**DISUM FIRST YEAR WRITTEN EXAM JANUARY 2021**

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**PART ONE – time allowed – 45 minutes**

**Please read the instructions for each exercise carefully.**

**SECTION ONE QUESTIONS 1-10 (10 points) CLOZE TEXT**

**Read the passage and choose the correct word(s) to complete each sentence. Highlight your answer in yellow, or mark with a big cross.**

**1.**Can you remember what you bought for yourself \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the first lockdown ended?

a) when b) while c) where

**2.** Finally, we could \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for something nice to buy which wasn’t a mask or a hand sanitizer.

a) discover b) check c) look

**3.**  However, our spending habits have changed compared to the past according to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_research.

a) last b) latest c) later

**4.** Nowadays, it has been shown that people like buying beauty \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for healthier-looking skin.

a) treatments b) cures c) remedies

**5.** Red lipstick used to be popular in times of crisis, but it leaves \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stains on masks, so women now spend more money on mascara and other kinds of eye makeup.

a) dirty b) dusty c) spoilt

**6.**  Since many people are working from home at the moment, they tend to purchase new furnishings to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their homes more attractive instead of going on holiday.

a) get b) make c) do

**7.**  People generally want more natural products, so they prefer clothes made from organic materials good for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a) recycling b) storing c) recovering

**8.** This is especially the case for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ generation, who are now more concerned about the environment.

a) minor b) youngster c) younger

**9.**  Online shopping is now more fashionable and people enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of trying to remember what they have ordered until their purchases arrive by post!

a) question b) method c) challenge

**10.** They might still enjoy buying in shops, but often tend to visit small shops \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than the big chain stores, their emphasis being on finding something special.

a) better b) rather c) preferably

**SECTION TWO QUESTIONS 11-25 (15 points) VERB TENSES AND PATTERNS**

***Read the passage. Write the correct form of the verbs in brackets in the spaces provided in the text AND in the numbered spaces below.***

Hi Fiona!

Sorry for not getting in touch with you sooner, but I **(11 – be)** so busy **(12 – work**) recently. Well, I **(13 – contact)** you now to ask you a little favour. The other day, while I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(14 – come)** back home from the supermarket, I noticed a lovely little dog following me. I started **(15 – pet**) it and in the end I **(16 – decide)** to take it with me. I’m so fond of this little creature now that I have made up my mind - I **(17 - keep)** it. By the way, her name is Lily. My husband, Tom is at a business conference at the moment, and he **(18 – know)** nothing about this yet. I’m frightened of telling him about this decision because he **(19 – complain)** about dogs barking all night ever since our new neighbours moved in. Isuppose I **(20 – have to)**  inform him soon, of course. The main problem, though, is that we are goingto Paris for a weekend next month and we can’t take Lily with us. If you **(21 – not have)** any other arrangements, will you keep her for me? Please, say yes! I remember you were very upset about losing your own dog last year, so it **(22 – be**) a good idea for her to keep you company, wouldn’t it? In fact, if I **(23 – be)** you, I’d get a new dog. Please, let me know if you don’t mind **(24 – take)** care of her. Please **(25 – not disappoint)** me!

Love, Heather.

**11. HAVE BEEN 19. HAS COMPLAINED / HAS BEEN COMPLAINING**

**12. WORKING 20. HAVE TO / WILL HAVE TO**

**13. AM CONTACTING 21. HAVEN’T / HAVEN’T GOT / DON’T HAVE**

**14. WAS COMING 22. WOULD BE**

**15. TO PET / PETTING 23. WERE / WAS**

**16. DECIDED 24. TAKING**

**17. AM KEEPING / AM GOING TO KEEP / WILL KEEP 25. DON’T DISAPPOINT**

**18. KNOWS**

**SECTION THREE QUESTIONS 26 - 35 (10 points) OPEN CLOZE**

**Read the passage and fill the gap with ONE suitable word in the space provided AFTER THE NUMBER.**

Sir David Attenborough hasbeen presenting fascinating TV documentaries aboutthe natural world on British television **(26**) **SINCE** I was a child. Many Italians probably don’t know  **(27)- WHO**  Sir David Attenborough is, but nowadays, **(28) THANKS** to Netflix and other channels, they are **(29) ABLE / STARTING** to watch some of his climate change documentaries. By doing **(30) THIS / THAT / IT / SO ,** they can understand the impact of global warming on our world in a much better way. Sir David warns us that **(31) UNLESS**  climate change is stopped, it could cause the destruction of the natural world as we know it. There has been an increaseinglobal temperatures **(32) IN / OVER / DURING** the last 20 years and evidence of this is clear fromthe increasing number of wildfires caused **(33) BY** dry weather conditions. Although Sir David argues that the rise in temperatures can **(34) BE** slowed down if governments act quickly, the problem is that we are running **(35) OUT** of time!

**PART TWO - time allowed 35 minutes**

**Please read the instructions for each section carefully.**

**SECTION FOUR 36-45 (10 points) TRANSFORMATION EXERCISES**

***Here are some sentences for you to transform. For each one, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use* no more *than 3 words, including the word in bold given (contracted form, for example, “don’t” = 1 word). Write the missing word(s) in the space provided.***

***Example: I prefer playing tennis to playing squash. MORE - I like playing tennis MORE THAN playing squash.***

**36.**  Those earrings were so expensive, weren’t they?

(**SUCH)**  They were **SUCH EXPENSIVE EARRINGS**, weren’t they?

**37.**  What are they building near the school?

**(IS)** What **IS BEING BUILT** near the school?

**38.** “Don’t wake me up too early tomorrow, mum,” Jeff said.

**(NOT)** Jeff asked his mum **NOT TO WAKE** him up too early the following morning.

**39.**  Next year my brother hopes he can afford a new car.

**(MONEY)** Next year my brother hopes to **HAVE / SAVE ENOUGH / THE MONEY** to buy a new car.

**40.** Why is that music so loud? I can’t hear the news!

**(IT)** I can’t hear the news because of that loud music! Please **TURN IT DOWN /OFF; LOWER IT; SHUT IT OFF** !

**41.** Russian is a complicated language, and so is Arabic.

**(BOTH)**  **BOTH RUSSIAN AND** Arabic are complicated languages.

**42.**  Going on the London Eye is a really incredible experience!

**(BEST)** Going on the London Eye is one of **THE BEST EXPERIENCES** I have ever had!

**43.** My boss has just recommended a new restaurant in the centre.

**(YOU)** “I think **YOU SHOULD GO** to this new restaurant in the centre,” my boss said.

**44.**  John missed the bus, so he decided to take a taxi.

**(HE)** John decided to take a taxi because **HE HAD MISSED** the bus.

**45.**  What a kind person Sarah is!

**(HOW)** **HOW KIND SARAH IS** is!

**SECTION FIVE QUESTIONS 46 -55 (10 points) WORD FORMATION**

**MODIFY the word in CAPITAL LETTERS on the LEFT to form another word which is suitable in the context*.* Write the answer in the space provided.**

**46. (ACCURATE)**  The children did their homework with a high level of **ACCURACY / ACCURATENESS** .

**47.** **(NEIGHBOUR)** My family are moving to a new-- next month. **NEIGHBOURHOOD**

**48. (CONSCIOUS)** Bill fell off his bike and hit his head. He was-- for half an hour**. UNCONSCIOUS**

**49. (HOPE) --**  , there will not be another total lockdown in Italy**. HOPEFULLY**

**50. (DEPART)** The passengers were told to wait in the-- lounge.  **DEPARTURE/S**

**51. (PLAY)** How many-- are there in a volleyball team? **PLAYERS**

**52**. **(WRITE)** There are four sessions of -- exams in a year.  **WRITTEN**

**53. (ANNOY)** We were all very-- to hear there was a train strike. **ANNOYED**

**54. (AGREE)** The two companies have finally reached an-- about the new product.  **AGREEMENT**

**55**. **(SPECIFIC)** Could you please-- the date of your booking? **SPECIFY**

**TOTAL = / 10**

**SECTION SIX QUESTIONS 56-60 (5 points) QUESTION FORMATION**

***The underlined words are the answer to a question. Use them to form the question and write it in the space provided.* Example: He was born in 1987. WHEN was he born?**

**56.** They meet at the pub on Fridays.

**WHERE DO THEY MEET ON FRIDAYS** ?

**57.** Dan’s parents are going to buy him a new mobile phone.

**WHAT ARE DAN’S PARENTS GOING TO BUY (FOR) HIM** ?

**58.** I saw Rebecca at the cinema last night.

**WHO DID YOU SEE /MEET AT THE CINEMA LAST NIGHT** ?

**59.** The bus will leave at six o’clock.

**WHAT TIME / WHEN WILL / DOES THE BUS LEAVE? WHAT TIME IS THE BUS LEAVING /GOING TO LEAVE ?**

**60.** I’ve spent a whole day writing this report!

**HOW LONG /HOW MUCH TIME HAVE YOU SPENT /DID YOU SPEND WRITING THIS REPORT?**