

English 99- Final Exam - Form B



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Reading Comprehension (10 points)	Writing (4points)	Vocabulary (8 points)	Grammar (8 points)	Speaking (10 points)	Total (40 points)

Part One: Reading Skills (10 Points)

Read the following text and answer the questions.

In the most northern state of the US, you will see every type of modern transportation. But during the winter months, the state of Alaska becomes one of the coldest parts of the world. Temperatures fall as low as -58 F. Car engines can freeze, and even if a car starts, the snow and ice on the road can make travel impossible. When the weather is like this, the best way to travel is with a team of huskies pulling you. That's according to people like Geoff Roland who prefer travelling by dog sled. " Huskies might not be as fast as a modern snowmobile but they are better for the environment. The journey is also much quieter than by snowmobile. It's what makes travel through the wilderness so enjoyable. When Geoff was younger, he took part in the Iditarod. The word Iditarod comes from an old Native American word meaning " a faraway place," but nowadays it's the name of the world's longest dog sled race, which take place in Alaska each spring. The 1,049-mile route follows the old roads that the original Native Americans once used. As years passed, airplanes and snowmobiles became more common and people started to forget about the old trails. But in 1973, a group of people started the race to maintain Alaska's history and its traditional form of transportation. Some people criticize the Iditarod because they think it's cruel to the dogs, but Geoff disagrees: " Huskies are natural racers. I think they are much happier when they are in front of the sled.

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A- Choose the correct answer:

1. According to the text, travelling in Alaska during the winter season is

- a. very smooth
- b. needs a lot of money
- c. not an easy thing to do
- d. very expensive and not all people can afford it

2. Why do people like Geoff Roland prefer travelling by dog sled?

- a. Because dogs are faster than any other kind of transportation.
- b. Because travelling by dog sled suits the environment there.
- c. So that the travelers can enjoy the natural view of the area.
- d. For it is a very cheap means of transportation.

3. What is Iditarod?

- a. It is an old Native American dog race.
- b. It is a modern car race that takes part in the USA.
- c. It is the world's longest dog sled race.
- d. It is a new term which means *peace*.

4. Iditarod is considered to be a/an

- a. annual race
- b. monthly race
- c. weekly race
- d. daily race

5. Animal rights activists believe that Iditarod

- a. is very cruel for dogs
- b. maintains animal's rights
- c. is not so harsh on animals
- d. helps animals live normally

B- Answer by *True* or *False*:

- 1. Alaska becomes a very cold place during the winter season. ()
- 2- Geoff believes that using animals in transportation is inhumane. ()
- 3- The word Iditarod in old Native American means “ a remote place”. ()

C- Complete the following sentences from the text:

- 1. As years passed, people started to forget about
- 2. Snow and ice on the roads of Alaska make

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Part Two: Writing (4 Points)

Which form of transportation do you use most often and what do you like or dislike about it?

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Part Three: Vocabulary (8 points)

A- Read the following sentences carefully and then circle the most suitable word that completes the meaning. (4 points)

- 1. During rush hour, the highway becomes busy due to the high number of**
 - a. smokers
 - b. commuters
 - c. athletes
 - c. policemen
- 2. We need to leave the train at the next station. The underlined word means:**
 - a. miss
 - b. catch
 - c. get off
 - d. drive
- 3. The championship team are very confident. They are sure to their opponents.**
 - a. heat
 - b. lose
 - c. beat
 - d. cheat
- 4. Most of the polar bears may by 2050 as a result of global warming.**
 - a. produce
 - b. die out
 - c. transport
 - d. encourage

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B- Read the following sentences carefully and then fill in the blanks with the most suitable word that completes the meaning. (4 points)

measure	pedestrians	alligators	steep	complain
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1. Manylive in the swamps of southern Florida. They are very dangerous reptiles.
2. The house was at the top of a/an hill, so it was very difficult to reach it.
3. Devices that the evaporation of water such as atmometers may be useful in our life.
4. Main roads aren't always designed with in mind.

Part Four: Grammar (8 Points)

Read the following sentences carefully and then circle the most suitable word that completes the meaning:

1. **German cars are Korean cars.**
 - a. as expensive
 - b. more expensive
 - c. most expensive
 - d. more expensive than
2. **I think using a motorcycle is means of transportation in our streets.**
 - a. bad
 - b. the worse
 - c. worst
 - d. the worst
3. **Our new neighbors are not as..... as the old ones. They have many children who don't stop crying all night.**
 - a. quiet
 - b. quieter
 - c. quietest
 - d. quietly
4. **Would you like us in the next trip?**
 - a. joining
 - b. join
 - c. to join
 - d. joined

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- 5. We to go to work tomorrow; it's a holiday.**
a. don't have
b. have
c. must
d. need
- 6. My sister to prepare lunch for our family every Friday.**
a. would like
b. like
c. will like
d. likes
- 7. the course material an hour before any exam isn't a good idea.**
a. Study
b. Studying
c. Studied
d. Studies
- 8. You should train yourself to be good at to others as a sign of showing respect.**
a. listen
b. listened
c. listening
d. to listen

Complete the following sentences:

- 1. My name is**
- 2. I am**
- 3. I live in**