

WOODHOUSE GROVE SCHOOL

ESOL ENTRANCE EXAM

FAMILY NAME: _____

FIRST NAMES: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

TIME ALLOWED: 1 ½ HOURS

Answer section A and section B on the exam paper

Please attach any extra sheets used and mark clearly on your paper where you have used extra sheets.

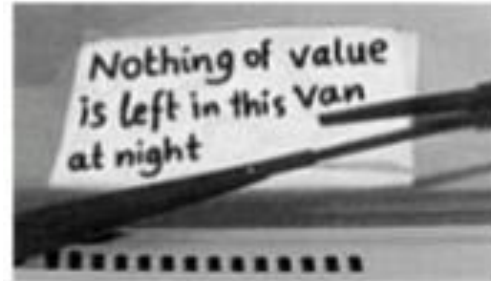
Section A (50%)

Questions 1-5 (10 marks)

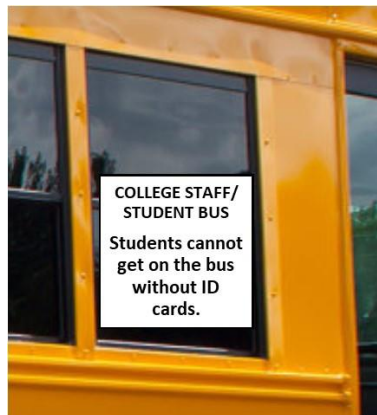
Look at the text in each question. What does it say? Circle the correct letter **A**, **B** or **C**.

Example

- A** Valuable objects are removed at night
- B** Valuables should not be left in the van.
- C** This van is locked at night.



1. **A** This bus service cannot be used by college staff unless they show ID cards.
B Students can get their ID cards on the bus.
C Students are not allowed on the bus unless they have ID cards.



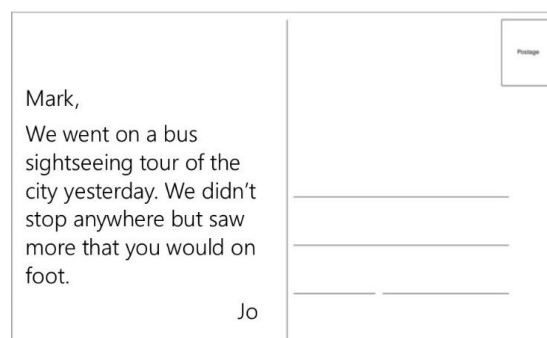
2. **A** Laura liked the jumper Jane bought, but needs it in a different size.
B Laura wants to try to get the same jumper in a different colour.
C Laura received two jumpers which were the same, so wants to exchange one.

To:	Jane
From:	Laura
The jumper's lovely—thanks. Could you tell me where you got it? I'd like to buy another one to match the coat I also got for my birthday.	

3. **A** The library will have shorter opening hours until next Friday.
B The library will change its opening hours next Friday.
C The library will open again to students next Friday.



4. **A** Jo is pleased with the number of things she saw from the bus.
B Jo regrets not having walked around the city to look at the sights.
C Jo thinks there are better sightseeing tours than the one she took.



5. **A** Customers may park outside the market for up to three hours.
B You may unload your vehicle here at any time.
C Customers may park here at times when vehicles are not unloading.



Questions 6 – 15 (20 marks)

Read the passage below about The Short Story Society and then look at the sentences.

Decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, put a tick (✓) next to the sentence. If it is incorrect, put a cross (X) next to the sentence.

MEMBERSHIP

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The Short Story Society exists to help writers in Britain today. Started in 1899, the Short Story Society is now one of Britain's most active arts organisations

- Society Magazines
- National Short Story Competition
- Education
- The Writers' Café
- Becoming a Member

Society Magazines

We produce a range of excellent magazines, including the popular *Short Story Review*. This magazine includes short stories by some of Britain's top writers, as well as providing plenty of opportunities for new writers to have their work printed. Another magazine, *Short Story News*, has interviews with writers and is packed with information about events, competitions, festivals and the writing scene in general. To see a selection of articles from recent issues, follow the links on this website.

National Short Story Competition

We run the National Short Story Competition, the biggest competition of its kind. It is open to anyone aged 18 and over and short stories on any topic are accepted. Short stories should be between 1,000 and 1,500 words long. There is no entry fee for anyone belonging to the Society (non-members pay an entry fee of £5). The competition runs from April until the end of October each year. The ten best entries will appear in the Society's annual book of short stories. The actual winner will receive a publishing contract to produce his or her own collection of short stories.

Education

For nearly thirty years the Society has taken writers into classrooms, providing children and teachers with new ideas and building confidence in their own writing. Current projects include the *Young Writer of the Year*, which was started in 1998 and is open to writers aged 11 – 18. All winners receive book prizes and are invited to study on a five-day course taught by professional writers.

The Writers' Café

The Writers' Café is the social centre of the Society. Relaxed and stylish, with freshly cooked vegetarian food, excellent coffees and cold drinks, it is the ideal place to look through the Society's magazines. The Café also provides monthly exhibitions, short courses and readings. Its location is in the heart of London, and it is open from 11.00am to 10.00pm Monday to Friday and 11.00am to 8.00pm on Saturday. Society members receive discounts on selected products and events.

Becoming a Member

We have members worldwide, and anyone aged eighteen or over is welcome to join. If you are interested in joining The Short Story Society, click here and fill out a registration form.

6. The Short Story Society has existed for over a century.
7. Short Story Review publishes work by inexperienced writers.
8. Articles from one of the Society's magazines are available on the internet.
9. Writers entering the National Short Story Competition must choose a subject suggested by the Society.
10. It costs £5 for members of the Society to enter the National Short Story Competition.
11. Each year, ten winning writers will be offered contracts to publish their own books.
12. The Short Story Society visits schools to give pupils help with writing.
13. Society members can attend regular events at the Writers' Café.
14. The Writers' Café is situated just outside London.
15. Children from anywhere in the world are able to become members of the Society.

Questions 16 – 25 (20 marks)

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space.
For each question, circle the correct letter A, B, C or D.

Example

0 **A** most **B** more **C** very **D** too

Grass

Grass is probably the (0) _____ successful living plant in the world. There are over 9000 different types of grasses and they are (16) _____ in every region on the earth. They are the (17) _____ flowering plants that can exist in the freezing (18) _____ of the Arctic and the Antarctic.

Grasslands support a wide range of animal life, from tiny insects and birds to huge animals like cows and lions. All of them (19) _____ on grass in one way or another.

Grass (20) _____ very quickly after it is cut or (21) _____. Unlike other plants, the new leaves grow from (22) _____ the soil, not from the top of the plant. That is (23) _____ large families of animals are able to live together in one area. As (24) _____ as they have eaten all the grass there, a fresh meal is always (25) _____ because the plants start to grow again.

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| 16. A noticed | B realised | C caught | D found |
| 17. A single | B one | C only | D special |
| 18. A environment | B scene | C situation | D background |

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| 19. A depend | B build | C turn | D hang |
| 20. A repeats | B recovers | C reduces | D remains |
| 21. A hurt | B broken | C injured | D damaged |
| 22. A beside | B behind | C below | D beyond |
| 23. A why | B where | C what | D when |
| 24. A fast | B soon | C quickly | D often |
| 25. A available | B present | C free | D complete |

Section B (50%)

Here are some questions about reading books. For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

Use no more than three words. (10 marks)

Example

I could read when I was four.

I have been able to read since I was four.

1. None of my friends enjoy reading as much as I do.

I enjoy reading _____ any of my friends.

2. I borrowed a good book from my teacher.

My teacher _____ me a very good book.

3. It doesn't matter to me if a book is long or short.

I don't _____ if a book is long or short.

4. My mother finished War and Peace in only three weeks.

It only _____ my mother three weeks to finish War and Peace.

5. I am often given books as presents.

People often _____ me books as presents.

