

IELO PRACTICE PAPERS
Use of English
Level B1 - 1

I. Read the following text and put the verbs in brackets into the correct form. 10 points

“There were four of us – George, and William Samuel, and myself, and Montmorency. We (1) _____ (**sit**) in my room, smoking, and talking about how bad we (2) _____ (**be**) lately – bad from a medical point of view I mean, of course. With me, it was my liver that was out of order. I knew it because I (3) _____ (**just/read**) a patent liver-pill circular, in which (4) _____ (**detail**) various symptoms by which a man could tell when his liver was out of order. I had them all. I had all the symptoms, the chief among them being “a general disinclination for work of any kind”. What I suffer in that way no tongue can tell. From my earliest infancy I (5) _____ (**be**) a martyr to it. As a boy, the disease hardly ever (6) _____ (**leave**) me for a day. Little (7) _____ (**they/know**), then, that it was my liver. Medical science was in a far less advanced state than now, and they put it down to laziness. “Why, you skulking little devil, you”, they said, “can’t you get up and do something for your living?” – (8) _____ (**not/know**), of course, that I was ill. And never (9) _____ (**they/give**) me pills; they gave me clumps on the side of the head. And, strange as it (10) _____ (**appear**), those clumps on the head often cured me – for the time being.”

(Jerome K. Jerome – Three men in a boat)

II. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in each sentence. 20 points

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| 1. After a short _____, she accepted his marriage proposal. | COURT |
| 2. You must try not to be so _____ about people. | JUDGE |
| 3. I'll have to _____ this skirt. It's too short for me. | LONG |
| 4. _____ is to the mind what health is to the body. | WISE |
| 5. Winning the great slam was _____ the peak of her career. | DOUBT |
| 6. The government must act to stamp out interracial _____ and violence. | HATE |
| 7. These laws might be good, but they may also have some _____ effects. | DESIRE |
| 8. Those who conduct an investigation ask questions to the _____. | INTERVIEW |
| 9. His _____ remarks have surely hurt their feelings. | SENSE |
| 10. The Holocaust survivors were extremely _____ due to starvation. | WEIGH |

III. Read the following text and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits in each gap. 10 points

Anyone who accesses the internet has probably heard, if only **1**____, of the cloud, a place in cyberspace where the world's sum of information is **2**____. The cloud has a **3**____ multiple times larger than the world's largest libraries. Every email is saved there, every online photo, every transaction at Amazon or search on Google. As universal as the cloud has become, few realize it has a physical location. Huge data centres have been erected to store all the information that was once stored on home or business computers. When you snap a photo of anything – a sunset, the Grand Canyon, a newborn baby – then **4**____ it, improve the colour, and send it to someone's smartphone, the image doesn't actually go from you to the other person without passing first **5**____ the cloud. **6**____ data centres in Loudon County, Virginia, each millions of square feet in size, house the actual cloud. Accessing the cloud is instantaneous in cyberspace, but getting into one of these data centres is a(n) **7**____ process. The core where thousands of powerful computers are located is protected by layers of security. A worker **8**____ pass through a retinal scanner that identifies the person (it even can tell that the person is alive, not someone **9**____ to use someone else's eyeball), then through a "mantrap", a room where the entry door must lock before the exit door will open, then through a squad of armed guards, and all **10**____ the way nine different passwords must be presented.

1.	A.	apparently	B.	ambiguous	C.	vaguely	D.	vague
2.	A.	inserted	B.	maintained	C.	included	D.	held
3.	A.	capacity	B.	store	C.	load	D.	stockage
4.	A.	add	B.	adorn	C.	retrieve	D.	crop
5.	A.	by	B.	into	C.	through	D.	beyond
6.	A.	Tall	B.	Massive	C.	High	D.	Major
7.	A.	easy-going	B.	arduous	C.	heavy	D.	ongoing
8.	A.	ought	B.	has	C.	must	D.	need
9.	A.	contriving	B.	contributing	C.	deceiving	D.	misleading
10	A.	across	B.	aside	C.	by	D.	along

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10 x 1p = 10 points

1- were sitting, 2- had been, 3- had just read, 4- were detailed, 5- have been, 6- left, 7- did they know, 8- not knowing, 9- did they give, 10- may/might appear

II. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in each sentence. 20 points

10 x 2p = 20 points

1-courtship, 2- judgmental, 3-lengthen, 4- Wisdom, 5- undoubtedly/doubtless(ly), 6- hatred, 7- undesirable, 8- interviewee/interviewees, 9- insensitive/senseless, 10- underweight.

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10 points

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1C, 2D, 3A, 4D, 5C, 6B, 7B, 8C, 9A, 10D.