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NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF MODERN LANGUAGES

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

ENTRANCE TEST

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Q No. 1: Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end. (21)

Opera refers to a dramatic art form, originating in Europe, in which the emotional content is conveyed to the audience as much through music, both vocal and instrumental, as it is through the lyrics. By contrast, in musical theater an actor's dramatic performance is primary, and the music plays a lesser role. The drama in opera is presented using the primary elements of theater such as scenery, costumes, and acting. However, the words of the opera, or libretto, are sung rather than spoken. The singers are accompanied by a musical ensemble ranging from a small instrumental ensemble to a full symphonic orchestra.

1. It is pointed out in the reading that opera
 - a) has developed under the influence of musical theater
 - b) is a drama sung with the accompaniment of an orchestra
 - c) is not a high-budget production
 - d) is often performed in Europe
 - e) is the most complex of all performing arts
2. We can understand from the reading that
 - a) people are captivated more by opera than musical theater
 - b) Drama in opera is more important than music
 - c) orchestras in operas can vary considerably in size
 - d) musical theatre relies above all on music
 - e) there is argument over whether the music is important or the words in opera
3. It is stated in the reading that
 - a) acting and costumes are secondary to music in musical theater
 - b) many people find musical theatre more captivating than opera
 - c) music in musical theater is not as important as it is in opera
 - d) an opera requires a huge orchestra as well as a large choir
 - e) opera doesn't have any properties common with musical theatre.

Naval architects never claim that a ship is unsinkable, but the sinking of the passenger-and-car ferry Estonia in the Baltic surely should have never have happened. It was well designed and carefully maintained. It carried the proper number of lifeboats. It had been thoroughly inspected the day of its fatal voyage. Yet hours later, the Estonia rolled over and sank in a cold, stormy night. It went down so quickly that most of those on board, caught in their dark, flooding cabins, had no chance to save themselves: Of those who managed to scramble overboard, only 139 survived. The rest died of hypothermia before the rescuers could pluck them from the cold sea. The final death toll amounted to 912 souls. However, there were an unpleasant number of

questions about why the Estonia sank and why so many survivors were men in the prime of life, while most of the dead were women, children and the elderly.

4. One can understand from the reading that
 - a) the lifesaving equipment did not work well and lifeboats could not be lowered
 - b) design faults and incompetent crew contributed to the sinking of the Estonia ferry
 - c) 139 people managed to leave the vessel but died in freezing water
 - d) naval architects claimed that the Estonia was unsinkable
 - e) most victims were trapped inside the boat as they were in their cabins
5. It is clear from the passage that the survivors of the accident
 - a) helped one another to overcome the tragedy that had affected them all
 - b) were mostly young men but women, children and the elderly stood little chance
 - c) helped save hundreds of lives
 - d) Are still suffering from severe post-traumatic stress disorder
 - e) told the investigators nothing about the accident
6. According to the passage, when the Estonia sank,
 - a) There were only 139 passengers on board
 - b) few of the passengers were asleep
 - c) there were enough lifeboats for the number of people on board
 - d) faster reaction by the crew could have increased the Estonia's chances of survival
 - e) all the passengers had already moved out into the open decks
7. after reading the passage one can guess the meaning of the word 'fatal' as
 - a) terrible
 - b) destructive
 - c) deadly
 - d) horrific
 - e) peaceful

Q No. 2: Do as directed.

(30)

1. People ---- the Earth was flat until Aristotle ---- that it was not.
 - a. Believed/ was proving
 - b. Had believed/ proved
 - c. Had believed/ would prove
 - d. Have believed/ proved

Choose the appropriate options to complete the sentences in passive or active form.

2. Camera footage shows that illegal goods ---- into the warehouse last week.
 - a. Are being smuggled
 - b. Smuggled
 - c. Are smuggled
 - d. Were smuggled
3. According to studies, single women often lack satisfactory life insurance coverage and 64 percent of American women ----- life insurance at all.
 - a. aren't carried
 - b. don't carry
 - c. weren't carried

- d. didn't carry
- 4. New methods of dating ancient footprints show that the first Americans ----- there at least 25,000 years earlier than thought.
 - a. must be settled
 - b. should be settled
 - c. can settle
 - d. may have settled

Choose the appropriate conjunctions to complete the sentences.

- 5. Canada's economy was greatly affected in the 1920s ----- the overproduction of goods and by the over expansion of industries.
 - a. As
 - b. Because of
 - c. Although
 - d. Since
 - e. But for
- 6. Alia doesn't even know how to use a dictionary ----- she is trying to learn French.
 - a. Due to
 - b. As for
 - c. Despite
 - d. Though
 - e. Now what
- 7. When his mother died, the novelist John Lanchester discovered that ---- the name that he knew her by ----- her date of birth was false.
 - a. Both/and
 - b. Neither/or
 - c. Either/or
 - d. Whether/or
 - e. As/as

Choose the appropriate options to complete the sentences.

- 8. Had you told me that this was going to happen, I ----- it.
 - a. Would never have believed
 - b. Hadn't believed
 - c. Don't believe
 - d. Can't believe
- 9. If I were in your shoes, I think I ---- to her rather than try to explain what has happened over the phone.
 - a. Spoke
 - b. Have spoken
 - c. Would speak
 - d. Will speak
- 10. You ---- the locksmith to open the door for you last night before you tried to open the door yourself.
 - a. Must call
 - b. Ought to have called
 - c. Have had to call
 - d. Could call
 - e. Had better call
- 11. As well as being a popular tourist site, Trafalgar Square offers some of the most famous views in the country, ----?
 - a. Has it
 - b. Was it
 - c. Doesn't it

