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ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

PAST PAPER

**ESOL
(ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER
LANGUAGES)**

ONE HOUR

Name:

School:

Reading

Complete each of the blank spaces below with a suitable word.

Back on board

Bethany hoped to become a world champion surfer. Then a shark attack left her with one arm. Less than three months on, the 13-year-old tells us that her life is amazingly unchanged.



Roy Hofstetter, Bethany Hamilton's manager, introduces me _____

(1) Bethany, _____ (2) is only 13, and _____ (3) recently was

a little known but very talented surfer. Then, last October, a shark bit _____ (4) her arm and she became famous. Barely two months later she was back in competition, finishing fifth in her first surfing tournament undertaken one-handed.

She must be an extraordinarily brave girl. I ask her if she remembers anything _____ (5) the shark attack. "Not really, it was a grey blur." She never saw the shark swim up, the incident was _____ (6) in a couple of seconds and it took another couple _____ (7) seconds to realise that her arm was missing.

Did she scream? "No," she says calmly. Fortunately, she was in the water with her friend Alana and Alana's father. It took them 20 minutes to get Bethany _____ (8) to the beach. I know it is ghoulish, but I can't help asking about all the blood and the arm bobbing in the water. "Huh? Why would I see the arm in the water," she says sharply. "My arm went straight _____ (9) the shark's throat." Doctors did tell her afterwards that she is incredibly lucky to be alive - she lost 60% of her blood. It was only when she reached the beach that she fainted.

Bethany is having a prosthetic arm fitted next month, but says that having one arm would never stop her competing. Wasn't she afraid of getting back in the water? "No, of course not," she says, as if it is the _____ (10) question on earth. "I was excited."

She is a sweet girl, and seems a little astonished by everything that has happened - not simply _____ (11) the arm, but the

whole media around her. She answers many questions with a single yes or no, not because she is being terse or stropy, but because she has nothing _____ (12) to add.

It must be hard to _____ (13) with one arm? "Yes, about twice as hard. Everything about it is harder. People have to push me up on to the board. Everything about it is harder." Even with a _____ (14) arm, she thinks it is unlikely that she will ever become a world champion as she had once _____ (15). Does that make her miserable? "No, I'm just glad to be alive and out there."

Bethany says that in some ways her life has been transformed, and in some ways it is _____ (16). What does she mean? "Everything is more challenging," she says, "but it hasn't changed my outlook, or my personality."

When I ask her what kind of _____ (17) she has, she says it is probably best if her mom answers that and she passes the phone over. "Well, she really looks to have fun, especially with all her friends," her mother, Cheri, says. "In fact, whatever they are doing, they can turn into fun. Shortly after she lost her arm, she had her friends round and they all played croquet, and she made them play with one arm. She beat them all, of course."

Was she ever worried that Bethany was going to die after the attack? "Well, the doctor told me that she could have easily died, but I didn't see her till she was in hospital and by then she was stable. Had I been there at the time I'm sure I would have been very _____ (18), but when I first heard I just thought that her arm was probably a bit mangled. I didn't realise she'd actually lost it." Both mother and daughter are remarkably cool and sanguine about the attack. Cheri tells me that she was told by Bethany's friend that not only did her daughter not _____ (19) when the shark bit off her arm, she simply said, "I think we better go in because I've been attacked by a shark."

Although Bethany has made _____ (20) progress, Cheri thinks it would be unreasonable to expect her to become a world champion surfer now. "It would be really challenging. Once she's on the wave she can be as good as anyone else but it's catching the wave that is the critical point." That is why it is so important for her to _____ (21) on her other sports, and broaden her horizons, she says.

Answer the following questions

22. How old is Bethany Hamilton?

23. When did a shark bite off Bethany's arm?

24. What was Bethany's position in her first surfing competition after her accident?

25. How much blood did Bethany lose?

26. Does Bethany still hope to become a world champion surfer?

27. What is Bethany's manager called?

28. List three ways in which Bethany is sharing her story with other people.

TOTAL OUT OF 28 =

/28

WRITING

Write an article for your School magazine describing something that you really enjoy doing, e.g. a hobby, playing a musical instrument, watching and/or playing sport, reading, listening to music.

Explain what makes the activity so enjoyable and how other people can start doing this activity.

Write 200 words minimum.

TOTAL OUT OF 20 = /20

END OF EXAMINATION