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Student B

**English Test (30pts)**

**I- Read the following text carefully.**

**Preparing to perform**

Christina Ricci is not a typical film star. She doesn't like Hollywood – the parties or the people. She is happier to live on the East Coast of the USA. "I love the people and the snow there," she says. Her ambition is not to be rich and **famous** but to be a good actress: "I want to be an actress, not a star." Christina always chooses interesting parts and often works in small, independent films. People often ask Christina how she prepares for a new part and she finds that a really difficult question. She believes that an actor needs to know a lot about different sorts of people and different types of personalities. What if we have to play the part of someone who is **ambitious** and intolerant? Perhaps we aren't like this but we must understand how people feel and behave when they are. So, Christina watches people all the time, especially when she's preparing for a new part. She believes that the costume is also very important when she's acting. Clothes are really important to all of us. They tell other people a lot about who we are and who we aren't. Different clothes can change our behavior. Think about it. When we put on party clothes, work clothes or sports clothes we change a little. For example, in smart, **expensive** clothes we look good, we feel good and we are more **confident**. That's why wearing a costume is important for Christina when she's acting. If she puts on the clothes of an old, poor homeless woman, she feels more like her. The moment Christina puts on the costume, she changes and for a short time she's another person.

**II- Comprehension. (8 pts)**

**1- Answer the questions in complete sentences. (5 pts)**

**a) What is Christina's ambition? (1pt)**

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**b) Is the costume important when someone is acting? Justify your answer. (2 pts)**

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**c) Is it good to watch people all the time? Explain your point of view. (2pts)**

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**2) Choose the best answers. (3 pts)**

- 1) Actors have to
  - A be very ambitious.
  - B show their personalities.
  - C prepare well.
  - D answer a lot of questions.
  
- 2) Christina watches people a lot because she
  - A needs to understand why people are different.
  - B is very patient.
  - C wants to learn how different people behave.
  - D is interested in people.
  
- 3) According to the article
  - A Christina likes choosing costumes.
  - B Christina likes pretending to be an old woman.
  - C costumes help Christina play a part.
  - D Christina often plays an old woman.

**III- Vocabulary (8 pts)**

**1) Explain the following words according to their meaning in the text. (4 pts)**

- a) famous: \_\_\_\_\_
- b) ambitious: \_\_\_\_\_
- c) expensive: \_\_\_\_\_
- d) confident: \_\_\_\_\_

**2) Complete the sentences with the opposite of the underlined adjective. (4 pts)**

- a) He's usually generous but he can sometimes be quite \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) Luckily, there are more polite people in the world than \_\_\_\_\_ ones!
- c) It's better to be \_\_\_\_\_ about the future than pessimistic.
- d) She's very quiet but her sister is really \_\_\_\_\_.

**IV- Grammar (14 pts)**

**1) Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense: present simple or present continuous. (5 pts)**

- a) I \_\_\_\_\_ (to stay) at home this weekend.
- b) He \_\_\_\_\_ (to tidy) his room once or twice a week.
- c) The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (to explain) a new lesson at the moment. Why \_\_\_\_\_ (you / to look) out of the window?

- d) My mother \_\_\_\_\_ (not to do) the washing up every day.
- e) My parents \_\_\_\_\_ (to prefer) classical music to modern.
- f) Look! He \_\_\_\_\_ (to sit) politely next to his teacher.
- g) The plane \_\_\_\_\_ (to land) at eight o'clock.
- h) Miami and New York \_\_\_\_\_ (to be) American cities.
- i) \_\_\_\_\_ (she / want) to travel?

**2) Write the “ing” form of these verbs. (3 pts)**

- a) Come \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Cry \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Snow \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Plan \_\_\_\_\_
- e) Die \_\_\_\_\_
- f) Begin \_\_\_\_\_

**3) Complete the sentences with the infinitive or the –ing form of the verbs in brackets.**

**(3 pts)**

- a) I really enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) sport on television.
- b) I feel like \_\_\_\_\_ (go out) for a meal this evening.
- c) He offered \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) me to the station.
- d) They suggested \_\_\_\_\_ (help) me.
- e) She hates \_\_\_\_\_ (be) poor.
- f) I expected \_\_\_\_\_ (see) you at the party last night.

**4) Put a check next to the correct sentence and correct the false ones. (3pts)**

- a) My sister sometimes plays tennis but today she's listening to music in her bedroom.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- b) She lays the table every afternoon. \_\_\_\_\_.
- c) Is your sister wearing a skirt? Yes, she's . \_\_\_\_\_.

**Good Luck**