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.

FLEA MARKETS AND SECOND-HAND TREASURES

I On Friday mornings, the ancient square in Jaffa overflows with tables, boxes and cheerful commotion, because this is a flea market — a place where people sell things that they do not need any more. There you can discover old books, toys, clothing, dishes and even bicycles. Everything is second-hand, which means that somebody previously owned and used it before you purchased it.

II Flea markets are certainly not a recent invention. Hundreds of years ago, people in Paris sold old furniture and clothing in the streets surrounding the city, and today similar markets operate throughout the world. While some are small, containing only ten tables in a quiet street, others are enormous, with hundreds of sellers and thousands of visitors. Most markets open early in the morning, so experienced shoppers arrive first to find the best things.

III Why do so many people love flea markets? Firstly, the merchandise there is remarkably inexpensive, because a shirt that costs a considerable amount of money in a shop can cost only a few shekels at the market. Secondly, purchasing second-hand items is beneficial for our planet, since we throw away considerably less. But the biggest reason is the fun of the hunt, because you never know what you will find — perhaps an antique camera, a rare record or a beautiful lamp for your bedroom.

IV If you visit a flea market, here is some valuable advice. Bring cash, because many sellers do not accept credit cards, and always examine things carefully before you buy them. And do not be shy — at a flea market, you are allowed to bargain*! Ask for a lower price, smile politely, and many sellers will happily agree, so perhaps you will return home with a genuine treasure.* bargain — להתמקח

QUESTIONS — PART I (70 points)

1. According to paragraph I, what is a flea market?

i. A place where people sell things that they do not need any more.

ii. A shop that sells only new bicycles.

iii. A school event in the old square in Jaffa.

iv. A place where people give away free food.

(7 points)

2. Flea markets are not a new idea. Hundreds of years ago, people in Paris sold things in the streets.
COMPLETE: People in Paris sold

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(9 points)

3. Why do smart shoppers arrive at the market early in the morning? (paragraph II)

ANSWER:

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(8 points)

4. Why is buying second-hand things good for our planet? (paragraph III)

ANSWER:

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(8 points)

5. According to paragraph III, what is the biggest reason people love flea markets?

i. The clothes there are always new.

ii. The fun of the hunt — you never know what you will find.

iii. The markets are close to their homes.

iv. The sellers give every visitor a free lamp.

(8 points)

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

- ☐ All flea markets are small, with only ten tables.
- ☐ Some flea markets are huge, with hundreds of sellers.
- ☐ Flea markets sell only new things from shops.
- ☐ Many sellers at flea markets do not take credit cards.
- ☐ It is rude to ask for a lower price at a flea market.
- ☐ Most flea markets open late in the evening.

(2×7=14 points)

7. What should you do before you buy something at a flea market? (paragraph IV)

ANSWER:

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(8 points)

8. How can you bargain at a flea market? Give ONE detail. (paragraph IV)

ANSWER:

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(8 points)

PART II — WRITTEN PRODUCTION (30 points)

9. *(30 points)*

Describe your dream bedroom. What does it look like? What is in it? Why would you love it? Write 70–90 words in English.

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FINAL VERSION / גרסה סופית (70–90 words)

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