
IELO PRACTICE PAPERS
Use of English
Level B1_2

SUBIECTUL A – USE OF ENGLISH (40 points)

I. Read the paragraph below and do the tasks that follow. (20 points)

Will there ever be an end to war? The majority of the attendees on my current anthropology course answered a fatalistic “No.” Their response was largely predictable, given that we are **relentlessly** bombarded with the images of the military, war-torn cities and grieving civilians. The media grimly reminds us of the sheer number of ongoing conflicts around the world; about the huge casualty rate in countries which we would probably struggle to locate on the map. There seems to be a general impression that there is no chance of a peaceful life on the planet, so long as there is human life.

It’s certainly true that conflict appears to have **escalated** in the last decade. Some anthropologists claim that this is natural, insofar as it is an intrinsic part of human nature to be aggressive. Primates, our closest living relatives, also have a tendency towards violence. Therefore it is easy to draw the conclusion that humans fight because it is an ineradicable part of genetic heritage. However, are we wrong to make this assumption?

While primates can display exceptional levels of brutality towards outsiders, they are also capable of reconciliation (mainly through grooming and mating) and can even avoid conflict when they perceive that there is a strategic advantage in doing so. Put more simply, apes and monkeys will only fight if they believe they can win or escape **retribution**. Surely then, humans have the capacity to avoid hostility too. There is already some evidence that the world’s major powers have realized the lose-lose scenario that would follow nuclear conflict, as many governments are currently discussing disarmament and arms reduction programmes.

A. Answer the following questions, according to the text.

8 points

1. Are the students optimistic about the world’s peace?
2. What do anthropologists state, according to the text?
3. When do primates avoid fighting?
4. Do the major powers benefit from nuclear conflicts?

B. Choose the right synonym for the words given below, according to their meaning in the text.

6 points

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|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. relentlessly: | a. unceasingly | b. inflexibly | c. unavoidably | d. obviously |
| 2. escalate: | a. decrease | b. increase | c. release | d. roar |
| 3. retribution: | a. remission | b. contribution | c. punishment | d. reprieve |

C. Rephrase the following sentences so as to preserve the meaning.

6 points

1. The media grimly reminds us of the sheer number of ongoing conflicts around the world.
Itus of the sheer number of ongoing conflicts around the world.
2. Some anthropologists claim that conflict is natural.
Conflict anthropologists.
3. Apes and monkeys will only fight if they believe they can win or escape retribution.
Unless..... fight.

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

20 points

The winners of the 2022 Sony World Photography Awards have been revealed, spanning a **(1)** ___**(TRUE)** stunning array of photographic styles and subjects. Unlike the last couple of years, which have been **(2)** ___ **(SURPRISE)** influenced by the global pandemic, the 2022 **(3)**___**(LIST)** is dominated by elegant geometric compositions and uncanny abstractions. Scott Wilson's Anger Management is a perfect example, winning the Natural World and Wildlife category with an **(4)** ___ **(EVOKE)** shot of a wild mustang. More black and white shots dominated the winning **(5)** ___ **(ENTER)** this year, including Vicente Ansola's **(6)** ___**(SPECTACLE)** photo of wilted sunflowers in a rural Spanish field. Dozens more images were shortlisted in each category, creating a fantastic **(7)** ___ **(VIEW)** of contemporary photography in 2022. Highlights include a shot of a man in front of a life-sized image of a T-rex from Singapore **(8)** ___ **(PHOTOGRAPH)** Kantaya New and a **(9)** ___ **(FRIGHT)** drone shot of Iceland's **(10)** ___ **(YOUNG)** volcano from Luis Manuel Vilariño Lopez.

Key

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A. Answer the questions.

(4x2p=8p)

SUGGESTED ANSWERS

1. "The majority of the attendees on my current anthropology course answered a fatalistic "No"."
2. ".Some anthropologists claim that this is natural, insofar as it is an intrinsic part of human nature to be aggressive ."
3. 'can even avoid conflict when they perceive that there is a strategic advantage in doing so. "
4. 'the world's major powers have realized the lose-lose scenario that would follow nuclear conflict,

B. Choose the right synonym.

(3x2p=6p)

1. a.
2. b.
3. c.

C. Rephrase the following sentences so as to preserve the meaning.

(3x2p=6p)

1. ...is the media that/ which reminds ...
- 2... is claimed to be natural by some
- 3... they win, apes and monkeys won't ...

II. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that best fits in each sentence. (10 x 2p=20p)

1. TRULY; 2. UNSURPRISINGLY; 3. SHORTLIST; 4. EVOCATIVE; 5. ENTRIES;
6. SPECTACULAR; 7. OVERVIEW; 8. PHOTOGRAPHER; 9. FRIGHTENING;
10. YOUNGEST