**Use of English (7-8)**

**points: 20  
time: 20 minutes**

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**Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.**

**Part 1**

Find the verb which does not collocate with the noun in bold.

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| 1 | apply for, catch, create, get, generate, hunt for, lose, take up | **job** |
| 2 | acquire, brush up, enrich, learn, pick up, tell, use | **language** |
| 3 | assess, cause, mend, repair, suffer, sustain, take | **damage** |
| 4 | brush, cap, drill, fill, gnash, grit, wash | **teeth** |
| 5 | derive, enhance, find, give, provide, reach, savour | **pleasure** |

**Part 2**

Choose the best answer for each of the following sentences.

6. If you ordered hake, would you expect meat, fish or fruit?

a) fish b) meat c) fruit

7. Which one of the following is a vegetable?

a) squid b) cod c) kohlrabi

8. Which one of these is of dark red colour?

a) beetroot b) celery c) leek

9. 'This food is so \_\_\_\_\_\_ – it's completely tasteless!'

a) sickly b) stodgy c) bland

10. This is meat from a young cow.

a) veal b) pork c) mutton

11. In American English, this vegetable is known as eggplant.

a) courgette b) cabbage c) aubergine

**Part 3**

Complete the text below by filling each space with one suitable word.

**Adventures at sea**

Yann Martel's *Life of Pi* is a novel that you should never read late in the evening if you intend to get (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sleep at night! It is definitely a page-turner; I personally found it absolutely impossible to (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ down before I had read it cover (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cover.

The book tells the unusual story of a sixteen-year-old boy, Pi. (15) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Pi is making the voyage from India to Canada on a boat full of zoo animals, his boat sinks. Being the (16) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ human survivor, he finds  
(17) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sharing a lifeboat with a menagerie of creatures, including a hyena, a zebra, an orangutan and a 200 kg Bengal Tiger.

Although the book is written in a fairly simple style, it examines some very complex themes. In (18) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the novel reads like a fable or a fairy tale as it discusses the question of faith and belief.

If you read only one good book this year, I (19) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ strongly recommend Martel's *Life of Pi*. The writer has come up (20) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a story that is enlightening, humorous and therefore highly entertaining.