

BEE 4 PRELIMINARY 2023 CANDIDATE PAPER

Task 1

Read the text. Find ten misspelled words and circle them. Then write the correct spelling on the numbered lines below. There is an example.

Throughout history, humankind has progressed thanks to amazing inventions and discoveries. Some of these inventions are a lot older than you might think.

The Lycurgus Cup is a beautifully decorated glass cup that was made in Italy in the fourth century. For years, it confused scientists because it seemed to change colour as it refracted light. In the 1990s, as a group of scientists were looking at the glass cup under a microscope, they discovered something amazing. Whomever had made the glass cup had used tiny pieces of gold and silver. Some of these pieces measured as little as 50 nanometres across – about one-thousandth the size of a grain of salt. It is these tiny pieces that make the cup change colour.

Some discoveries remain a mystery to this day. In 1936, during an excavation in an ancient village near Baghdad, an archaeologist found some unusual clay pots. The pots were more than 2,000 years old. Hanging inside each pot was a copper cylinder, inside which there was a piece of iron. The purpose of these pots has not been identified yet.

Example: Throughout

1) _____

6) _____

2) _____

7) _____

3) _____

8) _____

4) _____

9) _____

5) _____

10) _____

Task 2

Read the definitions of words and put the letters in the right order to make correct spelling of the words given below.

Example:

A C S T O R E N *noun* a person, typically one more remote than a grandparent, from whom one is descended.

_____ ***ancestor*** _____

1. P T I S C R R I P O E N *noun* a piece of paper that a doctor gives you that says what type of medicine you need

2. D S I S A T F A C T I S I O N *noun* the annoyed feeling that you get when something is not as good as you expected it to be

3. I V N I B L I S E *adjective* one that cannot be seen

4. D T I S I N G I S U H *verb* to recognize the differences between things

5. S T I E N M A E N T L *adjective* making people experience feelings of sadness, sympathy, love etc,

6. H A R D Q E A U T R S E *noun* the place where a company or organization has its main offices

7. I O N C N I E N V E N T *adjective* causing difficulties or extra effort

8. P S T R E D E A I N *noun* someone who is walking, especially in a town or city

9. C U O T R N D Y S I E *noun* the area outside towns and cities with farms, fields, and trees

10. M A F N U A C R T U E *verb* to make goods in large quantities in a factory

Task 3 – Listening

You will hear a short recording. Read the text on your paper and complete the gaps.

You should write one word in each gap. You will hear the recording twice.

This summer I went _____ through the mountains with my parents.

We were gone for a _____, just walking and camping along the way.

It was the first time I've been on an _____ like this; I was too young before.

It can be a little _____, if you get lost or don't have enough supplies.

I really wanted to _____ my parents this year though, and they decided I was ready.

The first week was really _____; we talked and sang as we walked.

The beautiful _____ and views seemed to energise us.

For the second week we were tired, but still full of _____ to complete our journey.

By the end of the trip, we were _____, but we made it!

It was a great _____. I can't wait to do it again next year.

Task 4 - Brainstorm

Write 5 (five) words that aligned to WEATHER, start with **the first letter** given, according to the definition.

Each word contains no less than 5 letters.

Definition: A severe snow storm with strong winds.

1) B _____

Definition: Quite cold, sounds like a South American country.

2) C _____

Definition: Rain in very small, light drops; light rain.

3) D _____

Definition: A sudden light fall of snow, blown in different directions by the wind.

4) F _____

Definition: A period of time such as a few weeks when the weather is much hotter than usual.

5) H _____

This is the end of the paper.

Bee 4 Preliminary Round

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| 1 | progressed | prescription | trekking | Blizzard |
| 2 | beautifully | dissatisfaction | fortnight | Chilly |
| 3 | refracted | invisible | expedition | Drizzle |
| 4 | measured | distinguish | dangerous | Flurry |
| 5 | nanometres (AmE nanometers) | sentimental | accompany | Heatwave |
| 6 | mystery | headquarters | enjoyable | |
| 7 | excavation | inconvenient | landscape | |
| 8 | archaeologist (AmE archeologist) | pedestrian | determination | |
| 9 | clay | countryside | exhausted | |
| 10 | cylinder | manufacture | experience | |