

Yesterday, Ruth Lawrence came first out of the 530 candidates who took the entrance exam for St Hugh's College Oxford. The college is going to offer her a scholarship - pay for her education. Ruth took three-hour papers - Algebra, Geometry and statistics. "I was happy with the first two." she said yesterday, "but I wasn't sure about the third."

Ruth, who lives in Huddersfield, has never been to school. Her father, Harry Lawrence, a computer programmer, gave up his job when Ruth was five to educate her at home. Her mother, Sylvia, who also works with computers, is the family breadwinner. Harry Lawrence explained that Ruth enjoyed not only mathematics, but also English, history, geography and other subjects. She began to read at four and started academic subjects at five.

"Ruth enjoys serious conversation with adults," her father said. He does not think she works harder than other children of her age. She concentrates on what she enjoys. Especially mathematics "She rarely watches television but she plays the piano and has other interests," he explained.

If she does well at St Hugh's, Ruth expects to become a professor of mathematics - an ambition she may achieve while she is still very young. The Lawrence family were very happy last night when they heard the news. They are planning to move to Oxford in October.

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### I. COMPREHENSION (14 Pts.)

#### A. ARE THESE SENTENCES TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY (8 Pts.):

1. The mother supports the family.

2. Ruth likes to talk to adults.

3. Watching television is Ruth's only pastime.

4. Ruth will live with her family in Oxford.

#### B. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS : (3 Pts.)

1. Why is St Hugh's College going to give Ruth a Scholarship?

2. Which exam papers was Ruth pleased with?

3. Why did Mr Lawrence stop going out to work?

#### C. COMPLETE THESE SENTENCES : (3 Pts.)

1. Each exam paper lasted

2. When Ruth was four years old, she

3. After College, Ruth hopes to

## I / Vocabulary : 7 pts

### 1. Use the words in bold at the end of each sentence to make words which fit in the space: 3pts

- Alice knew the bank note was a ..... because it was a strange color . **forge**
- The..... received a 10 year prison sentence for armed ..... . **Rob**
- A lifeguard ' s life can be very dull or extremely..... . **chaos**
- Ahmed was given the job after he had been a ..... for six months . **Train**
- Shopping on the internet can sometimes be ..... . **Risk**

### 2. Complete the words: 2 pts

- M**oney that you borrow from the bank. **L** .....
- Did you see my **b**roken arm on the. **X**.....
- Sam has **b**roken his leg , so he has to use . **C**.....
- You need this if you want to be a **l**ifeguard. **p**.....

### 3. Complete the sentences with the correct form of these phrasal verbs : 2pts

Pay back    cut out    save up    change into    pay into    come to    take out

- Some banks will give you interest on the money you.....on your account
- I had to buy some new jeans ;so I went to the bank to .....some cash.
- I have to .....some pound..... euros for my trip to france
- I couldn't believe it when the cashier told me my shopping .....over a hundred

## II/ Grammar: 9pts

### 1. Complete these sentences with must / have to/ can/could/ be able to/ in its correct form :3.5pts

- In some schools boys .....wear a uniform .it's compulsory.
- Tom is impatient,so he might not .....to get the job.
- Did you pay to get into the concert ?  
No, I had free tickets, so I .....pay for it .
- Students .....use their phone in the class room they are not allowed to .
- Sam has to answer all the questions.  
How many questions .....answer ?
- I cannot swim very far these days, but when I was younger I .....swim From one side of the lake to the other.
- Did you win the match ?  
Yes, it wasn't easy, but I ..... at the end.

### 2. Complete the blanks in the text with a, an, the or – 5.5pts



(1)----- St. Petersburg is (2)----- largest port and (3)----- second largest city in (4)----- Russia. It is built near (5)----- Baltic Sea, 160 kilometres to (6)-----south of (7)----- Finnish border.(8)----- city was completed in 1712 and for two centuries it was (9)----- capital of (10)----- Russian Empire. Famous architects built (11)-----beautiful cathedrals, palaces and bridges over (12)----- River Neva.

(13)----- Hermitage is (14)----- important museum in this city. It was built by Catherine the Great in 1764 and it was first (15)----- private gallery next to (16)----- Winter Palace. But after (17)----- fire destroyed(18)-----Winter Palace in 1837, (19)----- museum was rebuilt and it was opened to (20)----- public in 1852. Today it is one of (21)----- greatest art galleries in (22)-----world and contains a lot of important works of art.

**III) Writing: 10 pts**

**A magazine editor has asked people to send him articles on the advantages and disadvantages of being rich. He will publish the best ones. Write your article.**