

Subject I (50 points)

Write a 450-word reflective essay considering the following quote:

“The boisterous sea of liberty is never without a wave”. (Thomas Jefferson)

Subject II (25 points)

This is a part of a letter you have received from a friend in another country:

We're doing a project at school about how computers are changing people's lives in different countries. Could you write a short report about your country, saying how computers are changing things and how people feel about it? We can then include this in our project.

Write your **report** in approximately 300 words.

Subject III (25 points)

A. Fill each of the numbered blanks in the following passage. Use only one word in each space. (10 points)

Spending on art has trebled to more than 3 billion pounds in the past year, as Britons abandon art galleries and rush to snap (1).....bargains on the Internet. Recent research (2).....domestic art buying has revealed that 31% of people have (3).....one and five (4).....of art in their home and it (5).....suggests that people are now spending larger (6).....on fewer items. No longer (7)..... the middle classes merely buy art for its own (8)....., but as a means of investing their ever growing surplus income.

(9)....., purchasing on the Internet is a relatively new concept and (10).....which some find unnatural and unacceptable.

B. Find one word which is appropriate for all three gaps in each of the following sentences. (5 points)

1. The motherthe child's hand as he was about to walk in front of the speeding car.
All the students ... cheating in the exam will be dealt with by the disciplinary committee.
Mary was late for the meeting and only ... part of the chairman's speech.
2. Many people feel that the government should be more concerned about ... issues.
He was only a ... recruit, fresh from college and with no experience in sales.
All dishes are served with chips or a ... salad.
3. The ... of land was too near the river to be safe to build a house on.
Police discovered the... to overthrow the government.
Critics raved about the film but I thought the ... was weak and unconvincing.
4. .. is becoming less of a social issue in most countries today.
Regular reunions have helped me keep in touch with friends from my ... at primary school.
The Russian ice skater was simply in a ... of her own and easily won the gold medal.
5. They ...to make a large profit on the shares they have bought.
A female tiger will always ... her ground to protect her cubs.

Several shops now ... where the old cinema used to be.

C. For each of the sentences below, write a new sentence as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence, but using the word given. The word must not be altered in any way. (10 points)

1. I haven't had the time to answer George's letter yet. **round**
I haven't.....to George's letter yet.
2. From what you told John, he thought you would resign. **impression**
Youyour resignation when you spoke to him.
3. I can't understand how the proposed changes will be beneficial to us. **fail**
I.....the proposed changes.
4. The manager refuses to talk to the press until the end of the season. **finished**
Only when.....talk to the press.
5. Although the couple are getting on, they don't need anyone to care for them. **fend**
The elderly couple.....their age.

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Use of English

Subject III (25 points)

A. Fill1 point x 10 gaps =10 points

Any correct answer will be accepted.

Key:

1.up 2. into 3. between 4. works/pieces 5 .also 6. sums /amounts 7.do 8.sake 9.However
10.one

B. Find1 point x 5 sentences=5 points

Key:

1. caught 2.green 3. plot 4. class 5. stand

C. Complete.....2points x 5 sentences= 10 points

Any correct answer will be accepted.

Key:

- 1.got round to replying
2. gave John the impression you would hand in
3. fail to understand /see how we will benefit from
4. the season has finished will the manager
5. can fend for themselves despite / in spite of