

## אנגלית

### על פי תכנית הרפורמה ללמידה משמעותית

## MODULE A

### PART I: ACCESS TO INFORMATION FROM WRITTEN TEXTS (70 points)

Read the notice below and then answer questions 1-8.

#### AN UNUSUAL TOWN

I There is a treasure in the town of Coober Pedy, Australia. It is a treasure you cannot see because it is under the ground. This treasure is special stones called opals.<sup>1</sup> Opals are very valuable. Many people come to Coober Pedy to look for opals because they hope to get rich. In fact, opals are so valuable that you can sell a perfect opal for a million dollars.



Underground hotel room in Coober Pedy  
From: www.flickr.com, photo by Michael

II If you visit Coober Pedy, you will also see other unusual things. There are many signs along the roads that tell you to be careful because there are holes in the ground. You will also see many doors in the hills. This is because opals aren't the only things under the ground in Coober Pedy. Today, 1,500 people live and work under the ground. They enter the underground town through the doors in the hills. There are many homes, shops, restaurants, a hotel and even a bookstore under the ground.

III Why do the people of Coober Pedy live under the ground? The answer is simple: to stay cool. It is very hot outside because the town is in a desert. The temperature can reach 50° in the summer. But the temperature underground will always be a comfortable 24°.

IV Life underground has other advantages. It's quiet. This makes it easy to get a good night's sleep. Also, there isn't any sunlight to wake you up. And the best thing is you can dig for opals under your own home and maybe get rich.

<sup>1</sup> אופל (אבן יקרה)

Answer questions 1-6 in English according to the article. In questions 1, 2, and 5, circle the number of the correct answer. In the other questions, follow the instructions.

1. What is special about Coober Pedy? (paragraph I)

- i) Many people live there.
- ii) There are opals underground.**
- iii) It has many different treasures

(8 points)

2. Why do many people come to Coober Pedy? (paragraph I)

- i) To look for jobs
- ii) To become rich**
- iii) To sell special stones

(8 points)

3. The signs in Coober Pedy tell you (-). (paragraph II)

- (i) Where the bookstore is
- (ii) How to dig for opals
- (iii) To watch out for holes**

(7 points)

4. PUT A V BY THE TWO CORRECT ANSWERS.

In lines 10-13 we learn (-).

**..... i) Why there are doors in the hills**

..... i) how many people visit the town

**..... i) why people like to live in Coober Pedy**

..... i) what the houses look like

..... i) where a visitor can stay

(2X9=18 points)

5. Why is it so important to stay cool in Coober Pedy? (paragraph III)

ANSWER: **because the town is in a desert.**

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(9 points)

6. Give TWO advantages of life under the ground according to paragraph IV.

**(1) It's quiet.**

**(2) There isn't any sunlight to wake you up.**

(2X9=18 points)

**PART TWO: ACCESS TO INFORMATION FROM SPOKEN TEXT (30 points)**

**A SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHER**

Answer questions **7-12** according to the broadcast. In each question circle the number of the correct answer.

(5 points for each question)

7. AFTER Adam's trip with his father, (-).
- i) He decided to buy a new camera
  - ii) He chose his future profession**
  - iii) He wanted to go to California
8. When did Adam decide to become a *sports* photographer?
- i) After his photographs were in the school newspaper.**
  - ii) When he stopped playing basketball.
  - iii) After he met a professional basketball player.
9. What makes Adam's pictures special?
- i) They are pictures of professional games.
  - ii) They show the feelings of the players.**
  - iii) They are all on his website.
10. What does Adam do before a game?
- i) He puts the cameras in different places.**
  - ii) He takes pictures of the players.
  - iii) He talks to the players about the game.
11. Why do players often fall on Adam during the game?
- i) He is busy checking his cameras.
  - ii) They can't see him.

iii) **He is very close to the action.**

12. What part of the job does Adam like the most?

i) **To be at the game.**

ii) To talk to the fans.

iii) To meet with the other photographers.