



**Pioneer Prep School**

**English Mock Test**

**07 / 02 / 2024**

**Timing: 1 hour / Coefficient : 1 / Level : 9<sup>th</sup> form**

**Read the text and answer the questions: (6marks)**

### The Text

① Lauren Burgos, 22, was working up to 60 hours a week at a hotel in Manhattan, New York, and felt she had neither the time nor finances to pursue her dream of a college education. Lauren, who lives in Brooklyn with her mother, twin sister and two brothers, says that a personal tragedy meant that she had to put her plans on hold. 'Before my dad passed away I had a five-year plan, but shortly after that I had to get a job to help support my family', she says.

② For Lauren's family, education was always very important. 'The moment you stop learning is when you stop living', Lauren says. Lauren adds that despite doing well in her job, she has always been desperate to one day return to school. 'I want to take a Master's degree. I'm already planning so much for the future. Yeah I know how to do my job, but I don't have a college degree and I blame myself for that'.

③ But thanks to Strayer University she has now registered in a bachelor's degree program at no cost to her, putting her on track for her career in international business. Strayer University chose to offer Lauren a full four-year scholarship and to pay for her books, after hearing about all she had done for her family. The program is aimed at individuals such as Lauren, who have encountered obstacles that have kept them from achieving their goals.

Adapted from <http://www.dailymail.co.uk>





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**I / COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (6marks)**

1/ Tick (✓) the most appropriate option.(1 mark)

The text is mainly about a woman who:

- a-lost interest in pursuing her studies ☐
- b-wanted to quit her tiring job ☐
- c-was rewarded for her sacrifices ☐

2/ Answer the following question with reference to paragraph 2. (1 mark)

How does Lauren feel about not having a college degree?

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3/ Fill in each blank with ONE word from paragraph 3. (2 marks)

Strayer University helps people who faced obstacles by offering a \_\_\_\_\_. This makes it possible for them to be \_\_\_\_\_ for free in a college program.

4/Find in paragraph 3 an expression meaning nearly the same as: (1 mark)

getting someone to where they are supposed to be . \_\_\_\_\_

5/ Give a personal and justified answer to the following question. (1 mark)

If faced with challenges similar to Lauren's, would you still decide to achieve your goals?

Why or why not?

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### II- LANGUAGE: (8 marks)

1. Fill in the blanks with six (6) words from the list below. (0.5 x 6 = 3 marks)

foundation / when / from / catchy / afford / that / since / strengthening

Dear Pamela,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's been too long (1) \_\_\_\_\_ our last family gathering. In the spirit of (2) \_\_\_\_\_ our family ties, I propose we plan a shared outing. Whether it's a picnic in the park, a day at the beach or simply a cosy dinner at home, the focus would be on creating (3) \_\_\_\_\_ memories as a family. Life gets busy, and sometimes we forget to pause and appreciate the love and support (4) \_\_\_\_\_ our family provides. Let's take a day to disconnect (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the daily grind. I believe these moments are the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of a strong and enduring family bond.

Looking forward to creating beautiful memories together.

2. Put the bracketed words in the right tense/form. (0.5 x 5 = 2.5 marks)

A Canadian mother has become an internet hit after going on strike for six days. This working mom has (1)(official) \_\_\_\_\_ gone on STRIKE within the home!!! The results of her "mommy strike" became an internet hit which has been followed by an army of other (2)(overburden) \_\_\_\_\_ mothers, first on Facebook and then her blog. Jessica Stilwell refused to tidy up after her messy daughters. She (3)(not tell) \_\_\_\_\_ her children she was going on strike, she just woke up last Monday morning and stopped doing all the chores and tasks that her girls should have been doing for (4)(they) \_\_\_\_\_. She decided enough was enough. By day six, Quinn, 10, said: "I realised my mom does a lot for us and we should show more (5)(appreciate) \_\_\_\_\_. Then came the cleanup, which took two days to complete as a family.

3. Circle the right option. (0.5 x 5 = 2.5 marks)

Emily had always loved food. She indulged in a variety of flavours without much thought about their impact on her health. (1) **However/Although/Whereas**, as she grew older, she began noticing changes in her energy levels and overall well-being. One day, Emily came (2) **(over/across/up)** articles about the benefits of (3) **(nourishment/nourished/nourishing)** her body with nutrient-rich foods and the detrimental effects of consuming much sugar. It (4) **(is / was / has been)** time for a change. Out went the (5) **(sugary/salty/fatty)** sodas and processed snacks, replaced by water and fresh fruits and vegetables. As weeks turned into months, her skin glowed with vitality, and she felt more confident and empowered than ever before.





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### III- Writing (6 marks)

After viewing a documentary showing the devastating impact of pollution on threatened species, you felt deeply concerned. In response, you decided to write a 10-line post on your Facebook wall to raise your peers' awareness of this serious issue.

Suggest at least three actions to be taken to create a safe environment for endangered animals.

Handwriting practice area with 10 horizontal lines for writing.

a/ Adherence to task and content adequacy.	____ /2 marks
b/Lexical appropriacy and grammar accuracy.	____ /2 marks
c/Mechanical accuracy (punctuation, capitalization and spelling).	____ /2 marks





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