



**THE INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE OLYMPIAD  
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LEVEL C1  
SUGGESTED ANSWER KEY**

**USE OF ENGLISH**

**(40 points)**

**I. Read the paragraph below and do the tasks that follow.**

**(10 points)**

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

**(4 points)**

1. The painting will only be on view at the parsonage through to August 31<sup>st</sup>.
2. The painter, Branwell Brontë, painted himself out, covering his likeness with a weirdly random green ectoplasmic pillar, hence the name the Pillar Portrait.
3. He disliked it very much, because he thought they were very ugly representations of the girls, to the extent to which he might have meant to destroy them.
4. Apart from the Pillar Portrait, there was actually another group portrait from which a portrait of either Emily or Anne was cut out, [while the rest of it appears to have been lost/destroyed because it was bad.]

**B. Choose the right synonym.**

**(3 points)**

1. d; 2. c; 3. b.

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

**(3 points)**

1. Despite usually **having to make do with a copy of the famous group portrait, the Museum is now exhibiting the original work** so as to honor Emily.
2. Following **Charlotte's/Charlotte passing away a year later, Nicholls stayed on** at Haworth until 1861.
3. If Mrs. Nicholls' husband **had thought (that) the others (were) good, he would not have cut out** the single portrait of the group.

**II. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in each gap.**

**(10 points)**

1. WORLDWIDE; 2. OUTAGE; 3. SPOKESPERSON; 4. FORTHCOMING; 5. FOUNDER; 6. LEADING;  
7. UNPRECEDENTED; 8. BASICALLY; 9. UNLIKE; 10. FLAGGED

**III. Five sentences have been removed from the text below. Read the text and use the sentences A – F to fill in the gaps in the text. There is one paragraph you do not need.**

**(5 x 2p = 10 points)**

1. B; 2. D; 3. F; 4. C; 5. A

**IV. Fill in the blanks with one word only.**

**(10 points)**

1. what 2. along 3. Despite 4. relate 5. coming 6. find/found 7. inside 8. most 9. very 10. being