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## HAWAII PALMS ENGLISH SCHOOL

### WRITTEN PLACEMENT TEST

Please answer the following questions.

✔ It's ok to skip questions. ✖ It's not ok to use a dictionary or ask for help.  
This assessment will help us understand your English level.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### I. FILL IN THE BLANKS: Fill in the blanks with only one word.

1. I can't help you right now because I'm \_\_\_\_\_ the dishes.
2. When I'm at work, I usually take a \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning to have coffee.
3. Indian and Thai food is usually \_\_\_\_\_ because they use a lot of chili peppers.
4. My brother has never \_\_\_\_\_ an exam in his life!
5. She has been working really hard \_\_\_\_\_. That's why she looks so tired.
6. What I don't \_\_\_\_\_ about my new phone is that the battery life is too short.
7. Looking at these photos \_\_\_\_\_ me of when we were younger.
8. We always have to speak English. The school doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ us to speak our native language.
9. My cousin likes to \_\_\_\_\_ her books in alphabetical order.
10. My doctor told me that sitting for a long time isn't good for my \_\_\_\_\_. That's why my back is sore.

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**II. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:** Read the following questions and write down an appropriate answer.

1. What do you do?

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2. What's the first thing you do when you go to the airport?

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3. What do you usually have for breakfast?

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4. How did you spend your last vacation?

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5. Did you use to play sports when you were younger?

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6. How often do you go to the movie theater?

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7. Do you have to wear a helmet when you ride a bike in your country?

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8. What are you not allowed to do on a plane?

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9. What advice would you give to someone who can't swim?

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10. What would you do if your neighbors were being too loud at night?

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**III. WHAT'S THE QUESTION?** Read the following answers and ask an appropriate question.

1. Q: \_\_\_\_\_  
A: Yes, my favorite band is The Beatles.
2. Q: \_\_\_\_\_  
A: Sorry, I can't. I have to babysit my cousin tomorrow night.
3. Q: \_\_\_\_\_  
A: No, I didn't take any trips last year.
4. Q: \_\_\_\_\_  
A: She's going to Brazil to visit her friends and family.
5. Q: \_\_\_\_\_  
A: I think the last time I went there was 2 weeks ago.
6. Q: \_\_\_\_\_  
A: If I won a million dollars, I would go on a trip around the world.
7. Q: \_\_\_\_\_  
A: Yes, we're supposed to wear uniforms to school every day.
8. Q: \_\_\_\_\_  
A: Yes, I regret it. I wish I had bought a different car.
9. Q: \_\_\_\_\_  
A: Because my friends encouraged me to get a pet.
10. Q: \_\_\_\_\_  
A: No , we said we would meet them in front of the mall at 7:30pm.

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**IV. READING COMPREHENSION:** Read the following passages and answer the questions below.

My name is Chris. I come from a large family, and I share personality traits with several family members. But it's clear to me that I'm most like my grandfather, although we're different in some ways, too.

My grandpa and I both like to spend time outdoors. We both enjoy riding our bikes and watching sports. We're adventurous, too. I really like to go fishing with my grandfather. We'll catch our dinner together, then cook and eat it at our campsite. We also enjoy working in his garden to grow fruits and vegetables.

It's a different story when winter comes. Unlike my grandfather, I love being outside in the snow. I like to have snowball fights with my friends, but he prefers to sit by the fire and read. We sometimes play cards, but I don't really enjoy that very much. I'm too energetic to sit for so long! On the other hand, I have fun playing video games with him because I'm very competitive. My grandfather isn't competitive at all. He's also sort of slow.

But it doesn't really matter what we do together. I just like spending time with my grandfather. We're a good fit!

1. What do Chris and his grandfather eat at their campsite?

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2. Does Chris' grandfather like spending time outdoors in the winter?

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3. Why isn't Chris' grandfather so good at playing video games?

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4. Do you think the writer and his grandfather are more similar or more different? Why?

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**VIII. WRITING:** Write at least 10 sentences about 1 of the following topics.  
**DO NOT** write about all 5.

1. Explain how to cook your favorite meal. Provide a recipe and the step-by-step instructions.
2. Describe a family member or a good friend of yours. Write about their personality and how they look.
3. Write about a difficult decision you had to make in the past. Explain what you did and why.
4. Are smart phones good or bad? Give some arguments to support your position.
5. If you had the power to change one thing about your past, what would it be?