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.

LEARNING TO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT

I Do you play the piano, the guitar or the drums? All over the world, millions of children learn to play a musical instrument. Some begin at school, where everyone learns the recorder* together in class, while others take private lessons after school. Although playing an instrument requires considerable time and dedication, it can also bring enormous happiness.* recorder — חלילית

II For most learners, the beginning is usually the hardest part. During the first weeks, new guitar players complain that their fingers hurt, while new violin players produce sounds resembling a crying cat! Fortunately, a good teacher helps enormously, because he or she demonstrates how to sit, how to hold the instrument and how to read simple notes. At home, the student must practise the same short melodies repeatedly, and gradually, week after week, the strange noises transform into genuine music.

III Learning an instrument benefits children in numerous ways, and it teaches patience because nobody plays perfectly on the first day. Doctors also claim that playing genuinely helps the brain, and children who play regularly often perform better at school. Best of all, musicians can join a band or an orchestra and make new friends who love the same songs, while playing in a group teaches young people to listen to others and cooperate as a team.

IV Do you want to start playing an instrument? Here is some practical advice: first, choose an instrument that you really love, not one that your parents choose for you. Secondly, practise a little every day, because ten minutes each day is far better than one lengthy hour once a week. Above all, do not give up after a difficult day, and always remember that every great musician in the world was once a nervous beginner.

QUESTIONS — PART I (70 points)

1. According to paragraph I, where do some children learn the recorder?

i. At school, where everyone learns together in class.

ii. At home, from their parents.

iii. In a band with their friends.

iv. At a shop that sells instruments.

(7 points)

2. In the first weeks, learning the guitar is hard. COMPLETE: New guitar players say that their

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(9 points)

3. How does a good teacher help a new student? Give ONE detail. (paragraph II)

ANSWER:

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(8 points)

4. Why does learning an instrument teach patience? (paragraph III)

ANSWER:

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(8 points)

5. According to paragraph III, what do doctors say about playing an instrument?

i. It helps the brain.

ii. It makes children taller.

iii. It is bad for the fingers.

iv. It helps children sleep better.

(8 points)

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

- ☐ Learning an instrument is easy from the very first day.
- ☐ Children who play an instrument often do better at school.
- ☐ Parents should choose the instrument for their children.
- ☐ New players should give up after a bad day.
- ☐ Practising a little every day is better than one long hour once a week.
- ☐ Only children who take private lessons can learn an instrument.

(2×7=14 points)

7. What kind of instrument should you choose? (paragraph IV)

ANSWER:

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(8 points)

8. What should players remember after a bad day? (paragraph IV)

ANSWER:

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(8 points)

PART II — WRITTEN PRODUCTION (30 points)

9. *(30 points)*

Some people think that families should eat dinner together every evening. Do you agree? 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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