Name Class

**INITIAL TEST**

12th Grade

**1 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.**

I rarely act on (1) \_\_\_ , so when my grandmother, who has the most (2) \_\_\_ demeanour of anyone her age, suggested we go on a walking tour of Australia, I nearly passed out. ‘I’ve had a (3) \_\_\_ ,’ she told me last night. ‘Let’s have an adventure!’ Gran is always telling me to make my (4) \_\_\_ on the world, as she wants me to (5) \_\_\_ my potential. Sadly, I don’t have her optimism and think that her belief is largely (6) \_\_\_ thinking on her part. She wants me to be as courageous as she was in her (7) \_\_\_ , when she travelled through Africa alone. I was brought up with her amazing stories about when she was (8) \_\_\_ with life-or-death choices, all of which have been (9) \_\_\_ to my memory like a digital library. But truth be told, I have always felt somewhat in awe of her, as she seems absolutely fearless (10) \_\_\_ I seem to be terrified (11) \_\_\_ everything. Gran and my parents have never (12) \_\_\_ any demands on me and have allowed me to find my own way. They have always been there to guide me but deep down I think they were all hoping that I would (13) \_\_\_ Gran’s example. When she came up with her suggestion, I found lots of excuses not to go but Gran (14) \_\_\_ a command at me: ‘Go pack your bag – one only. Nothing that (15) \_\_\_ up too much space!’ You do not want to argue with my gran when she’s like this. She looked up from the computer. ‘I can get tickets for tomorrow morning, so go pack,’ she said, printing off our tickets.

1 A intuition B instinct C impulse D impression

2 A juvenile B infant C childish D youthful

3 A brainwave B brainteaser C brainstorm D brainchild

4 A sign B mark C success D hit

5 A gain B grow C fulfil D earn

6 A aspiring B ambitious C hopeful D wishful

7 A youth B infancy C adolescence D childhood

8 A encountered B tackled C faced D joined

9 A dedicated B committed C promised D compelled

10 A despite B whereas C otherwise D however

11 A from B by C of D for

12 A had B made C forced D kept

13 A practise B make C pursue D follow

14 A barked B coughed C groaned D muttered

15 A makes B puts C uses D take

/15 points

**2 Read the text. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.**

Biodiversity refers to the (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of ecosystems and living organisms **VARY** and constitutes the (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of life on Earth. It is vital to human **FOUND** (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the planet. Without it, we would not have the basic **SURVIVE** components of life: oxygen, food, freshwater, fertile soils, medicines, a stable climate and so on. (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , it is the one natural feature on Earth **FORTUNE** which has been most affected by human (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . The main reason **ACT** for this is because it is impossible to put a price tag on biodiversity, so its (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ importance has been largely ignored by financial markets, **ECONOMY** whose (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to this valuable resource has added to the **DIFFER** (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lack of strategic protection and conservation. **SHAME**

According to the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, there are between five and thirty million species on our planet but the (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of only **EXIST** around two million of those has been formally identified. Every day the (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of species is around 1,000 times more than it would **EXTINCT** have been without human interference.

/20 points

**3 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and six words, including the word given.**

1 I am always upset when I hear about children starving in Africa.

**IT**

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hear about children starving in Africa.

2 We have never told the staff that there might be redundancies.

**NO**

At \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the staff that there might be redundancies.

3 They worked late and they didn’t get paid for it.

**DID**

Not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they also didn’t get paid for it.

4 She knows a lot about British history.

**GOOD**

She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ British history.

5 My parents wouldn’t let me train as an airline pilot.

**STOPPED**

My parents \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as an airline pilot.

6 There’s no chance whatsoever of getting tickets for the concert.

**QUITE**

It’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the concert.

7 We don’t think he’ll be here before 2 o’clock this afternoon.

**EXPECTED**

He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ before 2 o’clock this afternoon.

8 The company was in danger of going bankrupt last year.

**COULD**

The company \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ last year.

9 She hasn’t visited her parents for ages.

**HIGH**

It’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her parents.

10 I only know the truth because she told me.

**NOT**

If she hadn’t told me, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the truth.

/40 points

**4 Complete the text. Use only one word for each gap.**

In 1948, Garry Davis, a former American actor and B-17 bomber pilot went to the US Embassy in Paris and declared that he (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ longer wished to be an American citizen but a citizen of the world. (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ been through the Second World War, he could not (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the thought of a third world war, which threatened as the Cold War (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ East and West started to ignite. He went to the UN General Assembly and demanded (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ should become a single world government, for the whole of the planet. His ideas gained many supporters, (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Albert Schweitzer and Albert Camus. He founded the World Government of World Citizens, along with the World Service Authority (WSA) in 1953 in Ellsworth, Maine, USA. Today anyone can apply (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a World Passport, provided they fill in the application form and send in their payment. The cheapest passport is for three years and costs $45; the most expensive is a World Donor Passport, which lasts for fifteen years and is only issued on a donation of at (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ $4,000 to the World Refugee Fund, which helps WSA provide documents for needy refugees. A World Passport does not supersede a person’s national passport, which, by nature, is exclusive, in (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to a World Passport, which is wholly inclusive. It represents the ideal that we are all human beings who belong to one big family (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of belonging to sovereign states which are constantly vying for predominance. (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Garry Davis’ own words, ‘The world passport opens the door. Anyone can get it. Everyone is a human being, everyone has a right to travel.’ However, not every nation accepts the passport, (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ there is evidence that more than 160 nations have stamped World Passports at some time or another, (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a case-by-case basis. Garry Davis died aged 92 in 2013, without seeing his dream of a peaceful world come true. (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his death, his dreams are not forgotten and the organisation he created still (15)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his message to the world.

/15 points

**Total\_\_\_\_\_\_/100 points**

**KEY**

**1**

1 C 2 D 3 A 4 B 5 C 6 D 7 A 8 C 9 B 10 B 11 C 12 B 13 D 14 A 15 D

**2**

1 variety 2 foundation 3 survival 4 Unfortunately 5 activity/actions 6 economic 7 indifference 8 shameful 9 existence 10 extinction 11 interference 12 destruction 13 invasive

**3**

1 always find it upsetting to 2 no time have we told/did we tell 3 only did they work late but 4 has good knowledge of 5 stopped me from training 6 quite impossible to get 7 is not expected to be here 8 could have gone bankrupt 9 high time she visited 10 would not know/would not have known

**4**

1 no 2 Having 3 stand/bear 4 between 5 it 6 including 7 for 8 least 9 contrast 10 instead 11 In 12 although 13 on 14 Despite 15 carries