

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS 2017

ENGLISH (Diagnostic)

Year 1

Time allowed: 1 hour and 15 minutes

**ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS
ON THE PAPER**

This paper is 9 pages.



Read the article about two school girls who decided to climb the famous mountain, the Matterhorn and answer the questions that follow.

Climbing is our life

Last summer Annabelle Jones and Claire Smith, two 17-year-old English schoolgirls, decided to climb the Matterhorn, the famous snow-covered mountain in Switzerland. The Matterhorn is popular with mountain climbers because it is so difficult to climb.

The girls first got the idea for a climbing expedition a few years ago, when a well-known climber Norman Coucher, who has climbed some of the world’s highest mountains, gave a very interesting talk at their school about climbing and his experiences. ‘He really inspired us,’ said Claire.

Then the girls met a well-known mountaineer called Thomas Brown and he became their trainer. For the next two years he took them climbing in the Swiss Alps during the summer holidays and they trained very hard. “It wasn’t easy,” said Annabelle. “The weather was often a problem. Sometimes it was freezing cold and we didn’t want to get out of bed, but Thomas dragged us to the foot of the mountain and made us climb.”

The girls kept going and finally they were ready to try the Matterhorn. In the last week of August they started to climb but unfortunately the weather beat them. “It rained every day so it was impossible to climb very far,” said Claire.

Are they disappointed? “Definitely not,” said Annabelle.” I know we didn’t get to the top, but we will be back in the Swiss Alps next summer to try again! Climbing is our life.”



Exercise 1: Complete the chart about the article. The first is done as an example (6 marks)

Name of mountain:	the Matterhorn
Name of climbers:	a)..... b).....
Age of Climbers:	Both of them are..... years old
Nationality:	Both girls are
Occupation:	They are both
Name of climbing trainer:

Exercise 2: Read the article again and answer the questions in complete sentences. (13 marks)

example: Where is the famous mountain 'the Matterhorn'?

The famous mountain 'the Matterhorn' is in Switzerland.

1. Why is the Matterhorn so popular with mountain climbers? (1 mark)

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2. How did the girls get the idea to start mountain climbing? (2 marks)

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3. Where did the girls train and for how long? (2 marks)

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4. When did the training take place? (1 mark)

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5. What made it difficult for the girls to train and why? (2 marks)

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6. Did the girls manage to climb the mountain? (1 mark)

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7. Why are the girls going to return to the Swiss Alps and when? (2 marks)

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8. Why do you think Annabelle says in the last paragraph that 'Climbing is our life'? (2 marks)

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Exercise 4 : Read the passage about a six year old boy who spoke his first words after he swam in a pool with dolphins. After you read it answer the questions in complete sentences (14 marks)

For young Nikki Brice, the **daily** swimming **sessions** with the dolphins in a pool in Florida, USA, were simply part of a fun holiday with his family. But the real **purpose** was to see if swimming with dolphins could motivate him to talk.



When Nikki was born, he did not get enough oxygen and so he could not speak a word, even though he had the physical ability. They tried different ways in Britain to get him to speak but they all failed. So finally his mother Tabitha, not knowing what else to do, took him to the dolphin pool in Florida to try to get him to talk.



Tabitha Brice, from London flew to Florida with Nikki after **raising** £10,500 with the help of family, friends and **celebrities**. Nikki was given a combination of speech therapy and daily forty-minute swimming sessions in a pool with a team of eight dolphins. After just three days of the seventeen day treatment at the Dolphin Human Therapy Centre in Florida Nikki spoke his first magic word.

It was one **marvellous** morning that the breakthrough came. Nikki’s mother was taking him out of the pool when he grabbed her hand, **pointed to** the dolphins in the pool and said: ‘In.’



‘He was telling us he wanted to get back in the water,’ said Mrs Brice. ‘We just stood there in shock because it was so unexpected.’ Since that first word, Nikki has gone from strength to strength, and has spoken other words like ‘please’ and ‘duck.’

Doctors at the Florida centre say they are very pleased that Nikki spoke so soon after starting his treatment. A speech therapist in London said that this kind of treatment would not repair any brain damage but if a child was suffering from lack of confidence, swimming with dolphins might help.

Before Nikki’s breakthrough, Mrs Brice said they had only heard about, not seen, children getting better. ‘I had never expected Nikki to make such good progress so quickly but now we are seeing it before our eyes. I’m hoping that his next words will be “Hello Mum”! There is something magical that happens between children and dolphins, something I don’t think we will ever fully understand.’

Example: What is the boy’s name?

The boy’s name is Nikki Brice.

1. Where does he live? (1 mark)
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2. What was the boy’s problem? (1 mark)
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3. Why did his parents decide to take him to Florida? (2 marks)
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4. How did they raise the money to go there? (2 marks)
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5. How much time did the boy spend in the pool with the dolphins every day? (1 mark)
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6. How many dolphins were in the pool with him every day? (1 mark)
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7. What happened after three days? (1 mark)
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8. What other words did he say next? (2 marks)
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9. Which words does his mother want to hear him say? (1 mark)
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10. What do you think it means when the mother says in the last paragraph that something magical happened between the boy and the dolphins? (2 marks)
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11. Match the words in bold in the passage with their meaning. Write the answers in the space provided. The first is done as an example. (6 marks)

lessons , wonderful , everyday, showed, reason, collecting, famous people

- 1. **sessions****lessons**.....
- 2. daily
- 3. purpose
- 4. raising
- 5. Celebrities
- 6. marvellous
- 7. pointed to

Exercise 5: Write down the questions for the answers given, as in the example. (16 marks)

Example: Where is your brother?

Answer: He's at school.

1. What _____?

It's the 22nd of April.

2. Where _____?

I am from Cyprus.

3. _____?

I go to The English School.

4. _____?

The boys are playing tennis.

5. _____?

He's looking for his wallet.

6. _____?

It's sunny and warm.

7. _____ bicycle _____?

The red one is mine.

8. _____?

It's my brother's suitcase.

9. _____?

I've got £30 in my purse.

10. _____?

I go to the cinema once a month.

11. _____?

He isn't at school because he's sick.

12. _____?

Last weekend we went to Paris.

13. _____?

It took us three hours to get there.

14. _____?

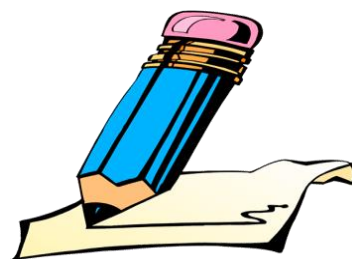
She is Japanese.

15. _____?

It is spring.

16. _____?

No, but I can play basketball.



Exercise 6: Fill in the gaps with a suitable preposition as in the example.

(10 marks)

Example: My birthday is on 23rd March.

1. We went to bed _____ midnight.
2. The school concert begins _____ 7p.m.
3. My friends and relatives always come to see me _____ my birthday.
4. I usually do my homework _____ the afternoon
5. My parents got married _____ 2004.
6. We usually go to the seaside _____ the summer.
7. We finish school _____ June.
8. Do you go to work _____ foot?
9. He is looking _____ his watch.
10. I usually go to the cinema _____ the weekends.

Exercise 7 : Fill in the spaces by giving the opposite word to the one in brackets.

(10 marks)

Example: He is a very _____ man. (tall)

Answer: He is a very short man.

1. I can't jump over that wall. It's too _____! (low)
2. That _____ shade of yellow is very nice.(dark)
3. The vase you bought was very _____(cheap)
4. His new book is very _____(boring)
5. This area is really nice to live in. It's so _____! (busy)
6. The English exam was very _____.(easy)
7. We must always be _____ to our teachers.(rude)
8. I live in a _____ part of the town (busy).
9. Be careful! The water is very _____ (shallow).
10. The _____ train leaves in 10 minutes. (slow)

