SOCRATES

Module C — Full Practice Exam · 90 minutes · 100 points

WRITTEN RECEPTION (70 points)

(ACCESS TO INFORMATION FROM WRITTEN TEXTS)

Read the text and then answer questions 1–8. In the multiple-choice questions, circle the number of the correct answer. In the other questions, follow the instructions.

THE MAGIC OF SUMMER CAMPS

I Every summer, when the school year concludes, thousands of children pack their suitcases and travel to summer camp. Although some camps are situated in forests beside lakes, others operate in the city, in schools or community centres. At camp, children enjoy sports, art, music and games, and for many, camp becomes the happiest period of the year.

II Summer camps are not a modern invention, because the first camps were established in the United States more than 140 years ago. Teachers believed that city children needed fresh air and exercise during the long summer holiday. Nowadays there are camps for almost every interest, including football camps, science camps, cooking camps and even space camps, where children build small rockets and learn about the stars. Most camps continue for one to three weeks, and children usually sleep in small wooden houses or enormous tents.

III Why are camps so good for children? Firstly, children learn to manage daily responsibilities without their parents, since they make their own beds, keep their belongings tidy and solve small problems completely alone. Secondly, camp is a wonderful place to make new friends, because children live, eat and play together for weeks, so they become a real team. Campers also attempt exciting activities, such as climbing or swimming, discover hidden talents, and many remain friends for the rest of their lives.

IV Of course, camp life is not always easy, and some children miss home, especially during the first days. Fortunately, good camps understand this, so their counsellors* always help new campers feel welcome. Parents can assist as well, because they can send letters and pack a favourite toy or a beloved book. Most children forget their worries after a day or two, and by the end of the summer, they do not want to return home at all!* counsellors — מדריכים

QUESTIONS — PART I (70 points)

1. According to paragraph I, what do children do at summer camp?

i. They study for school tests.
ii. They do sports, art, music and games.
iii. They travel to other countries.
iv. They work in community centres.

(7 points)

2. The first summer camps opened because teachers believed that city children needed something.
COMPLETE: City children needed

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(9 points)

3. What do children do at space camps? Give ONE detail. (paragraph II)

ANSWER:

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(8 points)

4. How does camp help children learn to do things without their parents? Give ONE example. (paragraph III)

ANSWER:

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(8 points)

5. Why do campers become friends quickly?

i. Because they live, eat and play together.
ii. Because they come from the same school.
iii. Because their parents know each other.
iv. Because the camps are very small.

(8 points)

6. Mark the TWO statements that are true according to the text.

- ☐ All summer camps are in forests near lakes.
- ☐ The first summer camps opened more than 140 years ago.
- ☐ Children at camp do everything with their parents.
- ☐ Some children miss home at the beginning of camp.
- ☐ Campers never stay friends after the summer ends.
- ☐ Parents are not allowed to send letters to camp.

(2×7=14 points)

7. How do counsellors help children who miss home? (paragraph IV)

ANSWER:

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(8 points)

8. What can parents do to help their children at camp? Give ONE answer. (paragraph IV)

ANSWER:

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(8 points)

PART II — WRITTEN PRODUCTION (30 points)

9. *(30 points)*

Some schools want to start every day with a short sports lesson. Do you think this is a good idea? Write your opinion and explain why. Write 70–90 words in English.

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FINAL VERSION / גרסה סופית (70–90 words)

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