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Al-Ma'aly High School

An Initiation Test

For the students who are upgrading to the 10th grades

Please fill in the blanks



Last/surname: _____

First name: _____

Grade: _____ %

Time allotted: 90 minutes

Instructions:

-  You can use a dictionary.
-  Please use a blue or a black pen to answer your exam.

Good luck,

Al-Ma'ali – English staff

Part 1: Reading (70 points)

Read the article and answer questions 1-8.

Hollywood directors want Danny MacAskill to be in their films, and talk show hosts are desperate to interview him. But this 24-year-old from Scotland isn't an actor, an athlete or a singer. So why is he so popular?

5 Danny made a video clip on the streets of Edinburgh, where he was living at the time. It shows him performing dangerous stunts on his bike. He rides up trees, turns upside down, drops off walls and spins in mid-air. Since he posted the clip on YouTube in April 2009, over 19 million people have viewed it. It has made him a celebrity recognized by teens around the world.

10 Danny is both surprised and amused by his popularity. The only reason he made the clip, he explains, was because he loves "doing stuff" on his bike. He assumed only true biking fanatics would watch it. But it quickly became one of the most popular video clips on YouTube and turned Danny's life upside down. One minute he was working in a bike shop in Edinburgh and the next he was receiving offers to appear on American television. In a single day, Danny was asked to perform in 10 countries. He started to receive so many phone calls from reporters that he would wake up in the morning and give interviews from his bed.

20 According to Danny, his former life was "very ordinary". He grew up on a small island in northern Scotland and spent most of his childhood outdoors, climbing on roofs and jumping off trees. His parents gave him a lot of freedom. "In the garden we had big fishing nets," he fondly remembers, "and I could throw myself into them from the top of the tree."

25 He received his first "real" bicycle at age 11 and soon discovered he could do tricks with it. He learned to ride on fences and off walls and to hold a wheelie longer than any of his friends.

30 After graduating from high school, Danny continued to develop his own unique style of biking. Unlike many young people, he never wanted to get a regular job in an office. Now, thanks to YouTube, he probably won't have to. With 19 million fans and business proposals to do everything from making movies to modeling, Danny's future looks bright.



Danny MacAskill
doing a wheelie

desperate يائس

celebrity شخص مشهور

fences الأسوار

proposal عرض اقتراح

1. According to lines 1-8, Danny MacAskill is well known because of his... /7points

- a. athletic skills b. acting c. YouTube video clip d. singing

2. Complete the flow chart according to the correct order of events (lines 4-8). / 7 points

1. A video clip of Danny doing his bike stunts was made.
2.
3. More than 19 million people watch the video clip.
4.

3. How does Danny react to his new popularity? (lines 9-16) / 8 points

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4. What happened to Danny after his video clip became popular?

Mark (x) next to the TWO correct answers. (lines 9-16)

.... / 8 points

- a. His life changed.
..... b. He decided to appear on American television.
..... c. His fans phoned him.
..... d. He spoke to many reporters.
..... e. He appeared in more than one country on the same day.

5. Even as a child, Danny liked taking chances. Give ONE example of this.

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6. How did Danny learn his bicycle stunts? (lines 23-26)

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7. Why does the writer say “Danny’s future looks bright” (line 34)?

Find the answer in a different paragraph.

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8. A suitable title for the text would be:

.... / 8 points

- a. How to Become a Singer b. Negative Effects of Popularity c. Riding to Fame

Part two – written presentation (30 points)

Why do you want to be a student at Al-Ma’ali high school? What do you like or do not like about it? Write a letter to Al- Ma’ali administration to convince them that you deserve to be a student in the school.

Write 80-100 words.

Remember to:

- introduce the issue
- present your opinion
- use the Present simple and Past Simple tenses.
