



Entrance exam 2009-2010

English

Time: 1h
July 11, 2009

Part I: Reading

A- Read the text and write the word which best fits each space (Score 3)

The Alaska pipeline starts at the frozen edge of the Arctic Ocean and ends at a remote ice-free seaport village nearly 800 miles from _____ it begins. It is a massive in size and extremely complicated to operate.

The steel pipe crosses plains, climbs steep mountains, goes _____thick forests and passes over or under hundreds of rivers and streams. The pipe is 4 feet in diameter and up to two million barrels of crude oil can _____pumped through it daily. A little _____than half of the pipe line is elevated above the ground. The remainder is buried anywhere from 3 to 12 feet, depending _____the type of terrain and the properties of the soil.

The pipeline cost 8 billion dollars and is by far the biggest and most expensive construction project ever undertaken by private industry. Eight major oil companies shared the costs. Each company controlled oil rights to particular shares of lands in the oil fields and paid into the construction fund according to the size of its holdings. Today _____ enormous problems of climate, supply shortage, equipment breakdowns, labor disagreement, mismanagement, and even theft, the Alaska pipeline has been completed and is operating.

B- Pick out from the text words that have the same meaning as the following: (Score 3)

1- Far, 2- Raised, 3- Land; Ground, 4- Money needed, 5- Huge, 6- Lack.

C- Ask questions on the underlined words. (Score 2)

- 1- The Alaska pipeline is 800 miles from where it begins.
- 2- Two million barrels can be pumped daily.
- 3- The pipeline cost 8 billion dollars.
- 4- Eight major companies shared the costs.



D- Correct the one mistake in each of the following sentences. (Score 2)

- 1- I don't know how much does a gallon of gasoline cost.
- 2- The more you exercise, the more fit you become.

E- Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first.. (Score 2)

- 1- The Alaska pipeline was completed by the companies despite enormous problems.
Although _____.
- 2- Because the pipeline is massive in size, it is complicated to operate.
If the pipeline _____.

Part II: Writing (120-150 words) (Score 8)

Oil is a major source of pollution and global warming on earth. How can we reduce our dependence on oil? Illustrate and give examples.



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A- (Score 3)

- 1- Where, 2-Through, 3- Be, 4-More,
5- On; upon, 6- In spite of; despite

B- (Score 3)

- 1- Remote, 2- Elevated, 3- Terrain, 4- Money needed,
5- Huge, 6- Lack

C- (Score 2)

- 1- How long is the pipeline?
2- How many barrels can be pumped daily?
3- How much did the pipeline cost?
4- What did 8 major companies share?

D- (Score 2)

- 1- I don't know how much a gallon of gasoline costs.
2- The more you exercise the fitter you become.



E- (Score 2)

- 1- Although there were enormous problems, the Alaska pipeline was completed.
- 2- If the pipeline weren't massive in size, it wouldn't be complicated to operate.

Part II: Writing (120-150 words) (Score 8)