

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS 2018

ENGLISH (Diagnostic)

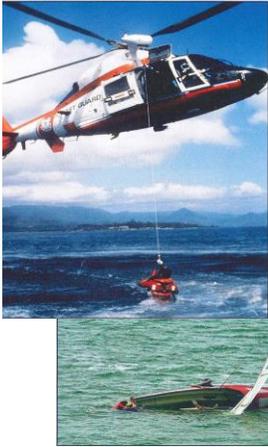
Time allowed: 1 hour and 15 minutes

**ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS
ON THE PAPER**

This paper is 11 pages.



Read the article about two teenagers whose boat capsized in the ocean and their amazing rescue.



Amazing rescue – thanks to cell phone

Two teenagers capsized in the ocean off the east coast of the U.S. and called the west coast on a cell phone to ask for help.

Brother and sister, Ray and Susan Rivera were on a sailing vacation near Newport, Rhode Island. But because of huge waves, their boat capsized, and they were thrown into the ocean.

Ray, 17, and Susan, 16, spent 30 minutes trying to right the capsized boat, but without success. They couldn't get back into the boat, and they couldn't attract the attention of passing ships. After they had been in the water for about 40 minutes, the situation was getting serious, and they felt very cold.

Then Susan remembered her cell phone in its watertight container in her pocket, and reached for it.

But she didn't think of dialling 911, the emergency number.

Instead she called their father, who was 2,500 miles away in Seattle, Washington on a business trip. Susan explained: "I thought it would be quicker to call someone I knew and tell them our position. I dialled Dad's number and he contacted the Coast Guard."

About ten minutes later, after they had held on the boat for nearly an hour, they heard a helicopter. Next, everything happened very quickly, and Ray and Susan were picked up and carried to safety.

Afterward, the Coast Guard said that the teenagers were lucky to be alive and very, very lucky that the cell phone had worked. "Anyone in trouble should contact the Coast Guard directly by calling 911," he added.

Exercise 1

Answer the questions that follow in complete sentences.

(10 marks)

1. Where did Ray and Susan Rivera capsized?

(1 mark)

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2. Why did their boat capsize?

(1 mark)

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3. What did they try to do at first? Were they successful?

(1 mark)

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4. Why was the situation “getting serious”? (1 mark)

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5. What did Susan remember? (1 mark)

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6. Why didn't she call 911 which was the emergency number? (1 mark)

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7. How were they rescued? (1 mark)

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8. Why were they lucky? (1 mark)

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9. How do we know that this is a newspaper article? Give two reasons. (2 marks)

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Exercise 2:

Find words in the story to match the words and phrases below. The first one has been done as an example. (8 marks)

1.	Remarkable amazing
2.	Turned over in the water
3.	Opposite of failure
4.	Closed so that the water can't get in
5.	Something you can put things in
6.	Person who helps people or ships in trouble
7.	Opposite of danger
8.	A while later
9.	Get in touch

Read the passage about a young boy who was rescued after a tsunami.

Experiences – true stories



The morning of 26th December was warm and sunny on Phi Phi Don Island in Thailand. The sunshine was a welcome change from the wet, rainy weather in London. After breakfast we went to the beach. My parents decided to sunbathe and I ran straight into the crystal clear water. Nothing could prepare me for what was about to happen.



Suddenly, I heard a **loud roar**. The water under my feet disappeared. I heard people screaming and pointing at the sea. “What’s going on?” I wondered as I turned to see a massive wave coming towards me. “Mark, run!” I heard my mum shout before the huge wave **swallowed me**. I was under the water. I tried to breathe and reach the surface but the force of the water just pushed me down. Then, out of nowhere a hand grabbed me and pulled me up. I gasped for air and looked around. I was in a palm tree with a Thai man. I could see people in the distance running in panic.



I felt like crying but I was too shocked to even do that. The only thing I could do was to sit and watch, unable to move. The hours passed slowly. Suddenly the Thai man started shouting and pointing to a helicopter. The pilot saw us and came to rescue us. Half an hour later we were safe in the hills. There were a lot of people there. I felt lonely and lost. “Mark, you’re safe,” I heard my mum’s voice say. I don’t remember feeling more relieved in my life than at that moment.

Two days later we left the island. We felt lucky to be alive but we were sorry for the locals that lost their homes. It was a terrible experience.

Exercise 4

Answer the questions that follow in complete sentences.

(6 marks)

1. Where does the story take place? (1 mark)

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2. What does it mean when he says that he heard “a loud roar”? (1 mark)

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3. Why does it say a huge wave “swallowed me”? (1 mark)

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4. How were they rescued? (1 mark)

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5. What was a relief to the boy? (1 mark)

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6. How did they feel when they left the island to go home? (1 mark)

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Exercise 5

Find words or phrases in the story to match the words and phrases below. The first have been done as an example. (6 marks)

1. Things that have happened to you in your life	Experiences
2. Nice change	
3. Very clear	
4. Huge	
5. Took hold of me	
6. Save	
7. Fortunate	

Exercise 6

Write down the questions for the answers given, as in the example.

(15 marks)

Example: Where is your brother?

He is at school.

1. What

I am Norwegian.

2.?

I go to the English School.

3.?

It's rather cold today.

4.?

My bicycle is the one under the tree.

5.?

I can speak two languages.

6.?

It is my sister's school-bag.

7.?

I am looking for my purse.

8.?

He isn't at school because he is ill.

9.?

We went to Italy for our last holiday.

10.?

I enjoy listening to music.

11.?

I left early because I felt sick.

12.?

I have only got €20 in my purse.

13.?

It took me two hours to finish my homework.

14.?

I usually go to the cinema twice a month.

15.?

I was in Spain last summer.



Exercise 7

Fill in the gaps with a suitable preposition as in the example.

(10 marks)

Example: My birthday is**on**..... 10th February.

1. Are you interested music?
2. He is very good science.
3. We went to Limassol the weekend and stayed a very comfortable hotel
..... the beach.
4. Do you go to school bus orfoot?
5. We arrived the station midnight.
6. Are you here holiday?

Exercise 8

Fill in the gaps using a form of the words in brackets.

(10 marks)

Example: There was**silence**.....in the classroom. (silent)

1. Your with the doctor is at 10.a.m.(appoint)
2. I would like some on flights to France. (Inform)
3. My teacher is from Paris. (France)
4. Justin Bieber is a pop-star. (fame)
5. He's a very polite and boy. (friend)
6. The took many photos of the school concert. (photo)
7. I had great climbing that mountain.(difficult)
8. It was a cold and day so we stayed indoors. (wind)
9. The princess was so that the prince fell in love with her immediately. (beauty).
10. My house is small but very (comfort)

