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ENGLISH TEST N° 24th GRADE

NAME: _____

Class: _____

A. COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (8 marks)**1. Complete the following paragraph with the right words from the passage (3 marks)**

Engkey is a robot English teacher that can replace teachers in _____ schools in. It's a plastic-made device _____ by a human teacher from distant areas as far as _____.

2. These statements are False. Correct them with details from the listening passage: (2 marks)

- a) The government officials are not responsible for the robot-teacher project.

- b) Children didn't like the robot-teacher at all.

3. Which among the following advantages is not mentioned in the passage: (1 mark)

- a) The robot can solve the scarcity of English teachers. ☐
- b) The robot can increase students' concentration. ☐
- c) The robot can boost English learning standards. ☐
- d) The robot can replace teachers forever. ☐

4. Do you think that such a robot would be successful at your school? Why or why not?(1 mark)**5. Say whether the underlined sounds are similar (S) or different (D) (1/2 mark)**

increasese - whosese (____)

6. **Circle the stressed syllable: (1/2 mark)**

capability ca / pa / bi / li / ty

B. LANGUAGE

1. **Fill in the blanks with words from the list – there are TWO extra words: (3,5 marks)**

courses - attending - which - through - taught - higher - mechanics - less - where

Traditionally, a vocational school, also known as technical education, offered training in careers that require practical expertise. This includes specific trades such as welding, blacksmithing, or (1) _____, or more general education geared to the retail or beauty industry. Now, however, more and more of these types of schools are now offering (2) _____ to cover information technology and the tourism industry. In the United States, a vocational school is usually post-secondary, with classes being offered (3) _____ community colleges or institutes of technology. In recent years, it has become standard for these types of schools to offer online certifications, especially in areas (4) _____ practical experience is not essential. Many vocational schools are private. Although this is not typical, (5) _____ a vocational institute can sometimes take the place of a traditional high school education. Courses such as wood and metal shop and home economics are a good example of vocational courses that are sometimes (6) _____ in traditional high schools. Other schools, however, may focus more on this type of courses and (7) _____ in traditional subjects.

2. **Circle the right alternative: (3.5 marks)**

A schoolgirl who was found hanged in her bedroom may have been driven to kill herself by bullies jealous (**of / for / from**) her popularity and good looks. Jade Stringer, 14, died six days after she was found unconscious by her father. Friends say the teenager, who was well-liked and attractive, (**has endured/ had endured / would endure**) a campaign of bullying over the past (**few / a few / little**) months. It is understood that she may also have been upset about having her mobile phone confiscated by her family because they felt she was using it too much. She (**was rushed/ was rushing / rushed**) to Fairfield General Hospital (**which / where / whose**) she died after almost a week on life support. Tributes to Jade left on Twitter and Facebook said she had been a (**suspect / victim / patient**) of bullying. One pupil wrote, 'She was bullied by numerous people.' Chelsea Lazaruk added, 'Rest In Peace, Jade Stringer. You didn't deserve to die the way you did. Bullying is horrible you were (**quit / quiet / quite**) gorgeous in every way.'

3. **Supply the correct tense or form of the bracketed words (3 marks)**

People argue that we shouldn't group pupils in grades by age, but we should focus on their abilities. There are some strong (**argue**) _____ in favour of this. However, I think the idea is flawed and (**harm**) _____ to children. I think it is beneficial and appropriate to group children by age in school. Schools serve as their primary vehicle to (**social**) _____ and be socialized. They should primarily be part of a peer group at more or less the same stage of development, not (**necessity**) _____ ability. They learn about friendships and other relationships at school as much as they do about the curriculum. I think the development of these skills (**hamper**) _____ if we are constantly re-ordering them as their skill sets grow at different rates. I also think it creates other problems especially for those students who are struggling to learn due to certain mental or physical (**disabled**) _____.

4. **Express the following sentences differently starting as given (2 marks)**

b) Brian was not so careful in class that he didn't understand the lesson.

Brian should _____.

c) I was so bored by his lecture I left.

His lecture _____.