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3ème Native English Lycée  
Sample Entrance Test 2021

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2 hours

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Score \_\_\_\_\_/60

## PART 1: COMPREHENSION

Read the text below and then answer all the questions (1-10) underneath:

*Brady Barr has a TV series on the Geographic Channel. Here is an extract from an article that he wrote for the channel's website about filming a particularly dangerous episode.*

- 5 The cave was literally a chamber of horrors, probably ~~the worst place I have worked in the~~ ten years I have been at Geographic. The cave was filled with the usual customers (scorpions, roaches, maggots, spiders, millions of bats, lizards, and snakes), but it was the unbelievable amount of bat guano that made it unbearable. There were places where you had to wade through chest-deep liquefied bat guano. The stuff was like quicksand, almost sucking you down and making progress very slow and cautious. This bat guano soup along with low oxygen levels eventually prevented our expedition from going deeper into the cave.
- 10 On day three, about 200 feet (60 meters) into the cave, walking along the right-side wall where the fecal soup was the shallowest, I spied a large python partially exposed in a crack in the left wall, on the opposite side of the cave across the deepest part of the fecal river.
- [With cameras rolling] I frantically waded across the middle deepest portion of the fecal river (waist deep on me) and to the other side of the cave, where I was successful in grabbing the
- 15 last few feet of the snake's tail before it escaped into the wall.
- By this time Dr Mark Auliya, a python expert working with me on this project, arrived to assist me in pulling this large snake out of the wall. I handed over the tail to Mark while I attempted to free more of the large snake's body from the crevice as Mark pulled.
- 20 After a brief power struggle, the python popped out of the crack in a blur of coils and quickly started to wrap us up. In the waist-deep fecal soup, the darkness of the cave and myriad of coils, it was difficult to locate the head, which was our major concern. With Mark still holding the tail, the big snake wrapped its powerful coils around Mark's body once and around both of my legs down low at least once, and maybe two coils. The snake's head was horrifyingly all over the place, popping in and out of the fecal soup and making securing it almost
- 25 impossible. Before we could formulate a plan to get out of the quicksand-like fecal soup, where drowning was a serious issue while trying to subdue a giant snake, it bit me.
- I felt the snake attach to my leg right below my left buttock, which sent me literally through the roof with pain. These guys are armed with dozens of strongly recurved razor-sharp teeth. After securing its hold, it threw the weight and power of its muscular body into the bite and
- 30 started ripping downward. The power of these snakes is beyond comprehension... remember, they are constrictors, and power is the name of their game.

Questions:

1. Give TWO reasons why the cave was an unpleasant place to be, according to the text? (2 marks)
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why couldn't the explorers go all the way into the cave? (1 mark)  
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3. In paragraph 2, in what way was the bat guano like quicksand? (1 mark)  
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4. What does the word, 'wade' mean in paragraph 2? (2 marks)

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5. In paragraph 3, the writer uses the term 'fecal soup'. What is he actually referring to? (1 mark)

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6. What does the word 'frantically' mean in paragraph 4? (2 marks)

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7. Reread paragraph 6 ("After a brief... bit me"). Using your own words, explain what the writer means by the words in italics in the following phrases:

i. The python popped out of the crack *in a blur of coils* (line 19) (2 marks)

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ii. The snake's head was *horrifyingly all over the place* (line 23) (2 marks)

\_\_\_\_\_

iii. *Popping in and out* of the fecal soup (line 24) (2 marks)

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8. Give TWO reasons why catching the python was a dangerous activity. (2 marks)

i. \_\_\_\_\_

ii. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Give TWO reasons why the snake wound was so painful for Brady (2 marks)

i. \_\_\_\_\_

ii. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Was the writer exploring the cave for work or for fun? What hint in the text tells you this? (1 mark) \_\_\_\_\_

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PART 2: GRAMMAR

FOR THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, FILL IN THE MISSING WORD/S WITH THE CORRECT TENSE OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS. For some, you may have to fill in more than one word for each gap:

1. What \_\_\_\_\_ (do) John \_\_\_\_\_ (say) to you yesterday?
2. Oh Mary, your room is such a mess! Why \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) it up yet?
3. Just as Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (cross) the road, a bus \_\_\_\_\_ (come) hurtling around the corner.
4. Dogs always \_\_\_\_\_ (bark) louder when they \_\_\_\_\_ (sense) that you are afraid.
5. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) all the presents under the Christmas tree last night, I just \_\_\_\_\_ (cannot) believe my eyes.
6. You must \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) tired. You \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) up so late last night!
7. Please \_\_\_\_\_ (not bother) me now. I \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to concentrate on this puzzle.
8. When the old man \_\_\_\_\_ (see) his grandchild coming towards him, he \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) out his arms to give him a hug.

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FOR THE TEXT BELOW, FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE FOLLOWING WORDS IN BLUE. You must only use each word ONCE:

- *Also, Nerves, very, look, Although, brush, pretends, groans, remind, often, smooth, son, always, for, lying, puff*

As a parent, I \_\_\_\_\_ have to remind my \_\_\_\_\_ to make his bed in the morning before leaving \_\_\_\_\_ school. I don't know why he systematically forgets, or why he \_\_\_\_\_ so loudly every time I \_\_\_\_\_ him.

The thing is, his bed is \_\_\_\_\_ easy to make. All he has to do is \_\_\_\_\_ out the bottom sheet, pull the quilt cover over the top and then \_\_\_\_\_ up his pillow. What is so hard about that?

The other thing that gets on my \_\_\_\_\_, is that I \_\_\_\_\_ have to remind him to \_\_\_\_\_ his teeth after breakfast.

\_\_\_\_\_ when I remind him, he \_\_\_\_\_ that he has already done it. I always know when he's \_\_\_\_\_ though, because he won't \_\_\_\_\_ me in the eye.

\_\_\_\_\_ I love my son to bits, it's a tough job!

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