1. Grammar (One sentence)

Despite .......... their best throughout the whole tournament, the German team didn’t manage ........ the semifinal match and bid farewell to the World Cup.

a) do / win
b) doing / winning
c) to do / to win
d) doing / to win

Answer: d

2. Vocabulary

Susan’s severe headaches might ....................... a bigger problem; I think she should see a doctor.

a. complain
b. remain
c. indicate
d. imitate

Answer: c

3. Closest Meaning

Although engineers must make use of technology and innovations, these alone are not enough to pass engineering information.

a. Technology and innovation is essential for engineers. However, there is still more in order to transmit engineering information.
b. Engineering professionals advise to benefit from technology and advances so that they can pass on their engineering information.
c. Whatever technology or innovation engineers use, transformation of the engineering information they possess can never be passed through.
d. Almost all engineers have been interested in technology and advances in their fields, but they are generally bad at expressing their engineering information. ANSWER: A

4. Cloze Test

INTERNET ADDICTS

The latest addiction to trap thousands of people is the internet, which has been .... (1).... for broken relationships, job losses, financial ruin and even one suicide. Psychologists now recognize Internet Addiction Syndrome (IAS) .... (2).... a new illness that could cause serious problems and ruin many lives. Special help groups have been .... (3).... to offer sufferers help and support. Psychologists have
described many .... (4).... Examples, including one man who took his own life after borrowing more than £14,000 to feed his addiction, and a teenager who had to receive psychiatric treatment for his 12-hour-a-day .... (5).... “This illness is not fake, and it must be taken seriously,” said an expert in behavioral addiction at Nottingham Trent University. “These are not sad people with serious personality defects; they are people who were fine before they found the internet.” IAS is similar to other problems like gambling, smoking and drinking: addicts have dreams .... (6).... the Internet; they need to use it first thing in the morning; they lie to their partners about how much time they spend online; they wish they .... (7)...., but unable to do so. A recent study found that many users spend up to 40 hours a week on the Internet; .... (8).... they felt guilty, they became depressed if they were made to stop using it. Almost anyone can be at risk. Some of the addicts are teenagers who are already .... (9).... on computer games and who find it very difficult to resist the games on the Internet. Surprisingly, however, psychologists .... (10).... that most victims are middle-aged housewives who have never used a computer before.

1. a) accused           b) blamed           c) mistaken          d) faulted
2. a) for               b) such as          c) as               d) like
3. a) set off           b) set out          c) set in           d) set up
4. a) amused            b) amusing          c) worrying         d) worried
5. a) habit             b) temper           c) custom           d) manner
6. a) on                b) about            c) in               d) with
7. a) would cut down    b) could cut down  c) had cut down    d) should cut down
8. a) unless            b) in spite of      c) although         d) due to
9. a) hooked            b) fond             c) obsessed         d) addicted
10. a) promised         b) object           c) tell             d) say


5. Reading

A. Read the text below and answer the questions that follow. (6x1,5=9 pts.)

ATTACK OF THE FIRE ANTS

I. The red fire ant is one of over eighty thousand species of ants worldwide. Like their close relatives, the bees, many species of ant have a sharp attached part, called a stinger, at the end of their body. Most bees can sting only once, and then they die. An ant’s stinger can be used repeatedly.

II. The red fire ant is not native to North America. It arrived on ships from South America in the 1930s through the port of Mobile, Alabama. That landing in Alabama initiated a full-scale invasion. Since then, fire ants have spread throughout the southern United States and Puerto Rico. Following World War II, circumstances worked out in the ants’ favor. The fire ant is known as a “tramp” or “weed” species because it thrives (like a weed) in recently cleared or disturbed areas. After the war, there was rapid population growth in the “Sunbelt” of America’s south and southwest. Land cleared for new homes, parks, and factories was a perfect habitat for fire ants. By 1950, they had made it halfway up the border between
Mississippi and Alabama. Since then, they have firmly settled down in Texas, and they are relatively common in Arizona. A few have shown up in California. They may eventually move into some milder parts of Oregon and Washington.

III. Public health experts estimate that, in any given year, from 30 to 60 percent of people living in fire-ant zones in the United States are stung. The ant grasps the skin with its tiny, powerful jaws, arches its body, injects the stinger into the skin, and releases venom which is the poisonous liquid. If not stopped, the ant will rotate itself around and create a whole circle of stings. There’s an immediate burning sensation, followed by hours to days of intense itching. Virtually everyone who is stung by a fire ant develops a red welt that stays painful for several days. Up to half of the victims will experience larger reactions near the location of the bite.

IV. Fire ant venom may be toxic to the nervous system. One tree trimmer in Florida suffered serious fire ant attacks three times within one year. After the third attack, his right hand and forearm became numb and his wrist became weak. This condition lasted for about a month. The venom is also “necrotic” - it kills the tissue that it comes in contact with. If this necrosis, or tissue death, happens after a sting, permanent scars may remain on a victim’s skin. Terrible sores can result if an infection takes hold near the necrotic tissue. The most dangerous physical response to a fire ant sting, however, is an anaphylactic reaction. This is the same kind of reaction some people have to bee stings and is similar to an extreme allergy. It begins with weakness, itching, chest tightness, and wheezing. This can bring on a sharp fall in blood pressure and sometimes even death. In some fire-ant zones, fire ant venom causes more fatal reactions than bee stings. In sensitive people, a single sting is usually enough to initiate the reaction.

V. Fire ant venom is a watery solution of toxin that affects human mast cells. These cells are filled with a chemical called “histamine.” Histamine is the same chemical that triggers the sneezing, itching, and other symptoms of an allergy. When an allergy-causing substance enters the body, the walls of the mast cell weaken until they can no longer contain the histamine. The cell explodes, releasing a rush of histamine. If these histamine explosions occur in the lungs, the reaction can be serious—perhaps including a blockage of the passages that deliver air to the lungs. These lung problems are not common, but they are a real threat to anyone extremely sensitive to fire-ant venom.

VI. Nothing can completely neutralize the effects of fire-ant venom, but people sensitive to it who live in fire-ant territory have some treatment choices. Immunotherapy is currently the best option for minimalizing reactions. It consists of a series of injections, administered according to a regular schedule. Initially, patients receive very small amounts of fireant venom that their bodies can tolerate. With each injection, the amount of venom is increased, which causes the person’s body to start building up resistance to it. Eventually, patients have sufficient defences to tolerate a fire-ant sting. The immunotherapy regime is expensive, and it also requires a long-term commitment. Doctors estimate that treatments will take as long as two years.
1. What is the text mainly about?
   a. similarities and differences between fire ants and their close relatives, bees
   b. common features between fire ants and other types of ants
   c. how World War II affected the population of fire ants adversely
   d. the spread of fire ants and the effects of their sting

2. Which of the following is NOT TRUE about red fire ants?
   a. Conditions affected fire ants in some ways like growing in number after World War II.
   b. Unlike fire ants, plenty of bees can use their stingers several times.
   c. The spreading of fire ants throughout Puerto Rico started with their arriving in Alabama.
   d. Fire ants did not exist naturally in North America.

3. It is certainly TRUE that fire ants 
   a. prefer cleared and disturbed areas to settle down
   b. are rarely found in Arizona and Texas
   c. crossed all the border between Mississippi and Alabama shortly before 1950
   d. decreased in number in some parts of America following World War II

4. Which of the following CANNOT be inferred about the anaphylactic reaction?
   a. It is possible for people to die because of an anaphylactic reaction.
   b. It is accepted as more dangerous than all the other reactions which occur after a fire ant stings.
   c. It causes some changes in the human body, such as itching and chest tightness.
   d. The anaphylactic reaction, which can be deadly, occurs only when a fire ant stings.

5. Which of the following is NOT TRUE about fire ant venom?
   a. It no longer has an effect on human mast cells, which are full of histamine.
   b. It may cause some health problems because it may be harmful to the nervous system.
   c. It is dangerous for people who are sensitive to it because it may be a reason for lung problems.
   d. It may result in permanent scars on a person’s skin because of its necrotic feature.

6. Which of the following is TRUE according to paragraph VI?
   a. There are currently a couple of ways to neutralize fire ant venom.
   b. To build up resistance to fire ant venom, a patient receives increasing amounts of venom.
   c. The cost of immunotherapy is enormous for most patients; however, it doesn’t last so long.
   d. Immunotherapy is offered only to the people who are stung by fire ants.

Odd one OUT

‘Yagci Bedir’ rugs are the production of the feelings and thoughts of Turkish women for over hundreds of years. (I) Each color in each thread has a special meaning. (II) The colors and patterns used in them are not randomly chosen and this has been understood years later. (III) The techniques in producing the dyes used in the making of "Yagci Bedir" rugs are still one of the best kept secrets. (IV) These rugs have always been produced by the descendants of Yagci Bedir Nomads and they are named after them.

a. I  b. II  c. III  d. IV

Answer: c

Paragraph Order

I) They were carved, a long time ago, with stone tools and then they were moved up to 11 miles to the beach.
II) Many researchers think the statues were pulled along the ground using ropes and wood.
III) On a winter night last June, José Antonio Tuki, a 30-year-old artist on Easter Island, sat on Anakena beach and stared at the enormous human statues there – the moai.
IV) People around the world became curious about the statues after the Norwegian adventurer Thor Heyerdahl made Easter Island famous, and there are different theories about how the statues were moved to the beach.

a. II – IV – I – III  
b. III – I – IV – II  
c. I – II – IV – III  
d. IV – II – III – I

Answer: b

Dialogue

Vivian: Guess what! I’m moving to my own place. I’m so excited.
Alp: ……………………….. You seemed quite happy with your parents.
Vivian: Well, I should learn to take responsibility of my own life.

a. What have you got to lose?
b. What were you thinking?
c. That’s the last thing I expected.
d. I don’t mind doing that.

Answer: c
9. Main Idea

The internet has become a quick and easy way to find information on just about any topic. When using the Internet to do research, however, it is significant to pay great attention to the source. Just because someone has posted information on a website, it doesn’t mean the person is an expert. Anyone can offer his/her opinion as fact on the Internet. On the other hand, official websites of the government, newspapers, colleges, and professional organizations may have more reliable information than other sites. Therefore, comparing several sites and finding the same facts may help a person feel more confident whether the information is correct or not.

a. Most people lie when posting information on the Internet.

b. Not all information on the internet is reliable and needs validation.

c. All information on the Internet has been verified as true.

d. Only official websites should be counted as trustworthy.

Answer: b

10. Paragraph Completion

The city of Istanbul—or earlier Constantinople, has existed as a mega residential zone since the very early times in history. The city was there a thousand years before London was established. Moreover, it has been the center of trade and exports thousands of years before Paris appeared. ----. These distinctions made Istanbul appealing for people not only to inhabit, but also to invade.

a. Its geographical location on the Bosporus, easy access from Asia and Europe and being the center for Eastern Christians were some of the cities characteristics.

b. The modern Turkish name Istanbul has been used to describe this city, in a range of different variants, from as far back as the 10th century.

c. The city has also been nicknamed "The City on Seven Hills" because the historic peninsula, the oldest part of the city, was built on seven hills, each of which bears a historic mosque.

d. The location of Byzantium attracted Constantine I in 324 after a prophetic dream was said to have identified the location of the city. ANSWER: A