



**B) READING COMPREHENSION (16 Marks)**

**Read the following passage carefully, then answer the questions below:**

Before I travelled to Australia, I took a beginner's surfing training course in Portugal. I made the trip from my home in Spain to Portugal with high hopes of learning a lot and becoming a good and **competent** surfer. Unfortunately, by the end of the course, I didn't feel much more skilled! I was part of a group of four, and we spent five hours for two days practising on the beach rather than in the water.

When we arrived in Australia, I joined a course at *Waves Surf School*. The coach provided clear and easy instructions, and after just three days, everyone in my group was able to stand on their boards and ride all the way to the beach. It was truly exciting! After a day of hard work, I returned to my lovely apartment with an amazing view of the ocean **which** was most of the time calm and blue. I took some time to relax before going out for dinner.

The staff at the surf school were exceptional. They not only shared suggestions for the best tourist attractions but also kindly drove me back to my apartment when I went shopping and ended up with too many bags. During my time at the school, I learned a lot about Australia and its culture. I had an incredible experience, and it was really difficult to say goodbye when it was time to fly home.

**a) Choose the correct answer from a ,b, c and d : (6 x 2= 12 Marks)**

9. Which of the following is the best title for the passage?

- a) Beaches in Australia
- b) Surfing in Portugal
- c) **Surfing Lessons in Australia**
- d) The Cost of Joining Schools

10. The underlined word “**competent**” in the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph means:

- a) **skilled**
- b) flexible
- c) native
- d) casual

11. What does the underlined word “**which**” in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph refer to?

- a) beach
- b) **ocean**
- c) hard work
- d) apartment

12. How long was the writer’s surfing training course in Portugal?

- a) One day
- b) **Two days**
- c) Three days
- d) Four days

13. According to the passage, which of the following is **NOT TRUE**?

- a) The writer comes from Spain.
- b) The writer joined a surfing school in Australia.
- c) The writer's apartment had a beautiful view of the ocean.
- d) **The writer learned to surf without any previous experience in the sport.**

14. The purpose of the writer is to:

- a) **describe an experience of learning how to surf.**
- b) list the different cities of Australia.
- c) compare the tourist attractions in Portugal and Australia.
- d) give advice on how to become a better shopper.

**b) Answer the following questions: (2 x 2= 4 Marks)**

15. Why did the writer travel to Portugal?

**The writer travelled to Portugal to take a beginner’s surfing course.**

16. Where did the writer learn more about Australia?

**The writer learned more about Australia in his/her time at the Waves Surf School.**

**Any reasonable answer related to the passage is to be accepted.**

**II. WRITING (30 Marks)**

**A) GRAMMAR (14 Marks)**

**a) Choose the best answer from a, b, c and d: (4 x 2 = 8 Marks)**

17. I did not like the film; ....., I watched it till the end.

- a) however  
b) so  
c) although  
d) because

18. There were only .....books in the library. It was almost empty.

- a) a little  
b) many  
c) a few  
d) much

19. The teacher insisted that we do our homework by .....

- a) myself  
b) themselves  
c) himself  
d) ourselves

20. We are not going ..... this weekend because my uncle is visiting us.

- a) nothing  
b) anywhere  
c) something  
d) everywhere

**b) Do as required between brackets: (3 x 2= 6 Marks)**

21. The job of a doctor is useful. It is also profitable.

( Join using "both ...and")

**The job of a doctor is both useful and profitable.**

22. "Please, lend me your pen", my friend asked.

( Report)

**My friend asked me to lend him my pen.**

23. If you work harder, you will get better results.

**The harder you work, the better results you will get.**

(Complete)

**B) WRITING (16 Marks)**

16

Write on the following topic

While some people prefer old ways of communication, others support the modern means of communication.  
Plan and write a report of two paragraphs (10 sentences) about communication in the past and communication nowadays.

N.B. Your writing should include a topic sentence, supporting ideas and a conclusion.

| Rubrics  | Mark | Total |
|--|------|-------|
| Planning (mind mapping/ graphic organizers/ outline)   | 2    | 16    |
| Exposition of ideas and coherence  | 7    |       |
| Paragraphing and number of sentences   | 2    |       |
| Grammar  | 1    |       |
| Spelling   | 2    |       |
| Handwriting  | 1    |       |
| Punctuation  | 1    |       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 marks to be deducted from the total mark for changing the format.</li> <li>Off point topics receive zero</li> </ul> |      |       |

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