

MYDDELTON COLLEGE

Year 10 Entry Examination 2015



English - 1 hour

Answer all questions on lined paper

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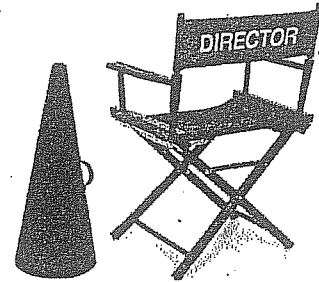
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1. Would you rather live in a town or the countryside?

Write an essay of approximately 200 words giving reasons for your choice.

2. Read the following passage and answer all the questions.

'It's their age ...'



- A** Thomas Robert Daley was born on the 21st May 1994. He is an English diver who specialises in the 10 metre platform event and is currently the FINA World Champion. He started diving at the age of seven and has made an impact in national and international competition at an early age. He represented Great Britain at the 2008 Summer Olympics, where he was Britain's youngest competitor, the youngest competitor of any nationality outside the sport of swimming, and the youngest to participate in a final. He lives in England with father Robert, mother Debbie and two brothers, William and Ben. He won two gold medals at the 2010 Commonwealth Games, in the 10 metre synchro diving event (with Max Brick) and the 10 metre individual platform competition.
- B** Kishan is only ten. Starting at the age of four, he has already acted in twenty-four feature films and has starred in 1,000 episodes of a hit soap opera on television in India. Now he's directing a full-length feature film about a child who lives on the streets. 'When I was six years old, I saw children selling newspapers at the traffic lights and my dad said they do not have parents. I thought I must do something for them,' Kishan told the BBC. Now he juggles school and filming, and although he misses out on playing with his friends, he has no regrets. He has his critics, however, who believe that he is having to become an adult too quickly, which is ironic, considering the subject matter of his film.
- C** Leona Louise Lewis was born on the 3rd April 1985. She is a British pop singer and songwriter. She auditioned for The X Factor in 2006 and after being announced the winner, received a £1 million recording contract. Leona has released two albums to date, Spirit and Echo, in 2007 and 2009 respectively. Spirit became the fastest-selling debut album and the biggest seller of 2007 in both the United Kingdom and Ireland. It has sold over 6.5 million copies worldwide. Leona's debut single 'A Moment Like This' became the fastest selling UK single after being downloaded over 50,000 times within 30 minutes of its release. Her second single, 'Bleeding Love', reached number one positions in over thirty singles charts around the world.
- D** Rabbit Kekai is a top international surfer. He comes from Hawaii and started surfing at the age of four. There are many top surfers from Hawaii, and many of them start young. Not many of them, however, continue surfing and competing in tournaments around the world as long as Rabbit, who is now an incredible eighty-three years old. He and his wife Lynn live in an apartment which is just 200 metres from Waikiki beach, and he gets up at 5.00 a.m. every single day of the year and goes straight down to the beach. He earns his living by teaching surfing and making commercials, but says, 'I still prefer to compete. I had six or seven first places last year. To be honest, I surf to keep alive.'

Questions

1-3

Choose A, B, C or D for each question.

Which section

- 1 mentions someone's brothers? _____
- 2 makes reference to the Internet? _____
- 3 talks about making sacrifices? _____

4-6

Answer these questions using no more than **three words or a number**.

- 4 From an early age, Tom has competed at both a _____ level.
- 5 At the Summer Olympics 2008, Tom was _____ in the British team.
- 6 He and his partner won a gold medal in _____ at the 2010 Commonwealth Games!

7-9

Choose **one** correct answer for each question.

- 7 Kishan Shinkanth is unusual because he has
 - a directed 24 feature films.
 - b appeared in a soap opera.
 - c made a film about himself.
- 8 When Kishan was six years old he
 - a sold newspapers in town.
 - b did not live with his parents.
 - c decided to help street children.

9 Some people feel that Kishan

- a should spend more time studying.
- b is growing up faster than he should.
- c needs to find a new topic for his film.

10-12

Answer these questions using no more than **three words or a number**.

- 10 Leona was given a recording contract after being successful in _____.
- 11 _____ is Leona's first album and has been a global success.
- 12 The single _____ outsold other singles around the world.

13-15

Choose **three** correct answers.

Rabbit Kekai

- a helps others to learn how to surf.
- b is a judge for surfing competitions.
- c surfs in the morning with his wife.
- d surfed from an unusually early age.
- e outperforms others in competitions.
- f is the oldest known competitive surfer.
- g goes surfing every day all year round.