



GRADUATE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

OPEN TEST

Exercise 3: COMMUNICATION SKILLS: ENGLISH

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Surnames and name: _____

Read the text and answer the questions below.

THE UNITED NATIONS



Almost every country in the world belongs to the United Nations (UN) and sends representatives to the General Assembly. They meet for three months every year in the UN headquarters in New York.

The main purpose of the United Nations is to keep peace in the world, however it is not always successful. One of the reasons for this is that the five permanent members of the UN Security Council – China, France, Russia, the UK and the USA – each have a veto. This means that if one of them votes no to a proposal to, for example, send UN troops somewhere to prevent a war, the troops cannot go.

The UN is not only concerned with keeping peace. It has got many specialised agencies and they deal with other important issues in the world. Health care, food and education for children and families, especially those in developing countries, is provided by UNICEF (United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund). Shelter and transport for refugees made homeless by war and other disasters is provided by UNHCR (United Nations High Commission for Refugees).

The United Nations has tried to deal with many problems and disasters since it was founded in 1945. Despite its faults and failures, it tries to bring the people of the world together peacefully and to increase the health and prosperity of us all.

1. Are these statements true or false? Correct the false ones: (2 points)

1. Only China, France, Russia, the UK and the USA belong to the United Nations.
2. Not all members of the United Nations have a veto.
3. The UNHCR helps refugees.
4. The United Nations’ headquarters are in The United Kingdom.
5. The United Nations maintains peace in the world.

2. Choose the correct answer:

(2 points)

1. Who makes up the General Assembly of the United Nations?

- a) All the countries in the world.
- b) China, France, Russia, the UK and the USA.
- c) Most countries in the world.

2. Why is The United Nations not always successful in keeping world peace?

- a) Because the five permanent members of the UN Security Council must agree on a proposal and this is not always possible.
- b) Because there are a lot of different countries ready for war in the world.
- c) Because they send UN troops to some countries.

3. What other issues is the UN concerned with?

- a) Pollution and the greenhouse effect.
- b) Children and refugees' rights.
- c) Natural disasters.

4. What is the main aim of the United Nations?

- a) To send troops to developing countries.
- b) To feed children and families.
- c) To have a peaceful world.

3. Rearrange the words to make questions and sentences: (1 point)

1. Are before exams nervous you?

_____?

2. Do sometimes I shopping the

_____.

3. Been never New York I to have

_____.

4. often the do wash you clothes how?

_____?

4. Write the sentences in the negative form: (1 point)

1. Jack likes cats.

_____.

2. Helen is listening to music now.

_____.

3. Emily had dinner with a friend last night.

_____.

4. She has written two novels.

_____.

5. Fill in the gaps with the verbs in brackets in the correct tense. (1 point)

1. I (go) to England last year to study.

2. Whatyou.....(learn) at the moment?

3. Lisa always(do) her homework in the evening.

4. Penny and Phil(be) late for class yesterday.

6. Writing: *Think of a job you can do in the summer and write a letter to a friend about your plans for this summer job. Write about 100 words. (3 points)*

This guideline may help you: Where are you going to work? What are you going to do? How much will you be paid? Is it a well-paid job? Who will you work with? When will you start your job? Why do you want to do that job? ...

Dear...

This summer I want to work in a...