

The revised Alpha Entrance Examination consists of the following parts:

Part I	Reading Comprehension	<i>a text followed by 10 comprehension questions (2pts each) and 10 vocabulary-in-context questions (1pt each)</i>	30%
Part II & III	Grammar & Vocabulary	<i>40 multiple choice questions (1 pt each)</i>	40%
Part IV	Composition in English	<i>a narrative or descriptive topic (30 pts)</i>	30%

Please see sample exam for details of the type of text, questions and composition topics that will be asked on the 2021 Alpha Entrance Examination.



Οι οδηγίες είναι όλες γραμμένες στα Ελληνικά.

PART I – READING COMPREHENSION & VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT

Διάβασε το κείμενο προσεκτικά.

SOCCER SPEAKS MANY LANGUAGES¹

(1) Jafari is a **refugee**, meaning that he had to leave his home country because it was no longer safe to live there. In this text, we learn about Jafari's love for playing soccer while living in a refugee camp and after he **relocates** to America. [...]

(2) **Moving to America**

After five years of living in the refugee camp, Jafari's family moved to the United States with the help of a charitable organization. [...] Everyone in Jafari's family spoke Swahili and French, but not English. A church group was helping them, and a few of its members began to teach them English. They also helped Jafari's family **set up** an apartment, buy groceries, and **enroll²** the children in school.

(3) **Friendship Through Soccer**

Jafari was nine when he began school in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He knew none of the other kids, and he didn't speak the language of his classmates very well. At **recess**, though, there was something he understood. Kids played his favorite game, but in the United States they called it soccer instead of football. Through soccer, Jafari made friends. They helped him learn English words and American games. Jafari found that people everywhere can be friendly and helpful. It didn't matter if they spoke a different language or were from a different place.

(4) **A Bright Future**

Over the years, Jafari's family has **adjusted** to life in America. Now an American citizen and a **freshman³** at Iowa State University, Jafari gets good grades and speaks English **fluently**.

He earned a scholarship,⁴ and he is studying construction engineering so that he can learn to build houses, as his father did. He plays American football, basketball, and — you **guessed** it — soccer.

Jafari has played soccer **for as long as he can remember**, and it has helped him in many ways. The game brought him together with children from different backgrounds while he lived in a refugee camp. It helped him **feel at home** when he was a new arrival

¹ Adapted from *Soccer Speaks Many Languages*, downloaded from <https://www.commonlit.org/en/texts/soccer-speaks-many-languages>, on 16th April, 2020

² *Enroll*= to write someone's name on the list of students in a school.

³ *Freshman*= a student in his/her first year of university

⁴ *Scholarship*= money you receive from the state or an organisation to complete your university studies

in America. And through the opportunities it has created for him, it is helping him to **fulfill** his dreams.

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A. Τώρα διάβασε τις ερωτήσεις κατανόησης. Δίνονται τέσσερις απαντήσεις σε κάθε ερώτηση. Μία μόνο απάντηση είναι η σωστή. Κάνε ένα κύκλο γύρω από το γράμμα που αντιστοιχεί στη σωστή απάντηση.

1. (paragraph 1) According to the text, Jafari and his family left their home-country because ...

A. they wanted to learn a new language.	C. there weren't any sports opportunities.
B. they had economic problems.	D. there were many dangers.

2. (paragraph 2) According to the text, before moving to the US, Jafari and his family ...

A. stayed with relatives.	C. stayed in a refugee camp.
B. lived in a church.	D. slept in the streets.

3. (paragraph 3) According to the text, which of the following helped Jafari make new friends in his first school, Cedar Rapids, in Iowa?

A. He spoke English very well.	C. Some of his classmates spoke French.
B. He found some friends from his neighbourhood there.	D. He played football with them.

4. (paragraph 4) The subtitle "A Bright Future" means that the author believes that ...

A. Jafari needs to be clever in the future.	C. Jafari and his family shouldn't have moved to the United States.
B. the future will not be successful for Jafari.	D. Jafari will have a successful future.

5. (whole text) After reading the text, what do you think the title ‘soccer speaks many languages’ means?

A. Soccer players speak many languages	C. You can learn many languages if you play soccer.
B. You can play soccer even if you don't speak the same language as the other players.	D. You can play soccer only if you speak many languages.

6. (whole text) The writer of this text wants to show us ...

A. that playing a team sport can help young people in many ways.	C. the difficulties of moving to America from a foreign country.
B. what life is like in a refugee camp.	D. the difference between American football and soccer.

B. Βρες και κάνε ένα κύκλο γύρω από το γράμμα που αντιστοιχεί στην πιο σωστή εξήγηση της **τονισμένης** λέξης ή φράσης, όπως αυτή χρησιμοποιείται μέσα στο κείμενο. **Μία μόνο** απάντηση είναι η σωστή.

1. A **refugee** is someone who...

A. lives in two different countries.	C. had to leave his/ her home country because of a big danger.
B. doesn't like his/her home country and leaves to live somewhere else.	D. helps people who move from one country to another.

2. If you **set up** an apartment, you ...

A. build a new apartment.	C. find an apartment.
B. buy a new apartment.	D. prepare an apartment so you can live in it.

3. Another word for **recess** is ...

A. school.	C. the end.
B. breaktime.	D. lesson time.

4. Another word/ phrase for **adjust** is ...

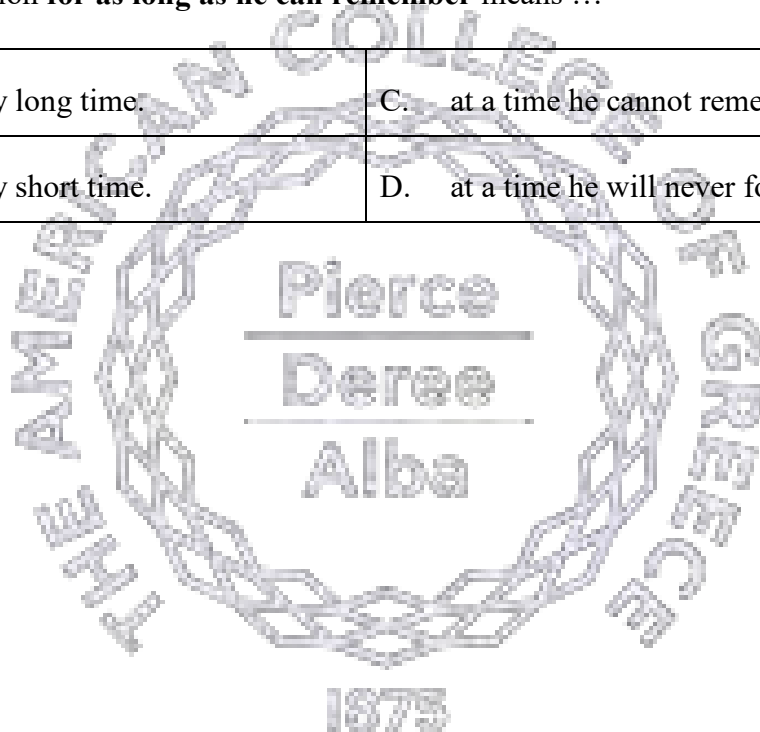
A. to like.	C. to get used to.
B. to have trouble with.	D. to dislike.

5. The opposite of the word **guess** is ...

A. to be uncertain about something.	C. to know for sure.
B. to believe.	D. to suppose.

6. The expression **for as long as he can remember** means ...

A. for a very long time.	C. at a time he cannot remember.
B. for a very short time.	D. at a time he will never forget.



PART II – GRAMMAR

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1. Ralph, _____ father is a doctor, graduated from high school last year.

A. who	C. whose
B. which	D. that

2. Do you hear that noise? It _____ like a thief is in the house.

A. sounds	C. might sound
B. is sounding	D. sounded

3. Let's go to the beach, _____?

A. shall us	C. aren't we
B. shall we	D. don't we

4. The shop _____ the iPad by the time Jason _____ there.

A. already sells ... drove	C. already sold ... had driven
B. will already sell ... drives	D. had already sold ... drove

5. I'm sure he _____ his mind when he _____ that you really mean it.

A. changes ... realizes	C. is changing ... is realizing
B. will change ... realizes	D. is going to change ... realize

6. If I _____ you three wishes, what _____?

A. gave ... would they be	C. don't give ... would they be
B. have given ... will they be	D. had given ... will they be

7. I can't decide what _____ to the party.

A. wear	C. wearing
B. to wear	D. wore

8. A: "You need to wash your hair!"

B: "But I _____ it".

A. have already washed	C. was already washing
B. did already wash	D. had already washed

9. Those _____ my glasses – mine are purple.

A. can't be	C. wouldn't be
B. mustn't be	D. shouldn't be

10. I _____ drinking milk, but now I don't.

A. wouldn't like	C. did like
B. used to like	D. like

PART III – VOCABULARY

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1. My bedroom is crowded because my _____ has many books on it and covers one wall.

A. office	C. bookcase
B. library	D. desk

2. First, _____ the juice into the bowl and, then, add the flour.

A. pour	C. slice
B. chop	D. boil

3. When I am at home and have nothing to do, I feel _____.

A. bored	C. anxious
B. exhausted	D. lazy

4. The house we rented has a full-size electric _____ with a grill and oven.

A. cook	C. kitchen
B. cuisine	D. cooker

5. I could tell that she was annoyed because she crossed her _____ and gave me an angry look.

A. fingers	C. elbows
B. arms	D. toes

6. If you go _____ ahead, you'll see the hospital on your left.

A. straight	C. opposite
B. across	D. next

7. The new sports center includes an outdoor basketball _____ in which our team can practice.

A. area	C. pitch
B. field	D. court

8. We are going to meet our friends at _____ past ten. Can you wait till then?

A. second	C. half
B. hour	D. minute

9. I don't go camping in summer because I'm afraid of _____, especially spiders.

A. reptiles	C. mammals
B. insects	D. birds

10. I'm in a hurry; I must run to catch my _____.

A. travel	C. arrival
B. journey	D. flight

PART IV – WRITING
A. COMPOSITION

Write on the following topic. Make sure your writing has a beginning, a middle, and an end.

Tell us about a time when you were alone in your house. Why were you alone? What did you do? How did you feel then and how did you feel when your family came home?

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