

A' GYMNASIUM ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

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	Grammar & Vocabulary	<i>40 multiple choice questions (0,5pt each)</i>	20%
Part III	Composition in English	<i>a narrative or descriptive topic (25pts)</i>	25%
Part IV	Composition in Greek	<i>a rewriting of the English composition in Greek so that it conveys the same general meaning (25pts)</i>	25%

Please see sample exam for details of the type of text, questions and composition topics that will be asked on the 2019-2020 Alpha Entrance Examination.

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Part I: READING COMPREHENSION (30%)

Read the following text carefully. Then, based on what you have read, answer the questions that follow it.

Thai Cave Footballers Tell of How They Tried to Dig Their Way Out

It was the moment the world had been waiting for. Fresh out of hospital, the twelve members of the Wild Boars football team and their coach were happy as they stood in front of the international media, a week after their rescue from a cave in northern Thailand.

The faces of the boys, whose ages range between 11 and 16, showed little trace of their adventure, when they were trapped for more than two weeks in a cave with no food and no means of contacting the outside world.

(...)

"We tried to dig out as we thought we cannot only wait for the rescuers to get us," Ekaphol, the coach, said. He explained that they had decided to make the trip to the cave on 23 June as a fun activity because none of them had been inside before. They cycled there after football practice and planned to spend an hour in the caves when they realized the water was rising and not everyone was a strong swimmer. As it got darker in the cave, Ekaphol decided to take the 12 boys deeper in to a place where they could rest for the night, hoping that the water level would drop by the morning.

The team had no food with them and as the days passed with the water continuing to rise, the boys felt weaker.

"We drank water that fell from the rocks," said Pornchai, 16. The team's youngest member, 11-year-old Chanin added: "I had no strength. I tried not to think about food, so I didn't get more hungry." While they tried to push away thoughts of food, 13-year-old Panumas started talking about **congee**, a Thai porridge-like dish, in his sleep.

(...)

It was only after ten days, when many had almost lost hope of finding them, that two British divers finally came across the boys sheltered on a shelf deep in the cave. (...) "We were digging stones on top of the hill and we heard voices," Adul, 14, said. "We weren't sure if it was for real. So we stopped and listened. And it turned out to be true. **I was shocked.**"

Adul described his surprise to hear the voices calling out in English, rather than Thai. He said the divers asked: "How are you?" To which he had replied 'fine' and confirmed that all 13 of them were safe. The divers responded with the word "**brilliant.**"

(...)

Most of the boys said that they had not told their parents where they were going after football practice, and the all expressed regret for what they had put their parents through. (...) The boys expected to be punished, but they were all very happy to have come out alive!

Adapted from <https://www.theguardian.com/news/2018/jul/18/thai-cave-rescue-footballers-and-coach-describe-ordeal> Downloaded on October 6, 2018

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Sample Comprehension & Vocabulary-in-Context Questions:

Circle the letter of the answer that best answers each question. All words in **bold** are marked in bold in the text.

1. What is **congee**?

a.	a kind of porridge served in Thailand.
b.	a fruit found in Thailand.
c.	a meat popular in Thailand.

2. When Adul says he was 'shocked,' he means:

a.	he was scared of the dark.
b.	he thought he was dreaming.
c.	he realized people had found them.

3. The opposite of **brilliant** is:

a.	stupid
b.	terrible
c.	clever

4. What were the boys sorry about?

a.	lying to their parents.
b.	going into the cave.
c.	making their parents worry.

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Part II: GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY (20%)

Sample Questions:

1. I hate _____ time indoors during the summer.

a. spending	c. to spends
b. spend	d. spent

2. This pencil is _____; that one is _____.

a. mine ... your	c. mine ... yours
b. my ... your	d. my ... yours

3. Yesterday, I hurt my _____ while I was playing basketball. Now, I can't write.

a. wrist	c. knee
b. shoulder	d. ankle

4. It was so _____ yesterday that three trees fell to the ground.

a. cloudy	c. sunny
b. windy	d. foggy

5. I _____ the doctor tonight, so I can't come out with you.

a. see	c. can see
b. going to see	d. am seeing

6. How often do you _____ your teeth?

a. wash	c. brush
b. bathe	d. shower

7. Mum, what are you cooking? It _____ great!

a. is smelling	c. was smelling
b. smelled	d. smells

8. Astronauts first walked _____ the moon _____ 1969.

a. to ... in	c. on ... in
b. in ... by	d. at ... at

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Part III: ENGLISH COMPOSITION (25%)

Sample Topics:

Describe a school activity that you participated in. How did you get involved and what did you learn from it? Do you think other students should take part in this kind of activity?

Describe a time when you were happily surprised.

You spent a day with your best friend. Describe what you did and where you went.

A nighttime adventure.

Part IV: GREEK COMPOSITION (25%)

Sample Topics:

Να περιγράψετε μια σχολική δραστηριότητα στην οποία συμμετείχατε. Πώς αποφασίσατε να λάβετε μέρος και τι μάθατε από την εμπειρία αυτή; Πιστεύετε πως κι άλλοι μαθητές θα πρέπει να λάβουν μέρος σε κάποια δραστηριότητα; Θα τη συνιστούσατε σε άλλους μαθητές;

Να περιγράψετε μια ευχάριστη έκπληξη που σας έκαναν.

Περιγράψτε πού πήγατε και τι κάνατε, κατά τη διάρκεια μιας μέρας που περάσατε παρέα με τον καλύτερό σας φίλο/καλύτερή σας φίλη.

Μια νυχτερινή περιπέτεια.