

**YTÜ - İYS Sınav Kampı**  
**Paragraph Completion Exercise**

1. In strict terms, performing arts are those art forms, primarily theatre, dance and music, that result in a performance. \_\_\_\_\_, from classical opera and serious theatre to live variety entertainment, popular improvised theatre in the streets, and even rock concerts and professional wrestling.

- a) Decorative arts, on the other hand, are art forms that have a primarily decorative rather than expressive or emotional purpose
- b) The individual performing artist has always struggled to survive
- c) Under their heading, however, can be placed an enormous number of forms and variations
- d) Several playwrights of the late 19th and early 20th centuries prepared the way for modern realistic drama

2. In Britain, about two million people, most of whom are drivers, are so seriously illiterate that they cannot read a road sign. Twenty per cent of all Britons are unable to read something so basic as the Yellow pages \_\_\_\_\_. Yet the problem is significant among young people too. One in five 19-year-olds have such difficulty in reading and writing that all but unskilled work is closed to them. In all of Europe, only Poland and Ireland have lower literacy rates.

- a) People over 55 are the most seriously affected with illiteracy
- b) This is a problem among young people as well as older people
- c) In some schools, metal detectors are used to make sure students do not have guns
- d) In spite of the difficulty of its language, Japan has one of the highest literacy rates in the world

3. Thailand is an immensely fertile land and the society has traditionally drawn strength from agriculture. For the visitor, the fascination with this agricultural society lies in the enormous variety of fruits, vegetables, spices and flowers that are cultivated. \_\_\_\_\_. Indeed, it has been recognised in the last few years that Thai food ranks as one of the world's great culinary arts.

- a) Orchids are particularly beautiful in Thailand
- b) Excellent fruit is cheap and abundant at all times of the year
- c) Historically, the north-eastern part of Thailand has been known for livestock production
- d) It is the availability of such a variety of fresh produce that makes Thai cuisine so rich and varied

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4. \_\_\_\_\_. Wet, well-washed hands can transmit as many as 60,000 bacteria, while dry, well-washed hands transmit just 200. Moisture is a perfect vehicle for micro organisms, and as it's impossible to get hands perfectly clean by washing anyway, it's better to prevent the spread of germs by drying hands properly.

- a) Many people have had flu this winter and doctors are advising us to take preventative measures
- b) In most modern cultures, people prefer to bath or shower at least once a day to keep clean
- c) Drying your hands thoroughly is more important for hygiene than careful washing
- d) From a young age, children should be taught to wash their hands before they eat anything

5. \_\_\_\_\_. Had it not been for the friendly Indians, the colonists would never have survived the terrible winters. From them, they learnt to build canoes for water transportation, and to make snowshoes and toboggans for winter travelling. It was also from the Native Americans that they learnt of the typical foods such as maize, squash, beans, and pumpkins.

- a) The Spanish conquerors were interested in only one thing: gold
- b) Though the winters in the northern parts of North America can be harsh, they are no worse than those in parts of northern Europe
- c) When the Europeans in America began to move west, they drove the native Americans before them, taking their land as they went
- d) When the English settlers first arrived in North America, the hardships they experienced were totally unexpected

6. The plant cyclamen is known as "shepherd's soap." \_\_\_\_\_. They would take the bulbs of the plant, cut them into pieces and rub their clothes with them. The stuff in the plants worked in the same way that today's detergents do.

- a) Despite the abundance of the flowers, it is worth taking a close look at one of the cyclamen
- b) The cyclamen also contains a poisonous material which was known and used by the Romans
- c) Cyclamen leaves were often used in the past, before the plant became a protected species
- d) The cyclamen bulb contains a foaming material which villagers used to wash their clothes

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7. Alan still held the frying pan in his hand. The whites of his eyes glinted in the light of the oil lamp. \_\_\_\_\_ but at that moment his son, Peter, came into the room, and Alan lowered the pan and rearranged his face into a less manic pattern. His wife, Esther, took the frightened look off her face, straightened up, and smiled at her son maternally.

- a) Peter was six foot two, some six inches taller than his father and had short blond hair
- b) It seemed for a moment that he was going to throw the omelette full into his wife's face
- c) The washing up seemed to continue without end, and the pan just wouldn't come clean
- d) He was trying to decide exactly what he should cook for dinner and how to prepare it

8. Teaching children to swim at an early age is not only something the kids will enjoy, but vital to their general safety. With so many backyard swimming pools, rivers and reservoirs scattered about urban areas, the chances a child may accidentally fall into a body of water are high \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Thus, it's best to prepare for such an event by making sure your child will have the skills to save himself
- b) These are all good places to have a swim, so it is important that children learn how and enjoy the opportunities
- c) Even people who know how to swim can be at risk of drowning
- d) These situations, however, are usually not dangerous: In fact. They can be funny

9. While the invention of e-mail certainly has many advantages, the world surely miss the pleasure of old fashioned letters in the mail. A hand written letter has a personal touch an electronic message could never achieve. Each personal letter is unique: the paper, the handwriting, the stamps. And, when they arrive, it's as though they have a history \_\_\_\_\_ . But e-mails lack this. They don't feel as though they have travelled anywhere. They just appear as if they've come out of thin air.

- a) Computers are used daily by many individuals for the main purposes of sending and receiving e-mail
- b) A posted letter feels like a real, physical connection between the sender and receiver
- c) It takes posted letters longer to arrive, but it is most definitely worth the wait
- d) You know a posted letter has made a long, and perhaps eventful, journey to your door

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**10.** In human beings, instinct reveals itself in such things as self-protection in the face of attack. \_\_\_\_\_. They, for instance, build their nests entirely by instinct. More dramatic, perhaps, is the instinct that compels many species of bird to migrate. How this process works remains a mystery.

- A) The eagle is known to have a sharp sense of instinct
- B) In other animals, however, instinct plays a much larger role, as in the case of birds
- C) instinct requires no instruction, and even the smallest animal is instinctive
- D) Birds, insects, mammals - all animal life forms rely on their instinct.

ANSWER KEY: 1C 2A 3D 4C 5D 6D 7B 8A 9D 10B