

BEE 6 SEMI-FINAL 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.

Blackbeard was one of the most notaurious and feared pirates of the 18th century. He was known for his ferocity in battle, his signature beard, and his flamboyant attire.

Blackbeard was born into an impeacunious family in Bristol, England, in 1680. He started his career as a sailor on marchant ships before turning to piracy. He quickly rose through the ranks to become a captain and began attacking ships in the Caribbean.

Blackbeard was known for his recklessnes in battle and liked to make his appearance fearsome to intimidate his enemies. He was also very strategic, often using trecherous and deceptive tactics to capture and plunder his targets.

His reputation as a fierce pirate made him a comtentious figure in his time – most people feared and loathed him, but a few also admired him. At one point, the British Navy was sent to capture him, but Blackbeard miraculously evaded them, continuing his raids for several years.

Blackbeard's scurilous reputation reached unprecedeted heights in 1718, when he was killed in a battle with British sailors. His legend has lived on, inspiring countless stories and legends of piracy on the high seas.

Blackbeard and his ability to relentlessly evade the law left behind a legacy of piracy and adventure that continues to captivate people's interest to this day. His vocifearous presence and infamous exploits have made him one of the most famous pirates in history.

Example: notorious

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. BEECSEHIGN *adj* one who is asking someone for something in an urgent and sincere way

2. CARADMAEIRE *noun* friendship and trust between people in a group

3. EMZBELEZMETN *noun* stealing money that people trust you to look after as part of your work

4. ARGANDGSIE *verb* to increase the power or importance of someone or something when this is not deserved or reasonable

5. INNCECOIBVALE *adj* impossible to think about or imagine

6. PVOROCTIAON *noun* something that causes you to react in an angry or violent way, often intended to cause such a reaction

7. PPONRDECREANE *noun* most of the people or things in a group

8. ALVLEIEAT *verb* to make something less painful, severe, or serious

9. PUUNTILOCIS *adj* very careful to behave well and follow the details of rules or instructions

10. WLEOEHHRATED *adj* enthusiastic and complete

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.

Welcome to “History and _____”, a podcast that aims to explore the weird and wonderful parts of ancient times with a humorous approach.

Today, we will explore the life of Queen Cleopatra, a ruler defined by her _____, intelligence, and brilliance.

Cleopatra was a queen of Egypt who ruled during a time of great _____ in the Mediterranean world.

She _____ navigated a complex political landscape, seeking alliances while maintaining her _____ and independence.

Her reign was marked by a series of struggles, including _____ and exile, but also by moments of triumph and influence.

Sadly, she is often misrepresented in film and television; directors simply can't resist rewriting history and using _____ props while they're at it.

In academia, Cleopatra has been _____ viewed through the lens of male writers and historians, which led to some inaccuracies.

Many of them could be accused of _____ her legacy by focusing too heavily on her romantic life.

However, recent scholarship has shed new light on her achievements, which were _____ significant.

This is the end of the paper.