

B1+ MOCK EXAMINATION

SECTION I

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVES TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

1. Why ..... him back when you saw him?  
a) weren't you paying  
b) haven't you paid  
c) didn't you pay  
d) don't you pay
2. Dave ..... since he left for home three days ago.  
a) hasn't been seen  
b) wasn't seen  
c) hasn't seen  
d) didn't see
3. She couldn't help ..... when she saw his expression. It was so funny!  
a) to laugh  
b) that she laughed  
c) laughing  
d) of laughing
4. It's the first time he ..... away from home for any length of time. a) went  
b) has been c) was going d) goes
5. The police paid no attention to her complaint because she ..... them so many times before.  
a) phones  
b) has phoned  
c) was phoning  
d) had phoned
6. Look out! That stack of plates ..... any moment now.  
a) is going to fall  
b) will fall  
c) falls  
d) is falling
7. What ..... about when I came into the office yesterday?  
a) had they talk  
b) were they talking  
c) are they talking  
d) have they been talking

8. He ..... what to do if she left him.
- a) didn't know
  - b) hadn't known
  - c) wouldn't know
  - d) wouldn't have known
9. He threatened ..... the library if they didn't stop talking loudly.
- a) making them leave
  - b) to make them leave
  - c) to make them to leave
  - d) make them leaving
10. She ..... TV for more than six hours. Isn't she fed up yet?
- a) watches
  - b) was watching
  - c) is watching
  - d) has been watching

Section 2

Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

1. He ..... on his own, so he had problems when he moved out of his parents' house.
- a) didn't used to living
  - b) wasn't used to living
  - c) wasn't used to live
  - d) didn't use living
2. It's a pity you didn't come with us. You ..... a good time.
- a) can have
  - b) must have had
  - c) could have had
  - d) must have
3. They ..... up in the bedroom by a professional decorator.
- a) are having wallpaper put
  - b) are having put wallpaper
  - c) are putting wallpaper
  - d) are wallpaper having put
4. I don't think I can meet your ..... Could I have a few more days to do it in?
- a) wavelength
  - b) deadline
  - c) expiry
  - d) rhythm
5. Let's go out tonight, .....?
- a) will we
  - b) do we
  - c) shall we
  - d) are we

6. You can borrow this book ..... you're careful with it.

- a) as far as
- b) as long as
- c) unless
- d) even if

7. If she hadn't been so angry, she ..... a little more diplomatically.

- a) would speak
- b) would have spoken
- c) spoke
- d) had spoken

8. Don't tell me! I know the answer. It's .....

- a) at my fingertips
- b) off my chest
- c) on the tip of my tongue
- d) easier said than done

9. She ..... pleased when she heard she wasn't going to get the promotion after all.

- a) can't have been
- b) mustn't have been
- c) shouldn't be
- d) couldn't be

10. Are you ill? You look like death .....

- a) on the mind
- b) off your mind
- c) in the neck
- d) warmed up

SECTION 3

COMPLETE THE SECOND SENTENCE SO THAT IT MEANS THE SAME AS THE FIRST SENTENCE.

1. It's a pity I didn't catch the train.

I wish ..... the train.

2. It's just like him to arrive without an invitation.

It's just like him ..... up without an invitation.

3. Look what I found by chance in the attic.

Look what I came ..... in the attic.

4. They are servicing our car.

We ..... serviced.

5. He was drunk and that's why the police took away his licence.

If he hadn't ..... away his licence.

6. It started snowing at nine o'clock this morning.

It ..... since nine o'clock this morning.

7. "Where's he put my key?" she asked.

She wondered ..... key.

8. She wasn't able to understand what he was saying.

She couldn't ..... out what he was saying.

9. I'm sure you were annoyed with her.

You must ..... annoyed with her.

10. They are building a motorway through the town.

A motorway ..... through the town.

SECTION 4

COMPLETE THE PASSAGE WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE WORDS IN BRACKETS.

"There are no tears, death, catastrophes, wars or 1..... (NEGATIVE) about this place. As soon as you enter, you leave real life behind."

Jo Darker, an administration 2..... (ASSIST) from North Lincolnshire, is describing her love of Walt Disney World in Florida. But Darker is no ordinary holidaymaker. She's one of the fanatics prepared to spend hundreds, sometimes thousands, of pounds every year on 3..... (ENTER) tickets to Orlando theme parks in general and Walt Disney World in particular.

Many fanatics take their children with them, but openly admit they gain just as much, if not more, enjoyment themselves. In an 4..... (INCREASE) unsafe world, they enjoy the 5..... (SAFE) of the parks, which offer a clean, friendly environment where they can escape the often cruel 6..... (REAL) of life.

The thing that distinguishes the casual visitor from the fanatic is that the fanatic talks about going for the first time and being bitten by 'the bug' - a 7..... (MYSTERY) desire to return again and again, 8..... (REGARD) of the cost.

Darker has lost count of the number of times she's been back to the Sunshine State.

"I would recommend a holiday to Orlando and Disney to anybody and usually everybody," she says 9..... (ENTHUSIASTIC). "I do not have a favourite ride but love the experience of all of them. For a little time you are enjoying a piece of escapism, entering into Mickey's world and you can act like a child again."

Darker shares her 10..... (OBSESS) with a group of like-minded people via a website. "I log on every day, there are always people to talk to," she says. "They will help and support anyone who has a something they wish to talk or complain about."

## SECTION 5

READ THE PASSAGE AND UNDERLINE THE CORRECT ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

Uberto, the man who could have been King

He breeds mastiffs, has a keen interest in nude photography and cultivates an impressive moustache. If it hadn't been for a caprice of history, Uberto Omar Gasche, an eccentric Italian aristocrat, would be the future King of the United Kingdom rather than Prince Charles.

The Times and Burke's Peerage have discovered that if the Act of Settlement had not banned monarchs from marrying Catholics and confirmed the law that ensures boys are chosen as heirs to the throne rather than their elder sisters – Mr Gasche would be the heir to the throne. There would have been huge mastiffs in the gardens instead of corgis and Maria-Christina, Uberto's beautiful eighteen year-old daughter, would have taken the place of Prince William in the public's affections.

The controversial Act of Settlement was introduced to resolve a succession crisis in 1701 and has regulated the line of succession since then. Towards the end of 1700 King William III was ill and childless. The prospective Queen, Anne, had just lost her only surviving child and abroad, the supporters of the exiled King James II were active and numerous. The Act decreed that the Royal line was to pass to the House of Hanover and, in the process, set some key constitutional laws.

Campaigners trying to get the Act abolished nowadays say it is antiquated, sexist and institutionalises religious prejudice.

When The Times tracked Mr Gasche to his mother's villa in Rome, where he lives in a room full of dusty souvenirs from his travels, porcelain dogs and photographic equipment, he was astonished to learn he could have been King Uberto I of the United Kingdom. "It is quite extraordinary," he said as he reclined on his bed wearing a Fez.

"I am an eccentric person so I would be an eccentric King. I could not imagine living in Buckingham Palace though I love visiting England. I share a sense of humour and love of dogs with the English. But I would never keep corgis, I would keep my mastiffs. I like my big dogs," he commented.

Mr Gasche, who is divorced, also breeds Great Danes and greyhounds. His other passion is for photographing beautiful women. Raising his voice over the barks from the kennels, he added: "When I was a little boy I said I liked two things in my life: women and dogs. I like everything about women. I am a great admirer of feminine beauty."

Son of an Italian countess and a Swiss industrialist who traded Egyptian cotton, he was born in Alexandria where the Italian Royal Family were exiled. He returned to Italy at the age of eleven to live in the Royal Villa Savoia, a beautiful golden-coloured house in the Villa Ada park in Central Rome.

He started to train dogs as a boy and, at the age of thirteen, won his first cup with his beloved German Shepherd. He was also keen on shooting and after leaving school did National Service as a Special Forces volunteer.

“He is a difficult man to describe,” said his Danish girlfriend. “He is a cross between a gypsy and ancient Russian nobility. He would have made a great warrior three hundred years ago. He would be a very charismatic king, more exciting than Prince Charles perhaps.” She added that he would get on with Prince Philip because “he tends to say things and not care too much about what people think.”

Uberto’s mother would have been Queen Maria today. Mr Gasche said: “I am not sure I would want the life of Prince Charles. It is very difficult for him sometimes. I think I would have liked to be Prince of Wales but then maybe I would have said that I did not want to be King.”

1. Uberto .....

  - a) makes his living by breeding dogs
  - b) is of noble birth
  - c) has a small moustache
  - d) could be the King of the United Kingdom if he wanted

2. The Act of Settlement .....

  - a) bars women from the throne
  - b) bars Italians from the British throne
  - c) prevents elder sisters from becoming Queens
  - d) is the reason why Uberto is not heir to the throne

3. If Uberto had been heir to the British throne, .....

  - a) the Queen would have been prevented from having corgis in the gardens
  - b) big mastiffs would have eliminated all the corgis
  - c) Maria-Christina would have been as popular as Prince William is
  - d) Maria-Christina would be Prince instead of William

4. The Act of Settlement .....

  - a) provoked a succession crisis in 1701
  - b) was introduced to deal with a problem connected to the succession in the 18th century
  - c) has been in force since the 17th century
  - d) was introduced because King James was exiled

5. Which statement is correct?

  - a) The Act of Settlement is a constitution.
  - b) Queen Anne only had one child.
  - c) Queen Anne was King William’s daughter.
  - d) The Royal Line passed to the House of Hanover as a result of the Act of Settlement.

6. Uberto .....

  - a) buys dusty souvenirs when he travels
  - b) owns a villa in Rome
  - c) had been unaware he could have been a king
  - d) always wears a Fez when he sleeps

7. Uberto .....
- a) believes he has some things in common with the British
  - b) would not live in Buckingham Palace if he were King
  - c) hates corgis
  - d) is too eccentric to be a King
8. Uberto .....
- a) is a professional photographer
  - b) has always liked women and dogs
  - c) is getting divorced
  - d) prefers mastiffs to Great Danes and greyhounds
9. Uberto .....
- a) lived with the Italian Royal Family when he was a child
  - b) is a gypsy
  - c) has been training German Shepherds since he was thirteen
  - d) wasn't born in Italy
10. Which statement is correct?
- a) Uberto's ancestors were Russian.
  - b) Uberto's girlfriend is convinced Uberto would make a better King than Prince Charles.
  - c) Uberto doesn't think he would have enjoyed being a king.
  - d) Uberto envies Prince Charles.

Now check your answers against the answer sheet!