



Entrance exam 2007-2008

English

Duration: 1 hour

Part I:

A-Read the text and write the word which best fits each space. (1/2 pt. each)

Traffic Jams

The traffic problem is increasing in most overpopulated cities. Many streets and freeways are overcrowded 1) ----- a large number of cars and other vehicles. There 2) -----enough parking facilities in the busy downtown areas. However, the heavy traffic problem, 3) ----- is affecting the life of many people, can be solved in different ways.

First, more rapid transit systems should be built 4) -----the cities and suburbs. Then, people 5) ----- live in the suburban areas and work in the cities can get to their destinations quickly and safely.

6) -----, having an efficient public transportation system and a dependable railway system will encourage commuters to leave their cars at home. 7) ----- doing this, the number of cars using the highways and downtown streets will be greatly reduced. The subway systems in cities will also help shoppers to leave their cars and move easily in the metropolitan areas.

Finally, car pools are a good way to ease the heavy traffic 8) ----- the rush hours. A car pool is an arrangement by a group of car owners to take turns driving their cars to work and other places. With more people using car pools, 9) ----- will be fewer traffic jams and accidents.

In conclusion, the people and the authorities should work together to allow commuters and shoppers to get to their destinations and return home without wasting any time 10) ----- the streets or highways.

B-Give the opposite of the following words by using the correct **prefix. (1/2 pt. each)**

1-Overpopuled

2- Dependable

3- Efficient

4- Encouraged

C-Write questions to which the underlined words are answers. (1pt. each)

1-My friend goes shopping twice a week.

2- The fare to the airport is 20 Lebanese pounds.

D-Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first, using the word given between brackets. (1pt. each)

1- "I'm sorry; I have to leave early," Tony said. (apologized)

Toni _____.

2- He regrets not learning to drive a car. (Wishes)

He _____.



3- The last time I saw him was when I left the university. (Since)

I _____.

4- If I don't leave now, I'll miss my plane. (Unless)

I'll _____.

Part II:

Writing (120-140 words) (7 pt.)

People in a crowded city like Beirut waste too much time and money in traffic Jams. In your opinion, what measures should be taken to reduce this problem?



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Solution of English

A- (1/2pt. each)

- 1- By 2- are 3- which 4- in 5- who/that
6-second/ly 7- by 8- during 9- there 10-on

B- (1/2pt. each)

- 1- Under populated 2- Undependable 3- Inefficient
4-discouraged

C- (1pt. each)

- 1- How often does your friend go shopping?
2- What is the fare to the airport? How much is it to the airport?

D- (1pt. each)

- 1- *Toni* apologized for having to leave early.
2- *He* wishes he had learned to drive a car.
3- *I* haven't seen him since I /we left the university.
4- *I'll* miss my plane unless I leave now.

Part II: Writing (120-140 words) (7 pt.)

(4 pts) For ideas and organization and **(3 pts)** for language.