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Index Number must be written once ONLY above the perforation.
Write your answers in blue or black ink.**

**Qualifying Examination for the Post of Security Guard
in the Malta Public Service
December 2025**

Subject: English
Date: Monday, 1st December 2025
Time: One and a half hours

**This examination paper consists of TWO sections (Section A and Section B).
Candidates are requested to attempt ALL sections and to read carefully the
instructions within each section.**

Write your answers in the space available on the examination paper.

Section A: Reading
Task A1

50 marks
10 marks

Read the text which is on a separate sheet and answer the questions below.

Underline the correct answer.

5 marks

1. The bar chart shows the sales of small appliances for the first (week, month, two months, three months) of the year.
2. The bar chart is based on a study conducted only among (teenage and young adult clients, adults and seniors over sixty, adult clients up to age sixty, middle-aged adults).
3. The results indicate that the sale of juicers was (least, more, most, fairly) popular among the oldest age group in the study.
4. The largest number of customers in the oldest age group bought a (juicer, food processor, air fryer, coffee machine).
5. The sale of (juicers, food processors, air fryers, coffee machines) amounted to a minimum of 25% and a maximum of 35% of sales across all age groups.

Are the following sentences about Town & Country Department Store's cooking classes True (T) or False? (Tick (✓) the correct answer.

5 marks

		TRUE	FALSE
1.	People interested in learning how to make pasta dishes can attend classes once a week.		
2.	More than one cooking class is held in the morning.		
3.	Classes are scheduled to begin in March.		
4.	One can call the store to register for any of the classes.		
5.	Customers who buy a small kitchen appliance get two free classes.		

Task A2

40 marks

Read the text below and answer all the questions that follow.

Paragraph A

It was a sunny summer day, and I felt like doing something particularly daring. I decided that I wanted to take up a challenge and hike up the local mountain solo. So I gathered my supplies and headed out.

Paragraph B

I trekked up the mountain trail, taking in the beauty of nature all around **me**. There were wildflowers growing along the path, birds chirping in the trees, and a cool breeze blowing through the air. Eventually, I reached the mountain peak and stopped to take in the breathtaking view. I could see for miles in every direction and felt a sense of accomplishment from having made it to the top.

Paragraph C

I spent some time at the summit, **where** I enjoyed my packed lunch and reflected on my journey up the mountain. After that, I began my descent back down the same trail. As I wound **my** way down the path, I kept an eye out for any wildlife I might spot on the way. Sure enough, I was rewarded with sightings of deer, rabbits and even a fox!

Paragraph D

Finally, I reached the bottom of the mountain and headed back home. Although my legs were tired from all that walking, my heart was full, from having experienced such a beautiful journey. I'll never forget that hike up the mountain, and I hope to do **it** again soon!

Paragraph E

Reflecting on **this** experience, I am grateful for the lessons that it taught me. It was an important reminder to always be mindful of my surroundings and take time to appreciate all that life has to offer. Not only did I get a chance to observe nature in **its** finest form, but I also learnt more about myself and what truly matters in life. Just like trekking the steep slopes of the mountain, growing up wasn't easy at first. However, with the help of friends and family, I was able to overcome any obstacle standing between me and success. Climbing this mountain will stay with me forever as a source of motivation when times are tough or things don't go my way, reminding me that no matter how hard something may seem, if you put your heart into it, anything is possible!

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1. Which is the best title for the text? 1 mark
 a. A summer holiday
 b. Discovering oneself
 c. My career
2. In which section of an online newspaper would you find this article? 1 mark
 a. News
 b. Travel
 c. Lifestyle
3. The aim of the article is to 1 mark
 a. narrate an experience.
 b. advise the reader to avoid climbing.
 c. inform the reader about wildlife.
4. Which one of the following pictures would be published with this article? 1 mark
 Tick (✓) the correct box below.



A

B

C

5. Below are the missing subheadings for paragraphs **A, B, C, D, E** in the text. Write the correct letter of each paragraph in the second column. One subheading is extra. 5 marks

Subheading	Paragraph
On the way down	
Lifelong effect	
Reaching the summit	
Frustration after the journey	
Journey's end	
Setting off	

8. a. Underline the correct answer in brackets. 1 mark

The writer felt (disappointed, dissatisfied, delighted) with the climbing experience.

b. Quote a part sentence of eleven words from Paragraph **D** to support your answer. 1 mark

9. Are the following statements **True** or **False**? Underline the correct answer and give a reason to support your answer. 5 marks

a. The writer thought it was going to be easy to climb the mountain.
True / False because

b. The writer climbed the mountain alone.
True / False because

c. The writer had lunch at a restaurant at the top of the mountain.
True / False because

d. The writer saw the wild animals by chance.
True / False because

e. The writer wishes to repeat the experience.
True / False because

10. What do the following words, found in bold in the text, refer to?

3 marks

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| a. me | _____ | d. it | _____ |
| b. where | _____ | e. this | _____ |
| c. my | _____ | f. its | _____ |

11. From Paragraphs **A, B, E** find **ONE** word which means:

4 marks

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|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| a. adventurous | _____ | e. achievement | _____ |
| b. path | _____ | f. pondering | _____ |
| c. gentle wind | _____ | g. best | _____ |
| d. finally | _____ | h. conquer | _____ |

12. In your own words explain what the writer means by the following:

2 marks

“ ... if you put your heart into it, anything is possible!” (last line Paragraph **E**)

Section B: Writing

50 marks

Task B1

10 marks

Answer the following question.

Your friend has sent you a text message saying they feel very stressed at work. In around **70 - 80** words, write a **reply** to your friend's **text message** giving them advice.

12:35 58%

← Matthew last seen today at 13:25

Hi. I've been feeling really stressed at work lately. There's so much to do, and I can't seem to finish everything on time. I'm working long hours and not sleeping well at all. I just don't know what to do.

Reply Send

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