KANTONALE PRÜFUNG 2015
für den Übertritt in eine Maturitätsschule
auf Beginn des 9. Schuljahres

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- Alle Anleitungen vor den Prüfungsaufgaben genau lesen und befolgen.
- Alle Lösungen mit Tinte oder Kugelschreiber direkt auf die Aufgabenblätter schreiben.
- Namen und Prüfungsnummer oben auf jedes Blatt schreiben.

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GOOD LUCK!
Part 1 A
Grammar

Write positive sentences, negative sentences and questions. Complete what is missing.
(10 points)

Example:

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1  +  
-  He doesn’t have a green bike.  
?  

2  +  She lives with her aunt.  
-  
?  

3  +  We are laughing about the film.  
-  
?  

4  +  They hate cleaning the blackboard.  
-  
?  

5  +  
-  
?  Can you translate this word?
Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple. (10 points)

**My Grandfather**

My grandfather ....................... (have) a very exciting life. When he was young, he
.............................. (live) on a farm in the country. His parents were farmers and
.............................. (not/have) much money. He .......................... (look) after the cows.

When he was eighteen, he went to university, where he ......................... (learn) Russian.

After that, he joined the Navy. In the war, a German torpedo ripped a hole in the side of his
ship, and the ship sank. Only five men ......................... (escape). They
.............................. (sail) back to England in a lifeboat. Then he ......................... (meet)
my grandmother, and they married after only three weeks. He says now that he
.............................. (want) to marry her very quickly in case he ......................... (die) in
the war.
Part 1C) Grammar

Complete with the comparative form of the adjective given. (10 points)

Example: short
Our tree is ........................................... than our neighbour’s tree.
Our tree is shorter than our neighbour’s tree.

1. popular
Who is ........................................... , Lady Gaga or Katy Perry?

2. bad
I think your knowledge of English is ........................................... than mine.

3. new
Why does she always have the ........................................... smartphone than we do?

4. silly
Your neighbours can’t be ........................................... than ours.

5. good
His uncle was definitely ........................................... at maths than him.

6. hot
Is the weather in France often ........................................... than the weather in England?

7. dry
The summer of 2012 was much ........................................... than the summer before.

8. dark
When is it ........................................... at 6pm in Australia, in January or in July?

9. red
After jogging, my face is always ........................................... than hers.

10. confident
Children are often ........................................... than their parents.
Part 1D) Grammar

Complete the text with ONE word for each gap. (10 points)

Trip to New York

Three months ……………………. my sister and I went to New York with ……………………. grandmother. Of course, we went there ……………………. plane.

New York is ……………………. incredibly big city. A lot ……………………. people live and work there. The streets seem endless and the buildings are really high.

We arrived there ……………………. a Monday morning and checked into our beautiful hotel just next ……………………. the Empire State Building. Then we walked down Fifth Avenue because my sister was looking ……………………. a shop to buy ……………………. handbag. Unfortunately ……………………. shops were all too expensive for us. So we just went sightseeing and enjoyed it a lot.
Part 2 A)  
Reading Comprehension

Read the text and questions below. For each question, circle the correct letter A, B, C, or D. There is only one correct sentence per question. (20 points)

Anna Gomez  
Anna Gomez is a successful TV sports presenter, but most people still think of her as the famous women’s ice-skating champion who won several important competitions when she was younger. “As a child, my dream was actually to become a ballet dancer – I didn’t own any skates until I was nine, and didn’t become really keen on skating until I was fourteen,” says Anna. She went on to university, where, despite ice-skating almost all the time, she left with an excellent degree. “I felt I owed it to my parents. They supported me through university, and expected me to do well there – I didn’t feel I could disappoint them.” In a sport where most stars become famous as teenagers, Anna was unusual in being in her twenties before she won any major titles. “When I was younger, I got very angry at competitions, shouting at judges if I disagreed with them. That made me unpopular, especially with other skaters. My technique was just as good as theirs and I had a very encouraging coach at the time. The problem was in my head – I just didn’t think I had what it takes to be a champion. That changed as I won more competitions, and I was performing at my best by the age of twenty-five.”  
Anna retired from professional ice-skating five years later, having achieved great success during that period. “It was a difficult decision. As you get near the end of your career, people always ask when you’re going to stop. At the time, I wasn’t sure that I was actually ready to give up. But, looking back, I’m glad I stopped when I did. You shouldn’t think too much about the past – just move on to the next thing.”

1. What is the writer doing in the text?  
   A discussing the influence of Anna’s early life on her career  
   B giving Anna’s reasons for choosing to become a TV presenter  
   C describing the progress of Anna’s professional life in sport  
   D explaining why Anna was such a successful ice-skater

2. What do we learn about Anna’s time at university?  
   A Her parents expected her to do better in her studies.  
   B She spent too much time ice-skating.  
   C She managed to get good results.  
   D Her parents wanted her to keep up her ice-skating.
3. Why does Anna believe she failed to win competitions as a teenager?
   - A She annoyed too many people.
   - B She was not confident enough in her ability.
   - C She needed to improve her technique.
   - D She did not have the right coach.

4. What does Anna say about her retirement from skating?
   - A She has no regrets about giving up what she did.
   - B She had wanted to stop for a long time.
   - C She was persuaded by others that she should retire.
   - D She missed some things about her life as an ice-skater.

5. Which of the following appeared on a website about Anna?
   - A Anna Gomez, 20, achieves her life-long ambition of becoming the national women’s ice-skating champion.
   - B TV presenter and former sportswoman Anna Gomez announces her return to professional ice-skating after five years.
   - C Teenage star Anna Gomez wins another top title, and thanks her many friends in the ice-skating world.
   - D After five years at the top, ice-skating star Anna Gomez retires and takes up a new job in television.
Part 2 B)
Reading Comprehension

The people below all want to do an activity in the countryside during the autumn. On the right-hand side there are descriptions of eight companies which provide leisure activities in the countryside. Decide which company would be the most suitable for the following people. For questions 1-5, write down the correct letter A-G in the form below. There is only one possible answer for each person. (20 points)

1. **Susanna** only has a couple of hours free. She hates walking and would like to try something that brings her into contact with animals, although she is a bit nervous with them.

2. **Kemal** is looking for some excitement and is keen to do something challenging. He also wants to get to know the area better. He can afford up to £50.

3. **Frank and Sabine** want to go for a walk with their young family. They’d like to have lunch out but Sabine doesn’t like carrying things for the baby, or picnic things, around all day.

A) **Windtek**: Windtek runs windsurfing training courses for beginners, involving two three-hour private lessons (£89 with board and wetsuit hire). Experienced surfers can also practise on their own (£15 per hour). At this time of year, the water is still warm and an exciting day in the open air is promised!

B) **Country Lanes**: Based in a lovely forest, Country Lanes provides a relaxing experience for newcomers to cycling, experienced cyclists and those just looking for family fun. The one-day group trip (£30 per person) includes bike hire, route map and discounts on entry to tourist attractions.

C) **Llama Treks**: For something different, let this company’s friendly South American animals accompany you on a walk through the hills. The llamas transport your bags while you enjoy the scenery. The most popular trip is a four-hour walk with a stop at a country restaurant (£55 per adult including meal – children free).

D) **Survival School**: If you’re thinking of taking a trip to somewhere far from cities and people, you might want to learn how to take care of yourself first. Survival School’s challenging weekend course (£150) will teach you fire-making, camp-building and recognising edible plants and wild animals. These skills could save your life.
4. **Charlotte** is flying to the Brazilian rainforest soon to do some scientific research. She hopes to get some experience of living in the open air before she goes.

5. **Tom** wants to explore the natural beauty of the area in company with other people, doing something other than walking. He doesn’t have any equipment of his own but has £40 to spend.

**E) Park Stables:** Have you ever thought of exploring a national park on horseback? Park Stables offers rides on horses specially chosen for their gentle characters. Beginners are welcome and riding hats and boots are provided free of charge. Private ride for £25 per hour, family ride £42 per hour.

**F) Bygone Age:** Practise a skill from the past! This company owns a 10-kilometre private railway track and offers train-lovers the opportunity to drive a steam train through pretty countryside. The return trip (£125) lasts one hour. There are picnic tables and a children’s playground at the station.

**G) Swallow Aviation:** Get a bird’s eye view of the countryside and see some of the region’s tourist sights form the air by taking a lesson in a two-seater microlight plane. It’s an adventure that’s not for the faint-hearted! The training plane is an Icarus C42 which flies at around 160 kph. Flights from £49.

**H) Island Link:** This ferry company will take you to a beautiful, walker-friendly island. Some of its footpaths take in the coastline, while others pass through woods. You probably won’t see another walker all day! Walks vary in length from 2 to 8 hours. Ferry fare and walker’s guidebook £5.

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