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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE WRITTEN IN THE ANSWER-BOOK

PART I: READING COMPREHENSION

(50 MARKS)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Holland is situated by the sea and over 25% of the country is **below** sea level so it is not surprising that floods, when water rises up to over 1 meter, are a constant problem. The Dutch have done everything they can to prevent such disasters. They have even built walls to keep out the sea. However, these efforts have often been unsuccessful and many people have lost their lives in floods. Unfortunately, experts predict that over the next century rainfall will **increase** and the sea level will **rise** even higher.

Recently an ambitious building company called Dura Vermeer found an unusual solution to the problem. In a village not far from Amsterdam, the company is building amphibious houses, or houses that can float on water. The idea of houseboats is, of course, not new. Amsterdam has had houseboats for centuries.

The main difference between the old houseboats and the new amphibious houses is in the foundations, the **bottom** part that supports the building. Like most houses, the foundations are built on land. However, in ordinary houses the foundations prevent the house from moving. In the amphibious house, the foundations are designed to help the house move. If there is a flood, the house rises. When the water goes down, the houses sink back to their original level.

The idea has proved very popular. In addition, Dura Vermeer is planning a floating town near Schiphol airport which will include floating schools, hospitals and shops. Another company has plans to build a **similar** neighbourhood in Leenwarden. They are going to start with 150 houses there and hope to build as many as 20.000 in different areas throughout the country over the next 20 years.

A. Choose the statement a, b, c or d which fits best according to the passage.

(5 X 5 = 25 marks)

1. Why are floods a problem in Holland?
 - a. Many people live below sea level.
 - b. A quarter of the country is below sea level.
 - c. There is not a lot of land.
 - d. Holland is next to the sea.
2. Why could the flooding become worse?
 - a. More people will live below sea level.
 - b. The Dutch cannot stop the floods.
 - c. The experts do not know.
 - d. The sea level is expected to rise.

3. What is special about the village not far from Amsterdam?
 - a. It has houseboats.
 - b. It is near the sea.
 - c. It is not far from Amsterdam.
 - d. It has houses built to float.
4. How are the amphibious houses different from the old houseboats?
 - a. They are built with foundations.
 - b. They are built to move.
 - c. They are built on water.
 - d. They are built on land.
5. What is going to be built in Leenwarden?
 - a. 20.000 homes.
 - b. Schools and hospitals.
 - c. 150 floating houses.
 - d. An airport.

B. Write whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE according to the passage. (5 X 2 = 10 marks)

1. The Dutch do not do much about the problem of floods. -----
2. Over the next one hundred years there will more rain in Holland. -----
3. Amsterdam has many amphibious houses. -----
4. Amphibious houses will be always on the same level. -----
5. Many people like the idea of amphibious houses. -----

C. Find a word that means the opposite of the following words as they are used in the passage. The words are in bold in the passage. (5 X 2 = 10 marks)

1. below 2. increase 3. rise 4. bottom 5. similar

D. Match the words in column A with their meanings in column B. Write the numbers and next to each one the correct letters. (5 X 1 = 5 marks)

A	B
1. situated	a. stop
2. constant	b. not a long time ago
3. prevent	c. located
4. ordinary	d. permanent
5. recently	e. usual

PART II: USE OF ENGLISH

(50 MARKS)

A. Choose the word or phrase (A,B,C or D) that best completes the sentence.

(10 X 3 = 30 marks)

1. He wrote his new book _____ he was living in Paris.
A. during B. as C. while D. then
2. He _____ in Crete but worked in Italy and Spain.
A. born B. was born C. has born D. had born

3. El Greco continued to work _____ the fact that he was ill.
A. although B. even C. though D. despite
4. "If we _____ find a boat to leave the island, we are lost," he said.
A. not B. do not C. would not D. not to
5. I look forward to _____ a world which will be safe.
A. see B. to see C. seeing D. will see
6. If they don't pay the rent _____ they will have to leave the house.
A. on time B. in time C. at time D. for time
7. His mother _____ him never to do dangerous things.
A. said B. explained C. told D. spoke
8. If you had been careful you _____ your car.
A. would crash B. wouldn't have crashed C. would not crash D. hadn't crashed
9. Nelly _____ in a circus all her life so she needs a change.
A. is working B. had been working C. has been working D. had worked
10. He has visited the new restaurant twice _____.
A. already B. yet C. still D. ago

B. Fill in each gap in the following passage with a suitable word from the box.

(10 X 2 = 20 marks)

either	prepared	lives	ready	first
beginning	decided	easy	able	charge

When I took a job helping the tsunami victims in Sri Lanka, I knew that it would not be (1) _____. This was my (2) _____ serious mission and I knew that I would (3) _____ succeed or fail. But nothing had (4) _____ me for the difficulties I faced. The person in (5) _____, too, was finding it difficult to manage. At the (6) _____, people saw me as a foreigner and were not (7) _____ to cooperate. I thought I would not be (8) _____ to succeed but knowing that a lot of (9) _____ depended on me, I (10) _____ to work hard in spite of all the difficulties.

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