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HAWAII PALMS ENGLISH SCHOOL WRITTEN PLACEMENT TEST

Please follow the directions for each section of the test. **DO NOT** use a dictionary or textbook, and **DO NOT** ask for help to answer any of the questions. You may return the Placement Test by E-Mail or FAX at (808) 922-3559.

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

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

1. I _____ in the suburbs with my family these days.
2. There is a gas station _____ the corner of Main Street and First Avenue.
3. There are many restaurants in Waikiki, but _____ of them are expensive, so we eat home a lot.
4. My sister has _____ her children to the space center many times.
5. There is a subway system, but the subways are busy, too – they're as crowded _____ the buses.
6. _____ you receive a gift, make sure you write a thank-you note.
7. In order for the package to arrive on time, it _____ to be shipped by Monday.
8. I'm not sure, but Nina's headaches might _____ been caused by stress.
9. By this time next year, she _____ have lived abroad for five years.
10. Martha tries to discourage her children from _____ in superstitions.

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

1. What are you doing now?

2. Where are you going to have dinner?

3. How often do you go to the grocery store?

4. How good are you at tennis?

5. What would you do if you broke your friend's cell phone?

6. What were you doing before you started this test?

7. What is something new that you've tried recently?

8. What in your home needs to be fixed?

9. Who do you wish you had met when you were a child?

10. What is a disadvantage to shopping online?

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

1. Q: _____

A: I'm a salesperson.

2. Q: _____

A: My family is from El Salvador

3. Q: _____

A: No, I'm sorry. I work on Saturdays.

4. Q: _____

A: Dubai is very busy and crowded.

5. Q: _____

A: No, I have never had a pet.

6. Q: _____

A: Yes, I love it. It's much bigger than my old apartment.

7. Q: _____

A: Actually, I'd rather take Spanish. Japanese seems too difficult.

8. Q: _____

A: Roger could have forgotten about the meeting.

9. Q: _____

A: It bothers me when young people don't treat their elders with respect.

10. Q: _____

A: Because he'd rather watch TV than do his homework.

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

A. *Chuck emailed a friend about a recent change in his work routine.*

Hi Chris,

I wanted to tell you about something that is being tested by my boss right now. If it works, it could be adopted by the whole company. For the past three weeks, I've been working from home two days a week! I really like it. In fact, had I known it was going to be so great, I would have tried it earlier. Almost half the people at the office stay home one or two days a week now. I think it makes sense for us, since a lot of our work is done by E-Mail. The only thing is, to do this effectively, it's crucial that you have self-discipline! Anyway, I'll tell you more about it when I see you.

Chuck

1. Who is working at home, Chuck or Chris?

2. Are most people in the office working from home?

3. Why does Chuck think it's OK for them to work from home?

4. At the end of the E-Mail, what does the word '*crucial*' mean?

5. Is Chuck self-disciplined?

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B. *Read the composition.*

When I was a teenager, my parents decided to host an exchange student in our home. The idea was that the student would be about the same age as my sister and me, and we would learn about his or her culture. The student would stay with us for a year and go to our high school.

When Wanchegi arrived from Kenya, she presented us with a map of Kenya, pictures of Kenyan wildlife and landscapes, and a Kenyan flag. My sister and I decorated our room with her gifts. Wanchegi missed her home, and she would often come into our room to look at the pictures, tell us about the different animals and landscapes, and show us on the map where her parents lived. She missed her brothers and sisters and spent a lot of time online writing emails to them.

Our high school was big, and Wanchegi had a hard time making friends. She was shy, and I don't think she was used to being in school with so many kids her age. She often ate lunch with my sister and me, but she didn't talk much. After a few months, however, she began to get accustomed to our school, and before long our phone was always ringing with calls from her new friends.

Overall however, I would recommend doing it differently. Try to correspond with the student ahead of time to let him or her know what to expect. In addition, send photos and videos of your family, your house, and your school. Overall, it was a good experience for my sister and me, and we learned a lot from having Wanchegi live with us.

1. Did the writer enjoy having Wanchegi in their home?

2. Was Wanchegi homesick when she arrived at her new home?

3. How long did it take for Wanchegi to get used to her new school?

4. What are two things the writer recommends doing differently?

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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?