

PART 1

Read the following article about floods and for each of the questions below (1 - 10) choose the best answer (a, b, c or d). **CIRCLE** your answer (a, b, c or d).

Floods are second only to fire as the most common of all natural disasters. They occur almost everywhere (___) the world, resulting in large scale damage and even death. Consequently, scientists have long tried to perfect their ability to predict floods. So far, the best that scientists can do is to recognize the potential for flooding in certain conditions. There are a number of conditions, from deep snow on the ground to human error, that cause flooding.

When deep snow melts it creates a large amount of water. Although deep snow alone rarely causes floods, when it occurs together with heavy rain and sudden warmer weather it can lead to serious flooding. If there is a fast snow melt on top of frozen or very wet ground, flooding is more likely to occur than when the ground is not frozen. Frozen ground or ground that is very wet and already **saturated** with water cannot absorb the additional water created by the melting snow. Melting snow also contributes to high water levels in rivers and streams. Whenever rivers are already at their full capacity of water, heavy rains will result in the rivers overflowing and flooding the surrounding land.

Rivers that are covered in ice can also lead to flooding. When ice begins to melt, the surface of the ice cracks and breaks into large pieces. These pieces of ice move and float down the river. They can form a dam in the river, causing the water behind the dam to rise and flood the land upstream. If the dam breaks suddenly, then the large amount of water held behind the dam can flood the areas downstream too.

Broken ice dams are not the only dam problems that can cause flooding. When a large human-made dam breaks or fails to hold the water collected behind it, the results can be devastating. Dams contain such huge amounts of water behind them that when sudden breaks occur, the destructive force of the water is like a great tidal wave. Unleashed dam waters can travel tens of kilometers, cover the ground in meters of mud and debris, and drown and crush every thing and creature in their path.

Although scientists cannot always predict exactly when floods will occur, they do know a great deal about when floods are likely, or probably, going to occur. Deep snow, ice-covered rivers, and weak dams are all strong conditions for potential flooding. Hopefully, this knowledge of why floods happen can help us reduce the damage they cause.

- 1) Which of the following is the correct option for the blank space (___) in the first paragraph?
 - a) in
 - b) on
 - c) at
 - d) by
- 2) Which of the following is included as a cause for floods in the reading passage?
 - a) poorly built roads
 - b) melting snow
 - c) droughts
 - d) large lakes
- 3) How does deep snow cause flooding?
 - a) Sudden warm temperatures combined with heavy rains results in flooding.
 - b) Melting snow causes flooding.
 - c) Too much rain causes flooding.
 - d) Freezing water causes flooding.
- 4) In paragraph 2, the word '**saturated**' could best be replaced by which of the following?
 - a) deep
 - b) covered
 - c) strained
 - d) filled
- 5) A broken human-made dam is compared to...
 - a) ...a tidal wave.
 - b) ...a broken ice dam.
 - c) ...a tsunami.
 - d) ...overflowing.
- 6) Which of the following best describes how a frozen river can cause a flood?
 - a) The ice in the river cracks into pieces that eventually create a dam causing the water to overflow.
 - b) The water behind the ice dam collects and when the dam breaks, it causes flooding upstream.
 - c) The ice in the river melts too quickly and causes a flood.
 - d) The ice in the river cracks causing the water to overflow.
- 7) How far can dam water travel when it is unleashed from a broken dam?
 - a) Ten kilometers.
 - b) More than ten kilometers.
 - c) Less than 10 kilometers.
 - d) The passage doesn't give enough information to answer.
- 8) Why does saturated ground contribute to flooding problems?
 - a) It remains frozen.
 - b) The ground forms a kind of dam.
 - c) The ground is too hard, so the water runs off.
 - d) The ground cannot soak up more moisture.
- 9) Which of the following kinds of problems can floods cause?
 - a) death
 - b) widespread damage
 - c) destruction of plants and animals
 - d) all of the above
- 10) Melting snow causes problems related to flooding because...
 - a) ...it makes the level of the river rise.
 - b) ...it makes the rivers run too fast.
 - c) ...it causes pieces of ice to block the river.
 - d) ...it makes the water

PART 2

Complete the following text by filling in the proper word for each of the blank spaces (1 – 10). Write ONE WORD ONLY in each space.

The Goulburn Valley is situated in the south-east corner of the Australian continent, in the state of Victoria. Because (1) _____ the introduction of irrigation over a century ago, primary industry flourished, resulting in a multitude of orchards (2) _____ market gardens. After World War II, migrants flocked to the area in (3) _____ of work on the farms, and in (4) _____ cases, establishing a property of their own.

Unfortunately, the region has taken a turn for the worse over the past decade. The irrigation water that was (5) _____ plentiful has now been rationed, and many farmers have been forced (6) _____ the land. The main source of water is from the Goulburn River, with several reservoirs located along its stretch to the mighty Murray River. Dam capacities have (7) _____ to dangerous levels, resulting in some farmers having (8) _____ inadequate supply of irrigation water.

(9) _____ the recent hardships, some farmers have continued to eke an existence out of the land. Many have become (10) _____ ingenious, devising new ways to utilize water plus finding special niches to service the ever-changing urban needs. Perhaps the Goulburn Valley can return to its prosperous times again.

PART 3

Complete the following sentences (1 - 10) by filling in the blank spaces with the proper preposition. You may use ONLY ONE word for each blank space.

- 1) I've been trying to get in touch _____ Sam for days, but he's never at home.
- 2) All new pupils have to stick _____ the school rules.
- 3) Sir Edmund Hillary is famous _____ being the first man to climb Mount Everest.
- 4) I'm going to complain _____ the manager about your behavior.
- 5) The head of the police force has been accused _____ taking bribes from politicians.
- 6) The event took place _____ August.
- 7) Last month I applied _____ twelve jobs, but I didn't get any of them.
- 8) He is so critical. He always feels that he must comment _____ what others say or do.
- 9) People who really care _____ the environment often join groups like Greenpeace.
- 10) The plane arrived _____ the airport two hours late.

PART 4

Complete the following sentences (1 - 10) by filling in the blank spaces with **the proper form of the word given for that sentence**. Use ONLY ONE word per blank space: DO NOT add any words [e.g. prepositions].

- 1) PRIORITY You should make a list of all the jobs you have to do and _____ them.
- 2) JUSTIFY There is no _____ for holding her in jail.
- 3) SUSTAIN The creation of an efficient and _____ transport system is critical to the long-term future of London.
- 4) REFER You'll find the information in the _____ section of your local library.
- 5) OCCUR There have been several _____ of theft in the area recently.
- 6) EXPLAIN Could you give me a quick _____ of how it works?
- 7) BENEFIT Sunshine and water are _____ to living things.
- 8) REASON It would be _____ to expect them to do all that work for free.
- 9) ORIGIN The word _____ as a marketing term.
- 10) ACHIEVE It was a remarkable _____ for such a young player.

PART 5

For each of the sentences below (1 - 15), complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence(s), using the word given for that sentence. **DO NOT CHANGE** the word given. You must use between two (2) and five (5) words, including the word given.

- 1) Perhaps we missed the correct turning. MIGHT
We _____ the correct turning.
- 2) This exercise is easier than the last one. HARD
This exercise _____ the last one.
- 3) The boss postponed the meeting until the following week. OFF
The boss decided to _____ until the following week.
- 4) Her father drove us to the station and put us on a train. DRIVEN
We _____ by her father and put on a train.
- 5) His parents raised him very strictly. UP
His parents _____ very strictly.
- 6) 'You look really tired,' he told her. SAID
He _____ really tired.
- 7) Thieves have burgled our house. INTO
Our house _____.
- 8) I'd love to know how John is getting on. WISH
I _____ how John was getting on.
- 9) Carlos never takes any notice of my recommendations. ATTENTION
Carlos never _____ my recommendations.
- 10) It's really important that you pay the bill today. REMEMBER
You must _____ the bill today.
- 11) The police have cancelled the demonstration. HAS
The demonstration _____ by the police.
- 12) Unfortunately, this television set has a mark on the screen. THERE
Unfortunately, _____ the screen of this television set.
- 13) Because it snowed heavily during the night the motorway is closed. DUE
The motorway is closed _____ that there was heavy snow the night before.
- 14) Do you and your brother have the same looks? LIKE
Does _____ you?
- 15) You can't bring food into this room. SUPPOSED
You _____ food into this room.

PART 6

CHOOSE ONE of the following options (**A** or **B**) and write your text CLEARLY on the next page.

Your writing must be a **MINIMUM of 150 words and a MAXIMUM of 175 words**.

Your writing must be in a **STYLE AND FORMAT / STUCTURE APPROPRIATE** to your choice (A or B).

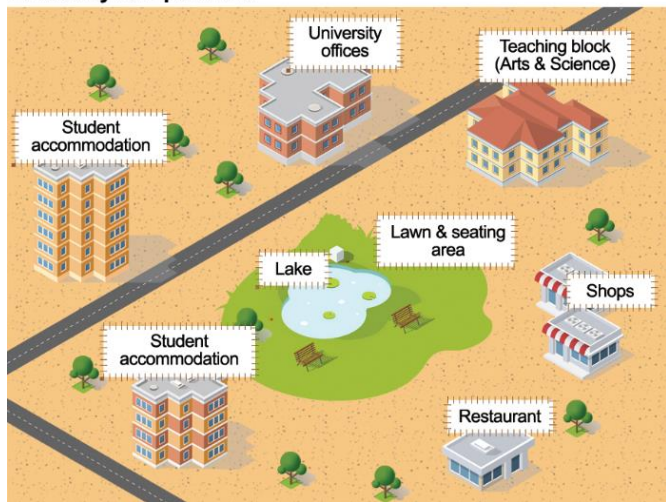
Your writing should be **RELEVANT, CLEARLY COMMUNICATED, WELL-ORGANISED, WELL-PRESENTED**.

OPTION A: [an ACADEMIC-STYLE TEXT]

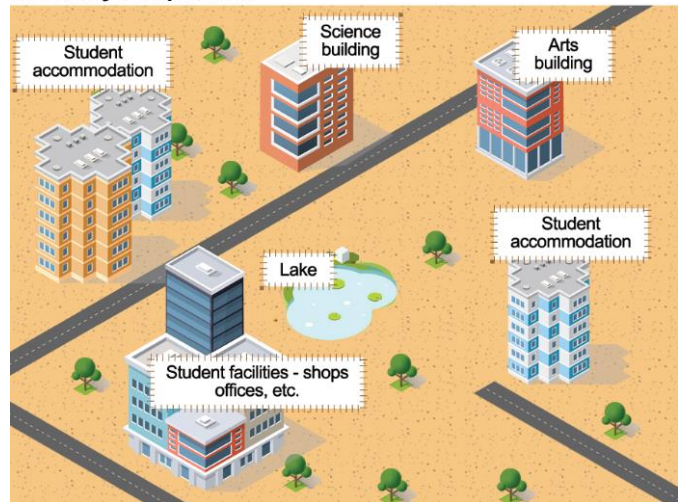
The maps below show improvements that have been made to a university campus between 2010 and the present day.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

University Campus 2010



University Campus Now



OPTION B: [a FORMAL LETTER]

Your car insurance company has told you that they are going to increase the amount you have to pay in insurance for your car each month. You are not happy about this.

Write a letter to your insurance company. In your letter explain

- Why you are writing to them
- Why you think the insurance should not be increased
- What you want them to do

You do NOT need to write any addresses

Begin your letter as follows:

Dear.....,

