

2017-2018 PRE-FACULTY CAT TASK TYPES

The Pre-Faculty CAT exam will make use of one or more of the task types exemplified below.

READING

TASK: Read the main ideas below. Then, read the text and match the main ideas to the correct paragraph. There are extra options.

- A. By confronting dangers and adversity, superheroes teach us to face our fears and never give up.
- B. The example of the superhero leads us to develop our own talents and find strength in ourselves.
- C. There are different reasons why superheroes sometimes do bad things.
- D. A superhero is a powerful being with abilities beyond ordinary humans and the desire help others and fight evil.
- E. The image of the superhero is entertaining, but it also inspires us to use our lives for something good.
- F. A character that has superpowers is not necessarily a superhero. The character must also have the desire to do the right thing.
- G. Superheroes do not share their real identity with people for several reasons.

WE ALL NEED A HERO

1. D

Many writers, artists, and other people who create the stories of superheroes believe that these characters embody our deepest hopes and fears.....(the text continues)

TASK: Read the text below and answer the questions.

NOISY NEIGHBOURS AND ALL THE THINGS THAT DRIVE US MAD

Noisy neighbours, uncollected litter and graffiti are among the things that really annoy us, according to a new survey.....(the text continues)

1 How many people took part in the survey?

More than 2,000 people

2 Which groups of people have a particular problem with noisy neighbours?

3 Why is transport noise not a bigger problem?

4 In paragraph 10, which phrase is used to describe the fact that people become unaffected by certain things?

TASK: Read the text “Can Climate Change Make Us Sicker?” and complete the chart with the problems caused by the environmental issues.

CAN CLIMATE CHANGE MAKE US SICKER?

Climate change is constantly on the news these days - you can't avoid it. We hear about how it will affect the geography of the planet: heavier rains will cause coasts to flood in some areas, while drought conditions will create deserts in others.....(the text continues)

Environmental Issue	Problems It Causes
1. Climate Change	a. causes the death of <u>300,000 people</u> per year b. in 20 years, _____
2. Rising Sea Levels	a. saltier drinking water b. _____ c. complications in the delivery of babies d. _____
3. Increasing Temperatures	a. _____ b. _____ c. communities unprepared to handle the health emergency

TASK: Read the text “So Much Dead Space” and answer the following questions by choosing A, B, C, D or E.

SO MUCH DEAD SPACE

I am a nerdy American researcher. ____ (1) _____. What I do know about is shops and shopping. I've always been good at watching people.....(the text continues)

- 1 Which of the following would best complete the blank in paragraph 1?
- *A No one has ever thought of me as fashionable.
 - B I love going shopping.
 - C I have carried out research into many subjects.
 - D No one is interested in what I buy.
 - E I like learning new things.
- 2 The writer is a researcher who...
- A creates window displays.
 - B compares shopping at different stores.
 - C observes how people shop.
 - D interviews salespeople.
 - E shops a lot.
- 3 In paragraph 3, the word "pedestrians" refer to people who...
- A buy things.
 - B drive.
 - C walk.
 - D sell things.
 - E do research.
- 4 In paragraph 4, the writer refers to a specific group of customers to show that...
- A people have different shopping habits.
 - B salespeople should be careful with customers.
 - C salespeople might experience difficulties.
 - D people have different reasons to go shopping.
 - E people do too much shopping.
- 5 "many" in paragraph 5 refers to...
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- 6 In the text, the attitude of the writer towards customers is...
- A tolerant.
 - B critical.
 - C supportive.
 - D disinterested.
 - E objective.

- 7 This text is written for...
- A customers.
 - B the public.
 - C researchers.
 - D shop owners.
 - E salespeople.
- 8 This text is taken from a/an...
- A sociology book.
 - B newspaper.
 - C research paper.
 - D handbook.
 - E advertisement.
- 9 The writer's main purpose in writing this text is to...
- A give the readers some shopping tips.
 - B describe how people behave as they shop.
 - C inform the readers on the history of shopping.
 - D discourage people from shopping unnecessarily.
 - E advise salespeople on how to sell more.

TASK: Read the text below and answer the following questions by choosing A, B, C, D or E.

The Fischer family's life story, with its ups and downs, reads like the script of a Hollywood movie, complete with romance, tragedy and fabulous sunken treasure. Mel Fischer and his wife Deo, both now in their sixties, are the most successful underwater treasure hunters in the world. They got married in 1953 when Deo did not know anything about diving. But Mel, a diving fanatic since he made his own diving equipment out of paint tins at the age of ten, quickly introduced Deo to the sport. "And we have been underwater ever since," she says with a smile. The couple ran a scuba diving course but couldn't shake off their fascination for treasure hunting.

.....(the text continues)

- 1 Which of the following best describes how Mel feels about diving?
- A Eager
 - B Indifferent
 - C Bored
 - D Undecided
 - E Reluctant

TASK: You are going to listen to two lecture excerpts. As you listen, answer the relevant question(s) by choosing A, B, C, D or E.

NUMBER 1:

1 The speaker hired a friend who...

- A expected more money.
- B allowed her problems to affect her work.
- C soon quit.
- D expected special treatment.
- E worked inefficiently.

NUMBER 2:

2 According to the lecturer, one benefit of hiring close friends is that you know...

- A about their personality.
- B that you can trust them.
- C if they are qualified for the job.
- D about their weaknesses.
- E their working style.

TASK: You are going to listen to a short part taken from a lecture. As you listen, answer the question related to each part by choosing A, B, C, D or E.

NUMBER 1:

1 In this part, the main purpose of the speaker is to...

- A warn people against global warming.
- B describe the reasons for global warming.
- C suggest measures against global warming.
- D question the concept of global warming.
- E correct some misunderstandings about global warming.

TASK: You are going to listen to a lecture. As you listen, tick (✓) the main ideas the lecturer presents.

- Too much responsibility can be a burden on children.
- Many children have sick family members.
- Children often have to take on the role of parent to care for siblings.
- Some children even reverse roles with their own parents.
- Parents have to provide guidance for their children.
- Responsibilities can be barriers and cause frustration
- Many of these children become teachers and counselors.

Many children get satisfaction from helping others.

TASK: You are going to listen to two people having a conversation. As you listen, answer the questions by choosing A, B, C, D or E.

1 They are at...

- A work.
- B the airport.
- C home.
- D school.
- E a football match.

2 They want to buy a...

- A fridge.
- B painting.
- C car.
- D computer.
- E drink.

TASK: You are going to listen to a lecture. As you listen, take notes under the headings provided. After the lecture has finished, you will be given questions to answer using your notes. Answer the questions by writing your answers in the boxes/diagram below or choosing A, B, C, D or E.

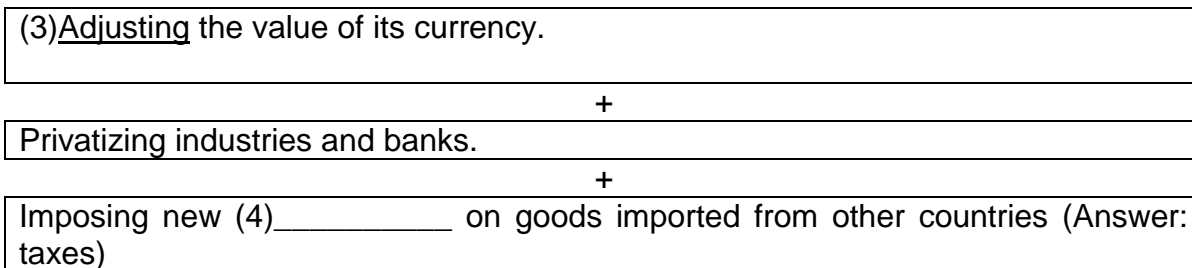
1 The lecturer starts the lecture with an example about Bhutan in order to...

- A show how Bhutan first made contact with the outside world.
- B attract listeners' attention to the topic of globalization.
- C explain what a gross national product is.
- D inform listeners of how to have a gross national happiness.
- E give some information about Bhutan.

2 The speaker says that the U.S. is seen as the driving force behind the process of globalization because...

- A people believe only the U.S. can go through such a complicated process.
- B the U.S. is trying to make all cultures popular around the world.
- C the U.S. established the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.
- D people associate capitalism and large transnational corporations with the U.S.
- E there are many big corporations in the U.S.

3-4 Complete the following diagram which outlines the rules poor countries are pressured to follow.



5 The speaker’s attitude towards the achievements of the non-Western countries that have integrated successfully into the world economy is...

- A doubtful.
- B critical.
- C surprised.
- D approving.
- E neutral.

6 What two labour issues do critics of globalization bring up all the time?

WRITING

TASK: Write an essay of about 250 words giving your opinion. Do not write less than 225 words.

“Some people think intelligence is something you are born with. However, others believe intelligence can be developed under the right conditions like a good family and good schools.”

TASK: Write an essay of about 350 words giving your opinion. Do not write less than 315 words.

“Ecotourism is the business of organizing holidays to places that people do not usually visit in a way which helps local people and does not damage the environment. Ecotourism is not popular in many parts of the world. In your opinion, what are some reasons why ecotourism is not popular and how can it be improved?”