

# BEE 5 SEMI-FINAL 2024 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.

Nelson Mandela was a heroik figure from South Africa, synonymous with the fight against apartheid, a system that unfairly separated and treated people based on their race. He was known for his dedicated approach to justice and change. Mandela's fight against this prejudiced system was both brave and strategic.

Mandela joined the African National Congress (ANC) and quickly became a leader. He organised peaceful protests and called for a boycott of South African businesses internationally. His actions eventually led to his imprisonment for 27 years, but his spirit never faltered.

After his release, Mandela continued to push for equality and unity. In 1994, he became the first black president of South Africa in the country's inaugural democratic elections. This historic event marked the beginning of a new era. Subsequent to his election, Mandela worked tirelessly to heal the nation and promote reconciliation.

Mandela's legacy is a powerful reminder of the importance of fighting against injustice and standing up for what is right. His life and work are a testament to the power of resistance and the enduring impact of a conscientious and humanitarian leader. Mandela's story encourages us all to strive for a better, fairer world.

Example: heroic

1) \_\_\_\_\_

6) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

7) \_\_\_\_\_

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8) \_\_\_\_\_

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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. DCIELSBNRIE *adj* that can be recognised or understood

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2. ILTNAOINICN *noun* a person's natural tendency or urge to act or feel in a particular way

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3. SUDERNERR *verb* to admit that you have been defeated and want to stop fighting; to allow yourself to be caught, taken prisoner, etc.

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4. TTERARIY *adj* third in order, rank or importance

\_\_\_\_\_

5. TRHAEITUEPC *adj* helping to treat an illness

\_\_\_\_\_

6. CCIUNREVMT *verb* find a way of avoiding a difficulty or a rule

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7. ALDEONECSE *noun* the time in a person's life when they develop from a child into an adult

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8. CFTOSAICNE *verb* to officially take something away from somebody, especially as a punishment

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9. HERIAINOTBN *noun* a state like deep sleep in which some animals spend the winter

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10. INRUTODISUS *adj* working hard; busy

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### 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.

I've always found Costa Rica \_\_\_\_\_ as a holiday destination.

An \_\_\_\_\_ of mine went several years ago and has been raving about it since.

One night, I was feeling \_\_\_\_\_, so I booked a flight.

A few weeks later, I was flying over the \_\_\_\_\_ ocean, about to land in my dream destination.

I touched down in San Jose, the \_\_\_\_\_ capital, where I stayed for a few days.

It was wonderful, but I enjoyed travelling through the \_\_\_\_\_ towns and villages even more.

The friendly, welcoming \_\_\_\_\_ of the people I met really stayed with me.

Of course, the main draw in Costa Rica is the nature: the \_\_\_\_\_ is simply unrivalled.

The mountains and volcanoes, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the sparkling waters are just breath-taking.

There's an \_\_\_\_\_ magic to the country; I can't wait to go back!