

**COMPETITIVE ENTRANCE INTO FIRST YEAR MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE**  
**PREPAVOGT - ESSCA**  
**MAY 2022**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**Time allowed / 1hour 30min.**

**SECTION A: GRAMMAR (10marks)**

**Exercise 1: Fill in the blanks with the correct answer (5marks)**

1. It is very important ..... Here on time for the meeting tomorrow.  
A) To be      B) are      C) be      D) will be
2. Travelling to a foreign country has ..... Its positive and negative points.  
A) Neither      B) also      C) both      D) either      E) one or the other
3. Last week, we ..... to the new Thai restaurant.  
A) Went      B) have gone      C) had gone      D) were going
4. You ..... have seen Jane at the Mall! She is in Canada right now.  
A) Shouldn't      B) wouldn't      C) must not      D) couldn't
5. If everyone did their part, the earth ..... a cleaner place.  
A) Would be      B) was      C) must be      D) will be      E) is
6. .... in magic? A) Do you believe      B) Are you believe      C) You believe  
D) Does you believe
7. I'm not sure, but I think that the new restaurant ..... by Mr. Davenport.  
A) Is owned      B) owns      C) is belonged      D) owned      E) belongs
8. The cold chair ..... to an antique collector yesterday afternoon.  
A) Was sold      B) was selling      C) has sold      D) will be sold
9. .... the invention of email, many elderly people still prefer writing letters.  
A) In spite      B) although      C) even if      D) despite
10. A: Did you hear about Stan? B: He had his arm ..... last night.  
A) Broken      B) break      C) was broken      D) breaks

**Exercise 2: Complete the following sentences with the correct prepositions chosen from the list. (5marks)**

***By, with, from, for, since, between, off, opposite, of***

- 1) The dog needs to be fed, it hasn't eaten any food ..... days.
- 2) The rain prevented the football match ..... taking place.
- 3) Our house is directly ..... the municipal stadium.
- 4) The little boy took ..... His shoes as he approached the entrance of the mosque.
- 5) This exam is very easy, I can do all the exercises all ..... myself.

**SECTION B: VOCABULARY (10marks)**

**Exercise 1: Complete each sentence by writing the comparative or superlative form of the adjective in CAPITAL LETTERS. (5marks)**

- 1) She is the .....person that I had ever met (DETERMINED)
- 2) Children become ..... as they get older. (INDEPENDENT)
- 3) It is children who get the ..... form of the disease. (SEVERE)
- 4) The more he praised her, the .....her face grew (RED)
- 5) His ..... comments were reserved for the parents of ill-behaved children. (SHARP)

**Exercise 2: Choose the option that is similar in meaning to the underlined words or expressions in the sentences. (5marks)**

1. The help he gave me was invaluable  
a) Expensive   b) exorbitant   c) cheap   d) priceless
2. His works had a permanent effect on people  
a) Ancient   b) lasting   c) temporary   d) strong
3. This teacher has always been optimistic  
a) Negative   b) positive   c) friendly   d) fatherly
4. This hand sanitizer is very costly  
a) Cheap   b) expensive   c) dear   d) inexpensive
5. His role in counseling students was pivotal  
a) Insignificant   b) important   c) unremarkable   d) unavoidable

## **SECTION C: READING COMPREHENSION (10marks)**

### **What type of jobs do women of China hold today?**

It is interesting to discover that Chinese women today are successful career women. Choo Chang, for example, is a manageress of one of China's largest telecommunication companies, while Soo Hoon is also a manageress of a large food-chain restaurant. Recently, both these personalities were awarded the best women entrepreneur award in China. Another successful personality is Wan Hai, a renowned scientist who works in China's space programme. And the list goes on. One thing **they** all have in common is that they all belong to the female gender. According to Shan Thoi, the Minister of Human Resource Development, women are now the most important assets to the country. He claims the government also believes **this**. He says that China really needs educated women to help advance the country further.

This was not the case 60 years ago. Then, there were very few women holding important posts. Women worked mostly at home or in factories. Now, more than 50 million women are working in China and this constitutes nearly 50% of the workforce. It is estimated that 35,000 women are scientists and technical workers and a small number hold important government posts as governors or ministers, while some 8 million others are engineers, chemists, and biologists.

It has not been easy for these women, says Shan Thoi. He believes that Chinese women have had to endure **more difficulties** than Chinese men. Women still have to take care of their families besides working. That means **they** really hold two jobs, one at their office or factory and the other at home. This is the same problem encountered by women in many parts of the world.

Having realized the importance of women to the economy of China, the government of China is trying to create better working conditions for women. More day-care centers are being set up for the children of working mothers. Women are also helped in getting better education and in getting better jobs. According to Shan Thoi, if these steps are successfully implemented, the future of women in China should even be better.

**Questions: answer the questions below based on the passage.**

1) What do the following words or phrases in the passage refer to?

- a) they.....  
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- b) this.....  
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- c) more difficulties.....  
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- d) they.....  
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- 2) Why is it important for the women in China to work?.....  
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- 3) What is the difference between women who worked in China 60 years ago and women who are working presently?.....  
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- 4) Choose a supporting detail from paragraph II.....  
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- 5) What is the main idea of paragraph III?.....  
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- 6) Why do the women in China find working difficult?.....  
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- 7) State the steps taken by the government to make working life better for women in China.  
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#### **SECTION D: COMPOSITION (10marks)**

Write a composition of between 200 – 250 words on **ONE** of the following topics.

- 1) The global economic impact of the war in Ukraine
- 2) Social media, a tool or a distraction?
- 3) Poverty in my country: causes, consequences and possible solutions