

PART 1: Multiple-Choice Cloze Test

Read the text below and mark the correct letter on your ANSWER SHEET.
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Example: 0

ANSWER SHEET

A national

B table

C go

D when

A	B	C	D
x			

The Republic of Ireland elects on (0) _____ level a head of state - the president - and a legislature. The president is (1) _____ for a seven year term (2) _____ Irish citizens resident in the Republic. Residents of the (3) _____ Republic who are citizens or British citizens (4) _____ participate in elections to the national parliament. Residents (5) _____ are citizens of any EU state may vote in European elections, while any resident, (6) _____ of citizenship, may participate in local elections. *Oireachtas Éireann* (the national parliament) has two chambers. *Dáil Éireann* (the house of representatives or lower house) has 166 members, elected (7) _____ a term of up to five years by the single transferable vote system in multi-seat (8) _____. *Seanad Éireann* (the Senate or upper house) has 60 members, 11 members (9) _____ by the Taoiseach, 6 members elected by graduates of two universities and 43 members elected from five vocational panels, all in a short time (10) _____ the parliamentary elections.

	A	B	C	D
1	ELECT	ELECTED	ELECTING	ELECTION
2	FROM	TO	BY	WITH
3	IRELAND	NATION	UNITE	IRISH
4	TAKE	GOING	MAY	HAVE
5	WHICH	WHO	FROM	SHOULD
6	REGARDLESS	REGARDFUL	REGARD	REGARDING
7	FOR	FROM	TO	AND
8	CONSTITUENCIES	CONSTITUTIONS	CALLS	TIME
9	NOMINATING	NOMINATE	NOMINATED	NOMINATES
10	TO	AFTER	WHILE	DESPITE

PART 2: Verb Completion

**Write the correct form of the verbs in brackets on your ANSWER SHEET.
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Hillary Clinton

Hillary Rodham Clinton was born in Chicago in 1947.

She 1) _____ (be) a United States Senator from New York since 2000.

Bill Clinton 2) _____ (take) office as president in January 1993 and Hillary 3) _____ (become) First Lady of the United States but she continued to work as a lawyer.

When Hillary 4) _____ (elect) Senator of New York it was the first time a First Lady 5) _____ (run) for a public office.

After 6) _____ (win) the election to the Senate, many people assumed that her ultimate goal was to return to the White House.

So it 7) _____ (not/surprise) anyone when in early 2007 Hillary announced her intention to become a candidate for president of the United States.

If Hillary 8) _____ (win) the Democratic nomination, she will be the first woman to run for the presidency.

When 9) _____ (we/know) who the Democratic candidate is to be? We will have to wait until the primaries 10) _____ (hold) next year, although opinion polls show Hillary is the front runner in several states.

Part 3: Reading Comprehension (20 marks)

Read the text and answer the questions below.

THE AMERICAN MELTING POT

At the beginning of the 20th century the United States absorbed the largest influx of immigrants in its history-Irish and Germans, followed by Italians and East Europeans, Catholics and Jews-some 18 million new citizens between 1890 and 1920.

Today the US is experiencing another great wave of immigration. Most of the immigrants of today come not from Europe but from the still developing world of Asia and Latin America. The demographic changes are so rapid and intense in the US that no single ethnic group-including whites of European descent-will in the near future make up a majority of the nation's population. What started this great transformation was a change to immigration law in 1965, when Congress made family reunification the primary criteria for admittance. The law allowed immigrants already in the US to bring over their relatives, who in turn could bring over more relatives. As a result, now almost one in every 10 residents is foreign born.

The "melting pot" idea that the US can transform people of every color and background into "one America" has become only a myth. In the past there was a greater consensus on what it meant to be an American. There used to be a desire for a common language and culture. Today social historians believe there is more emphasis on preserving one's ethnic identity and defending one's cultural roots. As a result, segregation in American institutions such as schools and churches is easily observable. Many immigrant parents feel that while they want their children to advance economically in their new country, they do not want them to become "too" American.

(Source: Washington Post)

Mark the letter to the correct answer- **A,B,C** or **D** on your **ANSWER SHEET**.
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- 1.) The writer:
 - a) is in favour of immigration from Asia and Latin America.
 - b) believes that there is less consensus on what it is to be an American.
 - c) thinks new immigration is an economic resource.
 - d) argues that the 1965 immigration law was a good law.
- 2) The 1965 immigration law
 - a) has been repealed.
 - b) reduced immigration.
 - c) made it easier for immigrants to bring in family members.
 - d) made it more difficult for immigrants to bring in family members.
- 3) The "melting pot" idea refers to
 - a) immigrants transforming themselves into "one America".
 - b) immigrants imposing their ethnic identity on others.
 - c) segregation in American institutions.
 - d) people maintaining their own language.
- 4) In the future the majority of the US population will probably be made up of
 - a) East Europeans.
 - b) Western Europeans.
 - c) no single ethnic group.
 - d) Asians.
- 5) Nowadays many newcomers feel that it is important for their children
 - a) to forget their roots..
 - b) to improve their economic situation but preserve their ethnic background.
 - c) to return to their native countries in the future.
 - d) not to speak English too well.