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OPTION A: MANNEQUIN CHALLENGE

1 Mannequin Challenge has recently become a thing. The trend apparently started with high school kids who may
2 have taken too literally their teacher's supplications to sit still. Now everyone from Adele to Ellen DeGeneres has
3 given it a go.
4 So what exactly is the Mannequin Challenge? The clue is in the name. A group of people freeze in mid-action like
5 mannequins while someone goes around filming them. Then you put a soundtrack on it and stick it online.
6 The Mannequin Challenge is not actually that new; it's just a digital revival of the 19th century fashion for *living*
7 *pictures*, as they were known. These were used to dramatize important moments of history or famous paintings.
8 They were also a bit of after-dinner fun. People used to hang around in their living rooms and recreate famous
9 scenes.
10 But while it may date back to the 19th century, the Mannequin Challenge is also very much of the moment. The
11 fact that just being quiet and still for a moment has been so enthusiastically embraced is a sign that we are all very
12 tired, and we would like a little rest.
13 The Mannequin Challenge isn't the only indicator of a need for less speed. In August, Netflix started to air slow
14 TV. Something of a cultural phenomenon in Norway, slow TV is basically a genre where nothing happens for hours
15 on end. The first episode, a 7.5-hour train ride from Bergen to Oslo, was watched by 45% of Norway's population.
16 There's no background music or narrative. It's just train sounds. And there are several tunnels, so the screen often
17 just goes dark.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)
CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **Mannequin challenge...**
 (a) was practiced by famous people in historical events. (b) used to be filmed in 19th century homes.
 (c) is similar to a kind of entertainment practised more than a century ago. (d) is an unprecedented phenomenon.
2. **19th century living pictures were...**
 (a) a professional activity. (b) an educational activity.
 (c) a leisure activity. (d) a commercial activity.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. **Mannequin Challenge is thought to have originated at schools.**
 4. **Living pictures used to be performed at any time in the day.**
 5. **Slow TV is a TV show about a train ride from Bergen to Oslo.**
 6. **More than half of Norwegians are attracted to slow TV.**
 7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)
 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "major" (adjective).
 7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "well-known" (adjective).
 8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)
 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "to stop moving."
 8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "the total number of people living in a place."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:
 9.1. "She is very good... (preposition) singing." 9.2. "It all depends... (preposition) the weather."
 10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:
 10.1 "I am too busy to take a holiday; ..., (too / however / therefore / besides) I don't have the money."
 10.2 "Don't go to school if you... (don't / couldn't / will / may not) feel well."
 11. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "What is the phone number of the flower shop? You bought the roses in that flower shop."
 12. USE THE WORDS IN THE BOXES TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL SENTENCE. USE ALL AND ONLY THE WORDS IN THE BOXES WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR FORM:

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13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "Mary may have changed the flat tyre."
 14. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "He visits his uncle every two weeks."

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:
What do you think about viral videos? Discuss.



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OPTION B: ZODIAC SIGNS

- 1 If someone you know tells you they are no longer a Scorpio and they are an Ophiuchus now, they are probably not
2 the only one. 86% of us may not be the star sign we thought. Everything you thought you knew about astrology just
3 changed after NASA revealed that there are actually thirteen zodiac signs. After doing some calculations and taking
4 into account that the earth's axis no longer points in the same direction, NASA concluded that the horoscope signs as
5 we know them have completely different date ranges now. So where did we go wrong?
6 Some 3,000 years ago, the Babylonians thought that the changing positions of constellations throughout the year
7 could be linked to certain behaviours or events on Earth. And so they invented the zodiac: the circle of twelve
8 constellations based on the apparent path that the Sun takes across an imagined celestial sphere over the course of
9 the year. In fact, the thirteenth sign is not a new discovery. Even according to the Babylonians' own ancient stories,
10 there were thirteen constellations. It's just that the Babylonians drew up a plan for the signs of the zodiac to correspond
11 with their calendar, which was based on the phases of the Moon and thus only contained twelve months. So they left
12 out poor Ophiuchus, which takes its name from a Greek term meaning 'serpent-bearer' (this sign is commonly
13 represented as a man grasping a snake).
14 Presumably, each person has a different relationship with their sign and horoscope, but as NASA has shown, the
15 Babylonians cheated a bit. Astrology isn't real and can be challenged by its science counterpart, astronomy.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **The Babylonians invented the zodiac because they thought that...**
 (a) it was scientific. (b) it was helpful for people.
 (c) it was interesting. (d) it was related to human conduct.
2. **The Babylonians created a twelve-sign zodiac because...**
 (a) twelve was enough. (b) twelve was the number of harmony.
 (c) number twelve matched their calendar. (d) they had twelve gods.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. **The discovery of Ophiuchus has changed the zodiac signs of many people.**
 4. **The earth's axis has never changed its position.**
 5. **The thirteenth constellation was discovered by NASA..**
 6. **Astrology and astronomy are sciences that make the same predictions.**
7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)
 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "old" (adjective).
 7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "supposedly" (adverb).
8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)
 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "to hold firmly in your hands."
 8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "the process of finding out something for the first time."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:
 9.1. "My brother always complains about... (do) his chores." 9.2. "I would like him... (be) more responsible."
10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:
 10.1. "My friend is very keen... (preposition) astronomy." 10.2. "I do not care... (preposition) horoscopes."
11. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO REPORTED SPEECH: "Do you want to come to the cinema with me?" he asked me."
 12. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If I could choose a profession, ..."
 13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "They offered me a good deal."
 14. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING AN APPROPRIATE LINKER (DO NOT USE AND, BUT, OR BECAUSE). MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "All beliefs are equally valid. Everybody should respect them."

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

Do you think you are a lucky person? Why?



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OPTION A: WOMEN IN THE MEDIA

- 1 Media plays a large role in creating social norms, because various forms of media, including advertisements,
2 television and films, are present almost everywhere in current culture. Gender roles, as an example, exist only
3 because society accepts them, but they are perpetuated by the media.
4 I searched for American advertisements with girls playing with action figures and boys playing with dolls. It was
5 useless. Even when choosing a more neutral product, like paint, the advertisement was sending different messages
6 for girls and boys. The girls were all coloring, while one boy who was singing a rap ended up being the main
7 character in the advertisement.
8 The well-known TV series *The Big Bang Theory*, in its earlier seasons, had only one consistently present female
9 character – Penny. She was a stereotypical female character: the silly blonde attractive neighbor, who only existed to
10 create sexual tension between herself and one of the protagonists, Leonard Hofstadter. As the show progressed,
11 more females were introduced, but Penny’s character still exists primarily to create romantic tension.
12 There’s nothing wrong with accepting gender roles. The problem is that they can cross a line and become
13 oppressive. If a young woman wants to become a miner, and a young man a nurse, let them be. If a man wants to
14 cry, let him cry. Men feel just as women do.
15 Gender roles are not likely to change until there is a change in the media. Regardless of this, gender roles are
16 just that, roles. The best advice that can be given is to make sure that you are who you want to be, no matter where it
17 fits in society’s set of conventional roles.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **Gender roles exist because...**

- (a) society tolerates them. (b) they are necessary for the media.
(c) they have been created by the media. (d) governments promote them.

2. **The search into American advertisements proved that...**

- (a) girls are shown playing with action figures. (b) boys have less important roles than girls.
(c) girls have less important roles than boys. (d) girls are treated equally to boys.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. **There has always been only one female character in *The Big Bang Theory*.**

4. **Gender roles cannot have a negative side.**

5. **Gender roles will probably stay the same unless the media change their attitude towards them.**

6. **You should always follow society’s gender stereotypes.**

7. **FIND IN THE TEXT:** (0.5 points)

- 7.1. THE WORD WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: “to make something continue indefinitely.”
7.2. ONE EXPRESSION MEANING: “to go beyond accepted limits.”

8. **FIND IN THE TEXT:** (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE OPPOSITE FOR “effective” (adjective).
8.2. ONE OPPOSITE FOR “refuse” (verb).

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. **FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:**

- 9.1. “I love hats. I... (wear) them all my life.” 9.2. “If the teacher... (help) me more, I would have passed the exam.”

10. **FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:**

- 10.1. “He didn’t apply... (preposition) the job.”
10.2. “He couldn’t go on holiday due to his lack... (preposition) money.”

11. **GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: “They informed her about the project.”**

12. **JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING AN APPROPRIATE LINKER (DO NOT USE AND, BUT, OR BECAUSE). MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. “I was extremely tired. I had to go to bed early.”**

13. **REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED. “The Academy of Awards gave Emma Stone a very important prize.” Emma Stone...**

14. **JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. “The headmaster has taken measures to promote equality between boys and girls. He is very worried about gender issues.”**

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. **WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:**

Nowadays, boys and girls have the same opportunities in life. Discuss.



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OPTION B: WHAT SCIENCE SAYS ABOUT SNACKING AND BREAKFAST

- 1 The best way to keep a healthy heart is cutting back on salt, high fat foods, bread and pasta, and eating more
2 fruits and vegetables. However, eating well isn't just about what you eat, but about when you eat. So, experts from
3 the American Heart Association say that paying attention to how often you eat, and at what time of the day you do it,
4 can help to lower the risk of heart attacks and stroke.
5 According to some studies, breakfast-eaters tend to have lower rates of heart disease, and are also less likely to
6 have high cholesterol, and high blood pressure. They also tend to have more normal blood sugar levels and sugar
7 metabolism, meaning they are at lower risk of diabetes than those who don't eat breakfast.
8 Nevertheless, the data isn't so clear on the benefits of eating more frequently during the day. Even if the total
9 number of calories is kept constant, it is not absolutely certain that it will lower the risk of heart disease and obesity.
10 Finally, there's growing evidence that the body's metabolism isn't the same during the day, when the body is
11 active, as during the evening, when it's preparing to shut down. Experts say that the body and all of the organs have
12 clocks. There is a timing that provides all the nutrients that organs need. Furthermore, enzymes and other agents
13 that process food work better earlier in the day than at night.
14 So, while more research is certainly needed to better understand how the timing and frequency of meals affect
15 your health, it wouldn't hurt to keep eating breakfast and try to space your meals along the day.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **According to some experts, it's not proved that we can lower the risk of heart problems by...**
(a) eating plenty of fruit and vegetables. (b) eating more often.
(c) reducing the ingestion of carbohydrates. (d) eating less fatty food.
2. **Which of the following statements is false? Breakfast-eaters tend to...**
(a) avoid diabetes. (b) suffer fewer heart attacks.
(c) help their metabolism. (d) have poorer health.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. **In order to eat healthily we only need to focus on what we eat.**
4. **It is easier to balance our blood sugar if we usually have breakfast.**
5. **Our body is designed to get ready to rest in the evenings.**
6. **Our enzymes work better at night.**
7. **FIND IN THE TEXT:** (0.5 points)
7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "reduce" (verb).
7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "increasing" (adjective).
8. **FIND IN THE TEXT:** (0.5 points)
8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "a condition characterized by the excessive accumulation and storage of fat in the body."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "a detailed study of a subject in order to find relevant information."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. **FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:**

- 9.1. "I **always avoid...** (phone) people after 10 pm."
9.2. "It's hard for me... (stop) **snacking.**"

10. **FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:**

- 10.1. "They went... (preposition) **holiday to the mountains.**"
10.2. "She goes to the gym... (preposition) **the morning.**"

11. **REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING: "He couldn't to drive, so he went to Paris on train."**
12. **COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If I were you,..."**
13. **TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "Did anyone deliver the letter yesterday?"**
14. **REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED. "Although it was raining, we went out." Despite...**

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. **WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:**

What can you do to keep healthy and/or fit?



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OPTION A: ANOTHER BABY DOLPHIN KILLED BY SELFIE-SEEKING TOURISTS

It happened again: a baby dolphin has been killed in Argentina after being mobbed by tourists looking for the perfect selfie. According to a newspaper in Argentina tourists pulled the dolphin from the ocean in San Bernardo, 200 miles south of Buenos Aires. A blurry YouTube video shows a crowd of people standing and kneeling around the small creature, touching and petting him.

"They let him die," one observer told C5N, a TV channel. "He was young and came to the shore. They could have returned him to the water – in fact, he was breathing. But everyone started taking photos and touching him. They said he was already dead." This is the second time in a year that a young dolphin has died in Argentina at the hands of selfie-seeking tourists. Last February an [endangered La Plata dolphin was killed](#) on a beach in a resort town. He was passed around until he died of dehydration.

Tourists harming animals as they make their Instagram-worthy photos is becoming a new phenomenon. Nearly every week a new tragic incident comes to light. "Social media has changed the landscape and made exotic animals look adorable, but what you don't see is the suffering that lies behind the images," *National Geographic* wrote last year. Chimpanzees, raccoons, and tiny marmosets are just a few of the wild animals that have become famous by posing and interacting with people on YouTube and other social media sites. Making – and sharing – these images and videos puts the animals at risk by making them look like pets and giving the false impression that it's fun and safe to get close to them.

COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

According to the observer interviewed by C5N, the dolphin in San Bernardo...

- 20 (a) didn't call the attention of swimmers. (b) was alive when he came to the shore.
- 21 (c) was already dead when he came to the shore. (d) was seriously injured.

According to National Geographic...

- 23 (a) it is acceptable to take pictures of animals. (b) animals are affected by people posing for photos with them.
- 24 (c) exotic animals are adorable. (d) social media are not responsible for the dolphins' death.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

Only a few people gathered around the dolphin in San Bernardo.

One of the dolphins died due to lack of water.

Sad incidents with animals are becoming quite frequent.

It may be dangerous to approach wild animals.

FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 37 1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "hurt" (verb).
- 35 2. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "dangerous" (adjective).

FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 37 1. ONE WORD MEANING "to annoy someone by coming together around them in a crowd."
- 38 2. ONE WORD MEANING "very small."

USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:

- 42 1. "Anne... (be) late every day since Tuesday."
- 43 2. "I... (sleep) when the fire broke out."

3. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

- 40 1. "I am very bad... (in / at / for / into) mathematics."
- 40 2. "If you don't know a word, you have to look it... (for / up / in / on)."

1. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE ACTIVE VOICE: "The house will be cleaned every Saturday."

2. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If I saw an injured animal, ..."

3. REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING: "The woman which work here is from Sweden."

4. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "There are eight denominations of euro coins."

WRITING (3 points)

5. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

How do animals help people? Explain.



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OPTION B: EXCESSIVE TOURISM

- 1 This is a recent phenomenon: a tourist destination is “discovered”, grows incredibly fast and has a huge success.
2 For most places, though, it’s downhill from there: long queues, overcrowded beaches and badly-behaved tourists
3 spoil the atmosphere that made the destination attractive at first. Here are some places which are being deteriorated
4 by tourism, and how to visit them sustainably.
5 Venice has become a theme park: its population has decreased by half with every decade due to excessive
6 tourism. The rise of apartment rentals means that locals are pushed out of the housing market. The recommendation:
7 stay at a locally-owned hotel, so your money goes back to the community.
8 Barcelona blames the ever-increasing number of tourists, often drunk, for the vast increase in complaints to
9 police. Locals declare themselves more concerned about tourism than poverty. The mayor of Barcelona is trying to
10 limit uncontrolled tourism, banning large groups from some areas and closing illegal rentals. To improve things,
11 tourists should avoid the peak season and stay in locally-owned hotels, or travel into rural Spain and enjoy the food
12 culture which they come looking for. Like in Italy, young people in Spain are emptying the country to go to the city.
13 Tourism can give them a reason to stay.
14 Iceland has also become a victim of its success: from 250,000 tourists in 2009 to 1.6m last year. In peak season,
15 the main routes and attractions are overcrowded. The island’s infrastructure cannot sustain these numbers, so we’d
16 better avoid high season and the usual itineraries. We won’t know the difference between the most famous waterfall
17 in Iceland and the second and third most famous – they’re equally magical, but the latter are more peaceful.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **According to the text, tourism growth should be managed wisely because...**
(a) it can damage the local fauna. (b) it can remove people from the country and massively displace them to cities.
(c) the more visitors, the more wealth a place gets. (d) if it grows over the top it may ruin the attractiveness of the place.
2. **The author suggests that when a tourist destination gets congested...**
(a) it shouldn’t restrict access to international tourists. (b) visitors should choose similar but alternative, less crowded destinations.
(c) local authorities celebrate the achievement. (d) local authorities should invest more money to accommodate massive visits.
3. **To minimise the problem in Barcelona, the author recommends...**
(a) travelling to rural Italy. (b) enjoying the local gastronomy in the Spanish countryside.
(c) visiting other towns and cities. (d) visiting the places that young people love in Spain and Italy.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

4. **Too many visitors with bad manners usually destroy the attractiveness of a place.**

5. **Venice has been losing 50% of its inhabitants every ten years.**

6. **The main concern of Barcelona inhabitants is poverty.**

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR “calm” (adjective).

7.2. ONE OPPOSITE FOR “leave” (verb).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

8.1. ONE WORD MEANING: “to say that somebody is guilty of doing something bad.”

8.2. ONE WORD MEANING: “filled with more people or things than is desirable.”

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:

9.1. “They want me... (pay) extra for the children.”

9.2. “I wish they... (give) me the job now!”

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:

10.1. “Be aware... (preposition) the consequences.”

10.2. “Well, that really depends... (preposition) you.”

11. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: “People say that Iceland’s waterfalls are wonderful.”

12. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: “She travels abroad every year.”

13. REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING: “I only have one children, but I would like to have other one.”

14. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. “A penguin is a bird. It cannot fly.”

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

What travel destinations would you like to visit? Give reasons.



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OPTION A: ITALY ADOPTS NEW LAW TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE

- 1 Food waste is an issue that has begun to gain attention all over the world. Besides perpetuating hunger and food
2 shortage, food waste is a huge contributor to global climate change, as it releases the equivalent to some 3.3 billion
3 tons of CO₂ each year.
4 Italy, known for its amazing food, is doing something about it. To combat food waste, the Italian government
5 recently passed a new law aimed at making it easier for both sellers and consumers to prevent food waste. The new
6 law will relax regulations that have kept some restaurants, farmers and retailers from donating their leftover or unsold
7 food. Specifically, it will clarify that food can still be donated even if it has passed its sell-by date, and will allow
8 farmers to donate unsold food to charities without having to pay extra.
9 The law also contemplates creating cultural changes in the way Italians think about food – such as making it
10 easier to request “family bags” (sometimes known as the “doggy bag”) to take home unfinished food ordered at
11 restaurants, something that most Italians currently do not do.
12 Massimo Bottura, who was named the best chef in the world in 2016, is one of Italy’s most important activists on
13 the matter. During the Milan Expo, he opened an experimental soup kitchen with a Catholic charity that used food
14 that had been left over from the exhibition as part of a campaign to raise awareness about food waste.
15 Many hope the law will not only reduce food waste by 1 million tons each year but also benefit the 6 million
16 Italians living in poverty who rely on donations to survive.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **Food waste...**

- (a) is also an environmental problem. (b) causes losses to farmers.
(c) is affecting the popularity of Italian cuisine. (d) is just a cultural problem.

2. **The new law will...**

- (a) force businesses to donate food. (b) promote food donation.
(c) make farmers produce less. (d) help farmers to produce more.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. **It will not be permitted to give away food unless its expiration date is past.**

4. **Farmers who contribute to charities will be heavily taxed.**

5. **Taking your leftover food home is a rare habit in Italy.**

6. **Massimo Bottura turned leftovers into very expensive gourmet meals.**

7. **FIND IN THE TEXT:** (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR “emit” (verb).
7.2. ONE OPPOSITE FOR “ban” (verb).

8. **FIND IN THE TEXT:** (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING “someone who fights to bring about political or social change.”
8.2. ONE EXPRESSION MEANING “to be dependent on.”

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. **FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:**

- 9.1. “By three o’clock tomorrow, he... (finish) the report.”
9.2. “Remember... (lock) the door before you go.”

10. **FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:**

- 10.1. “Look... (up / on / through / for) the word in the dictionary if you don’t know the meaning.”
10.2. “You may go to the party... (unless / although / as long as / owing to) you’re home by twelve o’clock.”

11. **COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: “Take a doggy bag home if...”**

12. **GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: “It’s been raining for two hours.”**

13. **TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO DIRECT SPEECH: “He told me not to wait for him.”**

14. **REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: “Someone is painting Mary’s kitchen tomorrow.” Mary is...**

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. **WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:**

A balanced diet is an important part of a healthy lifestyle. Discuss.

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OPTION B: WHY ARE WE SO OBSESSED WITH ZOMBIES?

1 The *zombie* concept has Haitian origins, the term *nzambi*, referring to someone's 'soul'. Nowadays, this
2 obsession with the living dead has reached its highest point, as zombies have invaded not only television and films,
3 but also comics and video games. Zombies aren't sexy – they are quite atrocious and frightening. So, why can't we
4 look away? Do we love zombies just for pure fun and the rush of feeling scared – or is there something more to this
5 obsession?
6 It seems that it isn't just a matter of entertainment. People like monsters because they manifest the things they're
7 worried about. Of course, zombie narratives are the perfect scenario to represent today's insecurities about dying,
8 getting sick, the fear of social infrastructures falling apart, etc. This collective nightmare poses the question, "What
9 would you do? Would you survive?" Zombie stories play out this great survival narrative. Still, this brings up another
10 interesting point. If we're afraid, mortified even, of what the zombie represents, why don't we run away from it? The
11 reason is that the principle of art is catharsis, which, in short, means that you want to deal with death and infection,
12 but you don't actually want to go through it. By watching it, you feel horror, anxiety and grief but when the show's
13 over you happily go back to your life.
14 Finally, the zombie apocalypse also suggests that people shouldn't necessarily be afraid of zombies, but of other
15 humans. Can you trust the people that you meet along the way while trying to survive? And if you can't, what does
16 that say about humanity? The zombie is a metaphor. The real monsters may be us.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **We are obsessed with zombies because they are...**

- (a) the scariest monsters ever. (b) the symbol of our deepest fears.
(c) both funny and dreadful. (d) so deformed.

2. **We like watching horror films and TV shows because...**

- (a) we like to deal with our fears in fiction. (b) we learn practical survival skills.
(c) we feel relieved as everybody helps one another to fight. (d) we feel sad once the show has finished.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. **Our interest in zombies has increased lately.**
4. **People can't stand looking at zombies.**
5. **A zombie apocalypse is the ideal background to dramatise current fears.**
6. **Zombies may not be the actual villains in zombie stories.**

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "scary" (adjective). 7.2. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "healthy" (adjective).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "universal or widespread destruction or disaster."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "a very frightening and unpleasant dream."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:

- 9.1. "He suggested... (invite) his parents for dinner but I didn't fancy the idea."
9.2. "I wish I... (not eat) so many cakes last night."

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

- 10.1. "I ran... (over / on / through / into) Marcus yesterday and we went for a quick coffee."
10.2. "We went to the beach... (besides / although / in spite / despite) the heavy rain."

11. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE PRONOUN. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "Paris is the city. I would love to spend my honeymoon there."

12. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "There were twenty three children at the birthday party."

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "They didn't give us the ticket at the shop."

14. REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: "If he doesn't call this week, it will be too late." Unless...

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

What kind of TV programmes or series do you like best? Why?



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OPTION A: ERASMUS CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

- 1 The European Erasmus programme was built on pilot student exchanges from 1981 to 1986, and was formally
2 adopted on 17 June 1987. In the first year the programme involved only eleven countries, with the rest of European
3 countries joining in later on.
4 Erasmus has been enriching lives for the past 30 years. What started as a student mobility programme has
5 grown into something much more important, offering individuals great opportunities to go to a European country and
6 cooperate on joint projects, for example as volunteers or apprentices. The main target has been bringing people from
7 different backgrounds together to acquire the competences to lead independent, fulfilling lives. The programme
8 should also help them to find their place in society and develop a sense of European identity.
9 In order to mark the anniversary, the European Commission has launched a campaign highlighting the positive
10 impact of Erasmus both on individuals and society as a whole. The events will take place throughout 2017 at
11 European, national and local levels. An online forum has also been created so that Erasmus students can share their
12 experiences. Tania Habimana, who grew up in the UK and Belgium, studied International Business and German with
13 Erasmus. The experience gave her the chance to build an international network of contacts. Today, Tania runs her
14 own enterprise, *Tailored Business*, a TV show which interviews fashion designers working for African countries.
15 Tania is an advocate for women entrepreneurs, and hopes that her TV show will inspire others to explore their
16 business talents.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. According to the text, the Erasmus programme helps undergraduates...

- (a) to teach foreign languages. (b) to travel around Europe for free.
(c) to get a degree in a foreign country. (d) to understand what being a European citizen means.

2. Tania Habimana...

- (a) runs a TV show about the Erasmus experience. (b) was able to make helpful connections during the exchange.
(c) enjoyed her Erasmus in Germany. (d) met female entrepreneurs who inspired her during her experience.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. **The Erasmus programme allows participants to study in any country in the world.**
4. **All European countries joined the programme from the very beginning.**
5. **The European Commission has started a campaign emphasizing the positive effects of Erasmus on society.**
6. **During the anniversary celebrations, students will be able to participate using the web.**

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "goal" (noun).
7.2. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "expert" (noun).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 8.1. THE WORD WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "something that happens in a certain place at a certain time."
8.2. THE WORD WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "a person's origin, education and socio-cultural environment."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:

- 9.1. "There is no point in... (take) that job." 9.2. "At this time tomorrow I... (celebrate) my birthday."

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

- 10.1. "Bob made... (to / up / by / into) a funny story." 10.2. "This music is aimed... (for / by / at / into) young people."

11. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "They are making many arrangements to celebrate the Erasmus anniversary."

12. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If I had the chance to study abroad, ..."

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO REPORTED SPEECH: "It was wonderful to meet them last night!" Susan exclaimed.

14. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING AN APPROPRIATE LINKER (DO NOT USE AND, BUT, OR BECAUSE). MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "He's had lots of girlfriends. He's single now."

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

Would you like to study abroad? Give reasons.



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OPTION A: SELFIES AND HACKERS

- 1 Most people are aware that they shouldn't post personally identifying information on social media, such as a letter
2 with their address or a plane ticket, as they could be used by criminals. And they most certainly wouldn't publicly
3 share their passwords.
4 Sharing pictures, however, is something everyone is comfortable with. But research has revealed that these can
5 also be used to obtain information. Posing for a picture while holding your hands up in a peace sign could pose a
6 security threat, with hackers being able to recreate prints that are the key to phones, computers and tablets.
7 Researchers at Japan's National Institute of Informatics have found that fingerprints can be easily recreated from
8 photos taken up to three metres away without the need for advanced technology. So long as the picture is clear and
9 well-lit, prints can be copied. To prevent this, a transparent film that can be applied to fingertips to protect the print
10 from curious eyes has been created. However, this technology won't be ready for two years and is unlikely to be a
11 widely adopted measure of protection.
12 We drop physical biometric data wherever we go, leaving fingerprints on everything we touch, posting selfies on
13 social media, and videos with friends and family. Unlike passwords, biometrics cannot be easily changed, causing
14 fears over the safety of people's personal data. Remember that, once biometric data is stolen and resold on the *Dark*
15 *Web*, the risk of inappropriate access to a user's accounts and identity will persist for that person's lifetime.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D) (0.5 points each)

1. Posting pictures making a peace sign may...

- (a) be extremely popular on social media. (b) reveal something about your political ideas.
(c) expose your fingerprints to illicit cloning. (d) show hackers you are a peaceful, harmless person.

2. Hackers can use a photograph to obtain details of...

- (a) your biometrics. (b) your family.
(c) your personality. (d) your home address.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. **Many people are careless and frequently share their log-in information.**
4. **Obtaining fingerprints from photographs does not require the use of highly developed equipment.**
5. **In two years' time we will all protect our fingerprints by using a transparent film.**
6. **Biometrics hackers can only use the stolen information for a short period of time.**

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "remain" (verb).
7.2. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "narrowly" (adverb).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "the condition of being in danger or at risk."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "not probable."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:

- 9.1. "I am very keen ... (preposition) videogames."
9.2. "My brother is absolutely devoted ... (preposition) skateboarding."

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

- 10.1. "I didn't play as... (worst / badly / better/ worse) as the other members of the team."
10.2. "You can trust him. He is very..." (reliable / relying / unreliable / relied)

11. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If I had had a faster computer, ..."

12. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "Anne often posts nice messages on social media."

13. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "My password is very difficult to guess. I created my password with alphanumeric characters three years ago."

14. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "I would like to upload two selfies."

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

Discuss the pros and cons of the use of smartphones.



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OPTION B: THE OLYMPIC GAMES

- 1 The Olympic Games, which we enjoy so much nowadays, have a deep, rich history. Although legends trace them
2 all the way back to around 776 BC, historians have many differing opinions about when the Games actually began.
3 Early on, the Olympic Games were not only a time to show off physical skill, but they were also an occasion when the
4 people of Greece offered a variety of sacrifices to their mythical gods, including Zeus. As the Olympic Games
5 experienced growth and many more games were added to be played, the time period of the competitions lengthened,
6 and soon became an event that lasted for four consecutive days.
7 After twelve centuries, when the Romans came to power, the Games were banned for being sacrilegious and
8 offending to Christianity. However, the nineteenth century brought about a revival of the Olympiads. It was in Paris, in
9 1894, when it was finally decided that they would officially take place again, with them starting out in their place of
10 origin - Athens. The first modern Olympics, the largest sporting event ever held on an international level until then,
11 occurred in 1896. With almost 250 athletes participating in these games, they were such a great success all over the
12 world that it was decided to hold them every four years, as in the ancient times. Paris hosted the second edition in
13 1900 and they became even more popular.
14 Today the Olympic Games have developed into one of the biggest sporting highlights across the world, with 213
15 countries participating in Rio. These games bring the people from many countries together in a way that nothing else
16 has been able to do.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)
CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **The ancient Olympic Games...**
(a) were just a sporting event. (b) were also a kind of religious celebration.
(c) were a military event. (d) were celebrated in Rome.
2. **The first modern Olympic Games...**
(a) took place in Paris. (b) attracted people from 250 countries.
(c) started in 1894. (d) gained popularity worldwide.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. **There is general agreement on the date the first Olympic Games took place.**
4. **The earliest editions of the Games were four days long.**
5. **The Olympics were forbidden for religious reasons hundreds of years later.**
6. **It isn't known how often the ancient Olympics were held.**
7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)
7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "really" (adverb).
7.2. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "allow" (verb).
8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)
8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "the process of becoming popular, active or important again."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "causing disapproval or annoyance."

- II * USE OF ENGLISH** (3 points; 0.5 points each)
9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:
9.1. "I wish I... (study) harder for my last exam." 9.2. "I can't get used to... (live) in such a small place."
10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:
10.1. "Alaska is the... (less / least / fewest / little) populated state in the USA."
10.2. "People are very... (keen / ashamed / concerned / interested) about the damage to the environment."
11. REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING: "You needn't to buy a ticket for park here."
12. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "The people of Greece offered a variety of sacrifices to Zeus."
13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO DIRECT SPEECH: "Mary told her children not to get up so early because they didn't have to go to school."
14. REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED. "My eyes were tested by the optician." I had...

III * WRITING (3 points)
15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:
Practising sports or playing videogames? Discuss.