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ENGLISH TEST N° 24th GRADE

NAME: _____

Class: _____

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

The Robot Name	EngKey
Country	• _____ —
Benefits	a. _____ —
	b. _____ —

2. This statement is False. Correct it with a detail from the listening passage: (1 mark)

- Education officials still doubt the efficiency of robot teachers.

3. Complete the following sentence with the missing words from the passage: (2 marks)

- Robots serve a variety of educational p_____ and the government is pressing ahead with plans to e_____ its robot learning, or "R-learning," program.

4. Cross out the wrong characteristic that doesn't correspond to the teacher robot: (1 mark)

Plastic-made machine	Controlled by humans	Giving instructions to pupils
Computerised system	Science-fiction hero	Screen shows the teacher's face

5. **Say whether the underlined sounds are similar (S) or different (D) (1/2 mark)**

taught - launched (____)

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

elementary e / le / men / tary

B. LANGUAGE

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

variety / skills / taught / indeed / elementary / few / unlike / engineer / despite

It's a typical classroom scene: Students working at their desks as the teacher calls out instructions. But, (1) _____ your average teacher, this one is made of plastic and computer circuits. This isn't a sci-fi movie; it's an English language class (2) _____ by Engkey, a robot teacher, in the coastal city of Masan in South Korea. Part of a pilot program launched by the South Korean government, students in two (3) _____ schools in the city are being taught English by robot teachers. In high-tech South Korea, robots serve a (4) _____ of educational purposes and the government is pressing ahead with plans to expand its robot learning, or "R-learning," program. Mun-Taek Choi, a senior research (5) _____ at the Korea Institute of Science and Technology, told CNN that government evaluation has shown that "the educational robot system (6) _____ helps increase students' interest and self-motivation in studying English and improves their English (7) _____."

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

Miraca Gross, the University Professor of Gifted Education, says that grouping kids by chronological age is the product of an impractical view of human development. She also says that very bright kids often start (**read – to read – reading**) before the entry to school. If you've got a kid in kindergarten or preschool (**which – who – whom**) is a very fluent reader - quite a bit beyond the level of age-peers - that's a very good indication of high intellectual (**achievement – score – ability**). Also if the kid spontaneously teaches (**oneself – himself – herself**) basic maths, addition and subtraction, that's a good indicator. Kids who are very bright and very intellectually and academically (**mature – genius – old**) for their age can be good candidates for acceleration. Some kids who are in years four to five at school are as smart as a year six kid; so they wouldn't have any difficulty (**of – for – with**) that level of academic work. Unfortunately, schools are organised by age (**better – rather – higher**) than subject areas.

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

Online classes are already common in US colleges, and, on the whole, the record is not encouraging. A five-year study, issued in 2011, tracked 51,000 students (**enrol**) _____ in Washington State community and technical colleges. It found that (**that**) _____ who took higher proportions of online courses were less likely to earn degrees or transfer to four-year colleges. The reasons for such (**fail**) _____ are well known. Many students, for example, show up at college unprepared to learn, unable to manage time and having failed to master basics like math and English. The research (**show**) _____ over and over again that community college students who enrol in online courses are significantly (**likely**) _____ to fail or

withdraw than those in traditional classes, which means that they spend hard-earned tuition dollars and get nothing in return. Worse still, low-(achieve) _____ students who may be just barely hanging on in traditional classes tend to fall even further behind in online courses.

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

a. You should take the train instead of the bus.

If I _____.

b. I'm sure he was at the hospital last night.

He must _____.

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Government evaluation has shown that "the educational robot system indeed helps increase students' interest and self-motivation in studying English and improves their English skills."

The Engkey is linked to and remotely controlled by a human teacher outside the classroom, whose face appears on the screen of the robot. The robot links students to teachers located as far away as Australia.

Besides being popular with children, the teacher robot also helps solve South Korea's lack of qualified native-English speaking teachers.

Education officials say that it may be better to have a robot teacher controlled by a highly skilled teacher than to have just an average teacher in the classroom as robots are more helpful to enhance the concentration capability of children in class. Children feel the robot is their friend.