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ENGLISH TEST for Foreign Students

I. For questions 1-6, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

THE PIANO COMPETITION

A few years ago, my best friend (1) me to enter a piano competition that was to be held at a well-known London school of music, and foolishly I agreed. James – that was my friend’s name – must have known that my musical ability was not (2) with that of the other competitors, but he certainly didn’t let on if he did. When the big day arrived, I sat down in the packed auditorium and awaited my fate. The first pianist played a very difficult piece by Beethoven and his performance was virtually (3) The others were just as good – or so it seemed to me. When my own turn came, I was (4) aware of my own inadequacy and it was about as much as I could do to get to the piano and sit down. Needless to (5), my performance was awful. I couldn’t have played worse if I had tried. People were very nice about it afterwards, but nobody was able to (6) me. Especially not James. It was months before I could bring myself to talk to him again.

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| 1. A suggested | B urged | C insisted | D pleaded |
| 2. A compared | B in league | C on a par | D consistent |
| 3. A marvellous | B excellent | C perfect | D complete |
| 4. A sharply | B steadily | C acutely | D powerfully |
| 5. A say | B mention | C speak | D tell |
| 6. A relieve | B brighten | C console | D alleviate |

II. Put the verb into the correct form, present perfect or simple past. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

1. It (stop) raining for a while, but now it’s raining again.
2. I did English at school, but I (forget) most of it now.
3. The police (arrest) four people, but later they let them go.
4. Molly lives in Dublin. She (live) there all her life.
5. You (see) Anna this morning? (it is now evening)
6. What time you (finish) work?
7. How long it (rain)
8. “Do you often go on holiday?” “No, it’s five years since I (have) a holiday.”
9. John (eat) too much recently. He should eat less.

III. Writing

As a student representative for your school or college, you would like to set up an English Club, which would aim to promote a general interest in Britain and the English language. You decide to write a proposal to the Director, outlining the kind of activities you think should be organized, and saying how you think the English Club would benefit both the school or college and individual students. Write your answer on the separate answer sheet. Write about half a page.

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ANSWER SHEET

I.

1: _____ 2: _____ 3: _____ 4: _____ 5: _____ 6: _____

II.

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4: _____ 5: _____ 6: _____

7: _____ 8: _____ 9: _____

III.