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Description: The questions on the exam have been designed to assess the following skills: Reading, Vocabulary, Use of English and Writing.

I. GRAMMAR

A) Choose the correct answer (1 x 5 = 5 points)

- 1. **On the moon, the astronautscarry oxygen tubes.**
a. had to b. should c. had better d. have to

- 2. **The teacherattendance when I arrived.**
a. was taken b. was taking c. has taken d. were taking

- 3. **English.....in most of the countries in the world.**
a. is spoken b. is not speak c. is spoke d. are not spoken

- 4. **She wishes shethe report yesterday.**
a. finished b. finishes c. will finish d. had finished

- 5. **What about.....to a club this evening?**
a. to go b. go c. to going d. going

B) Rewrite the sentences using the information in parentheses (1 x 5 = 5 points)

- 6. There isn't enough flour. I can't make a cake. **(if)**

- 7. I'm sorry I didn't learn a foreign language **(wish)**

- 8. Perhaps the management gives us a promotion this year. **(modal)**

- 9. I cut my finger. I peeled the potatoes. **(while)**

- 10. The secretary sent a lot of e-mails. **(passive)**

C) Put the verbs in () into their correct tense and from (1 x 5 = 5 points)

- 11. My parents _____ **(travel)** around Europe since last month. They _____ **(visit)** 4 countries so far.

- 12. When I closed the door I realized that I _____ **(forget)** my keys inside.

- 13. Everything is ready. We _____ **(move)** to a new house tomorrow.

- 14. A: When is your flight?
B: It _____ **(take)** off at 6.30 a.m. tomorrow.

- 15. Look at the car! It _____ **(crash)**.

II. READING (5 pts)

BODY LANGUAGE

Perhaps the most surprising theory to come out of kinesics, the study of body movement, was suggested by Professor Ray Birdwhistell. He believes that physical appearance is often culturally programmed. In other words, we learn our looks - we are not born with them. A baby has generally unformed facial features, i.e. eyes, mouth, nose and chin. A baby, according to Birdwhistell, learns where to set his features by looking at those around - family and friends. This helps explain why the people of some regions of the United States look so much alike. New Englanders or Southerners have common facial characteristics that cannot be explained by genetics. The exact shape of the mouth is not determined at birth it is learned later. In fact, the final shape of the mouth is not formed until permanent teeth are set. A husband and wife together for a long time often come to look quite alike. We learn our looks from those around us. This is perhaps why in a single country there are areas where people smile more than those in other areas. In the United States, for example, the Southerners smile frequently. In New England they smile less and in the western part of New York State even less. People on Madison Avenue, New York, smile less than those on Peachtree Street in Atlanta, Georgia. Therefore, many Southerners find cities such as New York cold and unfriendly.

A. Mark the statements as True (T) or False (F). (4x1=4 pts)

- 1. Genetics explains why people have common facial characteristics.
- 2. It takes a long time for facial features to take their final shape.
- 3. Men and women who have similar facial features usually get married.
- 4. According to Birdwhistell, a child whose parents are bad-tempered will become a bad-tempered person himself.

B. Circle the correct answer. (1x1=1 pts)

Which of the following best expresses the main idea of the passage?

- a) Birdwhistell can tell what region of the United States a person is from by how much he or she smiles.
- b) Birdwhistell is a leader in the field of kinesics.
- c) Birdwhistell says that our physical appearance is affected by the appearance of people around us.
- d) People who live in the country are friendlier than people who live in heavily populated areas.

III. WRITING (20 pts)

Choose one of these topics and write an essay according to the types given in parenthesis.

Essay Topics

- 1) Educational standards in private schools are usually higher than those in state schools.
(Opinion essay)

- 2) How can we make our city a better place to live?
(An essay suggesting solutions to the problem)

- 3) Being famous. **(For & against essay)**

Keep the following points in mind as you write:

- *Write an interesting introduction
- *Write an introduction relevant to the topic.
- *Write a thesis statement that is well stated.
- *Relate the main ideas clearly to the thesis statement.