word formation	
1. preference	
2. suspiciously	
3. definitely	
4. opener	
5. disability	
6. opponents	

7. unbeatable
8. identified
9. endless
10. pianist

3. Rephrase

1. Taking up Chinese
2. had I pressed the send button than
3. as not to be distracted when I
4. would have lost my temper
5. had no other choice but to

4. Fill-in with one preposition

1. up
2. off/away
3. down
4. out
5. on