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Section I
Reading Comprehension

Task 1. Read the text and questions 1-5 below. For each question, mark the correct letter A, B, C or D.

Read the following text

Sir Thomas Hare was a widower, a man of about sixty-five, with a rosy face and curling moustache. He dressed by preference in heavy overcoats and bowler hats that were four decades out of date. At a first glance he gave the impression of having carefully disguised himself as a cavalry major of the "nineties". But his chief characteristic was a mental vagueness. He was one of those people who say: "Don't you know?" and "What! What! ", and lose themselves in the middle of their sentences. When he was in difficulties, his moustache seemed to bristle forward, giving him the appearance of an exceptionally brainless man.

Sir Thomas was not in the least anxious to help his cousin, for Jane herself he had never seen and her father he looked on as a poor relation of the worst possible type. So, just before leaving London for the pheasant shooting, Sir Thomas sent for his butler, who was also his intellectual guide, and held a council of war.

1. What does this passage tell us about Sir Thomas Hare?
 - a. He was a learned man.
 - b. He was an intelligent man.
 - c. He was a noble man.
 - d. He was a rich man.
2. What impression did he give at a first glance?
 - a. That he had been a cavalry major.
 - b. That he wanted to be a cavalry major.
 - c. That he wanted to look like a cavalry major.
 - d. That he was a cavalry major.
3. The bowler hats Sir Thomas Hare wore
 - a. were after the latest fashion.
 - b. were forty years old.
 - c. were those of an old cavalry major.
 - d. were worn forty years ago.
4. What does "nineties" in line 4 refer to?
 - a. a period of time
 - b. the 1870 war
 - c. the major's age
 - d. the major's regiment
5. What is meant by "his chief characteristic was a mental vagueness" (lines 4-5)?
 - a. He did not like clear statements.

- b. He never had any reason to make clear statements.
 - c. He never made a clear statement.
 - d. He was not asked to make clear statements.
6. What was so striking about Sir Thomas Hare's moustache?
- a. It could change his whole appearance.
 - b. It made him look like a cavalry major.
 - c. It showed when he was exceptionally brainless.
 - d. It showed when he was in trouble.
7. The cousin mentioned in line 9 is:
- a. Jane
 - b. Jane's father
 - c. Jane's mother
 - d. an unknown person
8. What did Sir Thomas think of Jane and her father?
- a. He thought it advisable to help them.
 - b. He thought they did not need any help.
 - c. He was anxious to help them.
 - d. He was not interested in them.
9. From lines 10 - 12 we can conclude that Sir Thomas was
- a. a guide
 - b. a major
 - c. a sportsman
 - d. a widower.
10. What information is given about the butler in lines 11-12?
- a. The butler often advised him where to go.
 - b. The butler often asked his master's advice.
 - c. The butler often gave him advice how to act best.
 - d. The butler often helped him in shooting affairs.

Section II

Use of English

Task 2. Choose the suitable answer.

1. I will go out unless it ____.
- a) will rain b) have rained c) rains d) raining
2. Who ____ you they were coming?
- a) says b) has told c) did tell d) told
3. She is very ____. She spends almost all the time at work.
- a) lazy b) hard-working c) working-hard d) intelligent
4. The ____ of the 2 brothers was a sailor.
- a) younger b) young c) youngest d) more young
5. Would you care ____ a glass of juice?
- a) about b) for c) of d) to
6. No news is ____ good news.
- a) a b) the c) - d) some
7. You ____ worry. Your results are good.
- a) have to b) mustn't c) needn't d) don't need to

8. You ___ be rude to people!
a) may b) mustn't c) need to d) needn't
9. ___ same day they were to leave for Brighton.
a) a b) an c) the d) -
10. Do exercise 4 on ___ page 12 in writing.
a) a b) an c) the d) -
11. There was a pretty place for a picnic ___ elms and birches.
a) between b) among c) along d) around
12. Mr.Murdstone ___ his cane ready to beat me.
a) rose b) rised c) raised d) arose

Section III

Writing

1. Write a letter to your pen-friend. His name is Nick. In your letter:

- tell her about your summer vacations;
- ask three questions about her best friend's party .