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OPTION A: ROSA PARKS: THE WOMAN WHO INSPIRED A MOVEMENT

- 1 It was December 1, 1955 when Rosa Parks of Montgomery, Alabama, was arrested. The 42-year-old African American woman was
2 on a city bus on her way home after a day's work, and she refused to give her seat to a white passenger.
3 William Pretzer was 5 years old then and lived more than 2,000 miles away in Sacramento, California. He was too young to
4 understand the full importance of the event. To be honest, it would take time for most people to see what the protest really was: the
5 beginning of the civil rights movement in the United States.
6 Pretzer is now a senior supervisor at the National Museum of African American History and Culture. As he looks over Parks' police
7 report, he is surprised at how ordinary the arrest was. Rosa Parks and NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored
8 People) leaders had previously organized a number of altercations on the city's segregated buses. The simplicity of the arrest
9 documents reveals that the police dealt with this situation just like any other of these incidents.
10 "Within the African American community, it was seen as an opportunity to make progress, and to bring attention and pressure on
11 the white power structure," says Pretzer. Parks' act of defiance inspired the Montgomery Bus Boycott, through which Martin Luther
12 King emerged as a civil rights leader. The boycott lasted 381 days. After a Supreme Court ruling, the city's buses became officially
13 integrated, and black and white people were eventually allowed to sit together.
14 According to Pretzer, Parks is a history maker. "History makers are those that sense the moment," he says.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

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

1. 5-year-old William Pretzer...

- (a) failed to realize the relevance of Rosa's protest. (b) was on the city bus at the time of the incident.
(c) was totally aware of the bus incident. (d) refused to understand the significance of Rosa's protest.

2. Rosa Parks...

- (a) symbolized the end of the civil rights movement. (b) is not a relevant African American figure.
(c) succeeded Martin Luther King as a leader. (d) represents the origin of the fight for civil rights fight in the US.

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. William Pretzer lived in the same city as Rosa Parks.
4. The police handled Rosa Parks' arrest as a common event.
5. Martin Luther King was already a leader before Rosa Parks' incident.
6. Finally, bus integration was legally regulated.

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "accept" (verb).
7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "truthful" (adjective).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "separated or set apart from others."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "to continue in time, to go 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. "Ana left Greece after she... (lose) her job." 9.2. "I wish I... (be) a famous football player."

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

- 10.1. "I haven't applied... that job yet." to / for / about / on 10.2. "They don't want to fight... that army." on / against / towards / at

11. THERE ARE TWO MISTAKES IN THIS SENTENCE. FIND THE MISTAKES AND REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY.

"I'm agree with John, but not with hers parents."

12. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "I visited England last month."

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "Michael grew those wonderful flowers in his garden."

14. REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED. "I've played chess for thirty years." I started...

III * WRITING (3 points)

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

Is there any kind of discrimination in our society? Discuss.

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OPTION B: SEA SALT AROUND THE WORLD IS CONTAMINATED BY PLASTIC

- 1 Recent studies have shown that tiny plastic particles have been found in sea salt in the UK, France and Spain, as well as
2 China and the US. In August 2017, Spanish scientists tested 21 types of table salt and found plastic in all of them. They concluded
3 that “sea products are hopelessly contaminated by microplastics” and that there is “a background presence of microplastics in the
4 environment.”
5 Researchers from other countries have confirmed these findings. They believe the majority of the contamination comes from
6 microfibrils and single-use plastics such as water bottles. “Plastics are in the air, in the water, in the seafood we eat, in the beer
7 we drink, and the salt we use —plastics are just everywhere,” said Sherri Mason, a professor at the University of New York.
8 The health impact of ingesting plastic is unknown. Scientists are having difficulties to research the impact of plastic on the
9 human body because they haven’t managed to find a control group of humans who have not been exposed. Some researchers
10 believe sea salt could be more vulnerable to plastic contamination because of how it is made, through a process of dehydration of
11 sea water.
12 The solution is not an easy one. “I hope what comes from this is not that consumers just switch brands and try to find something
13 that is not sea salt —like mined salt,” Mason said. “I’m afraid people just want to go to fast food restaurants and get their disposable
14 cups. We have to focus on the flow of plastic and the widespread overuse of plastics in our society and find other materials instead.”

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

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

1. **It is difficult to research the effects of plastics because...**
(a) most people have ingested plastics. (b) the sea is too polluted.
(c) people just want to disconnect and do not cooperate. (d) plastics are hard to research.
2. **Sea salt is produced by...**
(a) using a specific type of microfibrils. (b) separating the plastics from the water.
(c) removing water. (d) focusing on the flow of plastic.

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 effects of plastic in the human body have already been described by scientists.**
4. **Sea salt can become easily contaminated by plastic.**
5. **Using mined salt instead of sea salt is the solution to the problem.**
6. **We need to stop using so many disposable plastic items.**
7. **FIND IN THE TEXT:** (0.5 points)
7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR “pollute” (verb).
7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR “change” (verb).
8. **FIND IN THE TEXT:** (0.5 points)
8.1. ONE WORD MEANING “to arrive at an opinion by reasoning.”
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING “existing or happening in many places or among many people.”

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. “After she had discussed sea contamination, she... (deal) with air pollution.”
9.2. “I now regret... (eat) so much salt.”
10. **FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:**
10.1. “Some companies are investing... (preposition) biodegradable materials.”
10.2. “You need to get rid... (preposition) your rubbish in the appropriate places.”
11. **THERE ARE TWO MISTAKES IN THIS SENTENCE. FIND THE MISTAKES AND REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY.**
“Young people is usually louder that old people.”
12. **COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING (CONDITIONAL) SENTENCE:** “If people stopped using disposable plastic containers, ...”
13. **TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE ACTIVE VOICE:** “Plastic particles have just been found in sea salt.”
14. **GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS:** “Up to 12.7m tonnes of plastic enter the world’s oceans every year.”

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 could be done to reduce environmental pollution?

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OPTION A:

ALBERT EINSTEIN'S THEORY OF HAPPINESS SOLD FOR \$1.5M

- 1 Albert Einstein may be recognised for his theory of relativity but it is his recently discovered theory of happiness which has just
2 been sold at an auction for \$1.56m. Two handwritten notes by the acclaimed German physicist which outline his advice for living
3 a happy and fruitful life went on sale in Jerusalem 95 years after they were written.
4 The notes were handwritten during Einstein's trip to Japan to deliver a series of lectures in November 1922. It was on this trip
5 that the then 43-year-old was informed he had been awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics. He felt extremely pleased but also
6 overwhelmed by the large crowd of Japanese people who rushed to see him. While he was in his room at the Imperial Hotel in
7 Tokyo trying to make sense of his feelings, a courier arrived with a delivery. The Nobel laureate composed two brief notes and
8 gave them to him. According to the seller of the notes, Einstein said that in the future they could be worth a great deal more than
9 the cash tip he might have handed over instead.
10 "A calm and modest life brings more happiness than the pursuit of success combined with constant restlessness," reads one
11 of the autographed notes, which was written down on the hotel's stationery. The other, written on a blank piece of paper, says:
12 "Where there's a will there's a way."
13 The buyer and seller of the notes have wished to remain anonymous; however, the BBC reports that the seller may be the
14 Japanese messenger's nephew.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

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

1. **Albert Einstein's theory of happiness was written...**
(a) in Europe. (b) in Israel.
(c) in a hotel room. (d) on a plane.
2. **Einstein's two notes sold at the auction...**
(a) were typed by Einstein himself. (b) were written on different types of paper.
(c) were written in Japanese and translated into English. (d) summarised his theory of relativity.

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. **Albert Einstein received \$1.56m for the Nobel Prize he was awarded**
4. **The German physicist travelled to Japan for academic reasons.**
5. **Einstein thought that only success can bring happiness.**
6. **Nobody has any idea who the seller of the notes is.**

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)
7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "hurry" (verb).
7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "humble" (adjective).
8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)
8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "producing good results."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "overcome or emotionally affected in a very powerful way."

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

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:
9.1. "He behaved... (preposition) a baby."
9.2. "I did it... (preposition) fun."
10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:
10.1. "Can you please stop... (make) noise?"
10.2. "The light went out while we... (have) tea."
11. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO DIRECT SPEECH: "She asked me if I could start work the following day."
12. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING AN APPROPRIATE LINKER (DO NOT USE AND, BUT, OR BECAUSE). MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "Peter was ill. I wonder if you knew this."
13. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "This is the place. We met here two years ago."
14. REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED. "People expect that the government will announce his new immigration policy today." The government...

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:
What makes you happy?

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OPTION B:

OUR LOVE FOR PETS

- 1 While humans like to think of ourselves as the strongest, smartest species, it's increasingly clear that many of us are simply
2 slaves to our pets. We may think we own our pets, but it's actually the other way round.
3 The latest evidence of this can be found at Ikea. The Scandinavian company recently launched a range of pet furniture called
4 Lurvig, which means "hairy" in Swedish. To me, this proves that our obsession with our best friends is getting out of hand. We are
5 spending huge amounts of money on them. Global sales of pet products in 2016 were \$103.5 billion; a 4.7% increase over 2015,
6 which is an enormous growth rate.
7 Why are we spending so much money on our animal companions? Well, basically because we seem to think pets are people
8 and treat them as such. A survey conducted in 2015 found that 95% of US pet owners consider their pets part of the family —up
9 from 88% in 2007. And it's not just Americans; another survey this year claims that 56% of Brits plan to spend more money on
10 Christmas presents for their pets than on gifts for their human family.
11 Nowhere is the humanisation of pets more clearly reflected than in their diets. Despite the fact that dogs will happily eat anything,
12 their meals have become a gourmet affair —the ingredients of which tend to say more about the taste of their owners than animal
13 appetites.
14 I could go on talking to you about this, but I'm afraid I've got a gluten-free meal to prepare for my dog's supper tonight, and he
15 doesn't like to be kept waiting.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

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

1. According to the author...

- (a) animals should be treated like humans. (b) our love for pets has gone a bit too far.
(c) pets are treated like slaves by their owners. (d) Americans spend more than Brits on their pets.

2. We treat animals so well because...

- (a) they tend to eat everything. (b) they are smarter than humans.
(c) we view them as humans. (d) we want them to keep fit.

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. Ikea created a line of furniture for pets many years ago.
4. The number of Americans who see their pets as family members is decreasing.
5. UK citizens have already spent more on presents for their pets than for their relatives.
6. The author is in a hurry to prepare his dog's dinner because he is a very impatient dog.

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "possess" (verb).
7.2. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "save" (verb).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "objects in a room required for ornament, sitting or lying."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "the action of selling something."

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 enjoy... (feed) my kittens." 9.2. "I don't allow my dog... (come) inside the house."

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:

- 10.1. "I am very keen... (preposition) pets." 10.2. "I am aware... (preposition) the disadvantages of having a pet."

11. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "I found the kittens in the street. This is the street."

12. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORD: "My grandma lived with five cats for almost two years."

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "Mary is feeding the dog that comes every night."

14. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING (CONDITIONAL) SENTENCE: "Unless you take the dog for a walk, ..."

III * WRITING (3 points)

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

Advantages and disadvantages of having pets. Discuss.

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OPTION A:**SPANISH SCIENTISTS TRY TO FIND THE "CURE" FOR OLD AGE**

- 1 Fueled by billions of techno-dollars from Silicon Valley, aging is one of the most exciting areas of scientific research today.
2 One of the most distinguished scientists to come out of Spain, Juan Carlos Izpisúa, has spent 25 years working at the Salk
3 Institute for Biological Studies in southern California, which has produced more than a dozen Nobel Prize winners. Leading a
4 research team of 25 scientists, he is developing strategies in cell therapies with a view to trying to reverse the aging process. He
5 believes this research will eventually "change humanity's evolutionary path."
6 In 1900 life expectancy in Spain was 35, and now it's over 83. However, more people die than are born. Armed with data,
7 the molecular biologist and Head of the Spanish National Center for Cancer Research María Blasco forecasts "a very different"
8 society for the future. "There will be fewer of us than there are now, but we will live much longer," says Blasco. Longevity is a
9 mystery. There will be huge gains if we can solve it. However, Luc Ferry, member of France's Economic, Social and
10 Environmental Council, believes this field of research needs urgent regulation due to the moral and ethical dilemmas it presents.
11 These include, for example, the possibility of experiments falling into the hands of rich and irresponsible people. Genetics could
12 divide the world into superhumans and inferior humans. "If everything's permitted," says Ferry, "we're in danger of creating
13 monsters, hybrid human beings that are half man, half machine, an animal that has nothing to do with humanity, an idea most of
14 us find terrifying."
15 So could we be contemplating the death of death? Could we live to 140? Is there a limit?

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

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

1. Juan Carlos Izpisúa...

- (a) has won a Nobel Prize in Biology. (b) is trying to find the cure for old age.
(c) works with María Blasco. (d) comes from southern California.

2. Spanish researcher María Blasco predicts a society that...

- (a) will be cancer-free in the near future. (b) will have to face important moral dilemmas.
(c) will be quite similar to the one we have today. (d) will have a much older population.

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 a lot of money nowadays to fund research on the aging process.**4. There is a balance between the number of births and deaths in Spain.****5. The studies on longevity must follow some rules.****6. The text states that research ensures limitless human longevity.****7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)**

- 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "road" (noun).
7.2. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "tiny" (adjective).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "an official rule or the act of controlling something."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two different options."

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. "Please, don't forget... (phone) me tomorrow." 9.2. "You needn't... (wash) your hands after you eat."

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:

- 10.1. "Mary applied... (preposition) this job last week." 10.2. "She has been studying English... (preposition) she was ten."

11. THERE ARE TWO MISTAKES IN THIS SENTENCE. FIND THE MISTAKES AND REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY.

"She told he not to contacting her again."

12. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If I had known it, ..."**13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE ACTIVE VOICE: "That proposal has never been rejected by the committee."****14. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "Ruth stayed in Rome for weeks."****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 live for ever? Why?

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OPTION B:

THE PLANT THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

- 1 Nutritionally, potatoes are a complete package. They are low in fat and full of complex carbohydrates, vitamins and
2 minerals. Besides, they also contain a surprising amount of protein. Studies have shown that people can live healthily for
3 months on an all-potato diet, although this requires eating as many as 3.5 kilograms of potatoes a day, which would be very
4 monotonous.
5 It's often hard to define a plant's origin, and cultivated potatoes are an especially difficult case because they have many
6 wild relatives (at least 169) over a very wide geographic area. The potato appeared in Europe during the 16th century, but the
7 question of who brought it here remains unresolved. Some say it was Sir Francis Drake, some say Sir Walter Raleigh, but
8 some people doubt both versions. Researchers suggest that Spanish conquerors brought potatoes from the Americas as early
9 as 1562. However, they might have kept the discovery of this novel food source secret from their European neighbours for a
10 while.
11 Potatoes are more productive than grains. If the head of a plant such as wheat or rice grows too big, the plant will fall over.
12 Potatoes do not have that problem because they grow underground. For example, in 2008 a Lebanese farmer dug up a potato
13 that weighed nearly 13 kilograms. It was bigger than his head.
14 Today the potato is the fifth most important crop worldwide after wheat, corn, rice and sugar cane. But in the 17th century
15 it was a surprising novelty —part of a global ecological revolution that gave rise to modern industrial agriculture.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

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

1. The plant that changed the world...

- (a) is a surprising protein. (b) originated in Europe.
(c) is a good nutritional combination. (d) was first grown by Sir Francis Drake.

2. According to the text, people who eat only potatoes...

- (a) take fewer complex carbohydrates. (b) can stay in good condition for weeks and weeks.
(c) eat more fat per day than other people. (d) should eat other vegetables.

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. Potatoes belong to a well-spread family.

4. As soon as Spaniards brought potatoes from America, they shared their discovery.

5. Large size can influence the growth of wheat negatively.

6. Potatoes brought a change in farming.

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "need" (verb).
7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "source" (noun).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "feel uncertain about."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "plants grown for food usually in a farm."

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

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:

- 9.1. "He's not very good... (preposition) gardening." 9.2. "I don't get... (preposition) well with her."

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

- 10.1. "Some people believe... ghosts." on / about / at / in 10.2. "Not... students knew the answer." each / all / any / every

11. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "The jewellery has been stolen recently. It belongs to Queen Mary."

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 REPORTED SPEECH: "I lost all my money by buying bitcoins," he said.

14. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "Tom's father injured his hand when doing the washing-up."

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

Which are your favourite inventions / discoveries in history? Explain.

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OPTION A: BILINGUAL PEOPLE PROCESS MATHS DIFFERENTLY DEPENDING ON THE LANGUAGE

- 1 A new study has found that people who speak more than one language fluently will process maths differently depending on
2 the language that they use. Intuition enables the brain to recognise numbers up to four. However, when calculating mathematical
3 problems, we depend on language. This led researchers at the University of Luxembourg to explore just how arithmetic skills are
4 affected when bilingual people use different languages.
- 5 The authors of the study selected students in francophone universities in Belgium whose mother tongue was Luxembourgish
6 —a dialect of German. They were therefore fluent in both German and French. In two different test situations, participants were
7 asked to solve a mixture of simple and complex maths problems in both languages. They were able to solve the simple tasks
8 equally well in both languages. However, they took longer to calculate complex tasks in French than in German. Furthermore, they
9 made fewer errors in their mother tongue.
- 10 The students' brain activity was measured by magnetic resonance scanning techniques and the results showed that different
11 regions of the brain were in use when the participants were solving problems in different languages. For example, when solving
12 the simple task in German, a small section of the left temporal lobe was activated. However, the part of the brain that processed
13 visual information became active while doing the complex tasks in French. So researchers concluded that students had to make
14 an "extra effort" to solve mathematical problems in their non-native tongue.
- 15 "The research results clearly show that calculatory processes are directly affected by language," the authors wrote. They noted
16 that this evidence will gain importance in the next few decades thanks to growing migration and an increasingly globalised job
17 market.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

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

1. The experiment was designed and carried out by...

- (a) analysts from a European university. (b) people who had migrated to another country to find a job.
(c) analysts working for a Belgian company. (d) bilingual students from Belgium and Luxembourg.

2. The participants in the experiment...

- (a) had to use intuition to recognise numbers in two languages. (b) had to solve one problem in French and another in German.
(c) had to solve several problems only in German. (d) had to use French and German to solve a number of problems.

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 students taking part in the experiment spoke French as their native language.**
4. **Students had to solve mathematical problems of different levels of complexity.**
5. **Advanced technological equipment was employed in the experiment.**
6. **The conclusions of the experiment will be more significant in the future.**

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "prevent" (verb).
7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "combination" (noun).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "able to speak a foreign language easily and correctly."
8.2. THE WORD WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "movement of people to or from another country."

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

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

- 9.1. "I never know... early I must leave to be there on time." when / so / how / which
9.2. "Do you remember... was your first maths teacher at secondary school?" whose / that / what / who

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:

- 10.1. "I've now stopped worrying so much... (preposition) money."
10.2. "The experiment dealt... (preposition) the use of renewable energies at school."

11. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "They took ten minutes to solve the problem"

12. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "They never tested the bilingual students."

13. 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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14. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING (CONDITIONAL) SENTENCE: "If I ever decide to study abroad, ..."

III * WRITING (3 points)

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

Do you think that speaking foreign languages is important? Why?

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OPTION B:

WE ARE LIVING IN A POST TRUTH WORLD

1 "Post truth", which is so popular nowadays, refers to the power of emotional effect over fact and evidence. Truth is losing its
2 value in society, as the following examples show. One instance was seen after Donald Trump's inauguration in January 2017. White
3 House officials insisted that it had been "the largest audience to ever witness an inauguration". Even when the media produced video
4 and photographs to contradict their unsustainable claim, officials refused to accept that they had lied and called these allegations
5 "alternative facts".

6 Another example happened during the Brexit campaign. The main argument for the "Vote Leave" campaign was the promise
7 that the weekly cost of staying in Europe —allegedly £350m— would be put into the National Health Service (NHS). The actual
8 amount was revealed to be £100m lower. Days after the referendum, the campaign leaders reduced the promise to "an aspiration"
9 and admitted they knew they would have never won without this promise. The promise was abandoned so quickly that it became
10 obvious they never meant to keep it.

11 The third case in point is the controversy about Obama's birthplace, which Trump exploited to attack President Obama by
12 suggesting he had not been born in America. Obama then published his birth certificate on the White House website. Case closed?
13 Not a bit. Months later, in a shocking rejection of the facts, the number of US citizens who had doubts about Obama's birthplace rose
14 from 33% to 41%.

15 According to political scientists, people tend to reject arguments and even evidence that contradicts their opinions —in fact, they
16 may maintain their original view more strongly. It's the so-called "backfire effect". Like an infection resisting antibiotics, post-truth can
17 fight off even incontestable facts.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

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

1. The post truth examples show that...

- (a) it is impossible to know the truth nowadays. (b) truth is manipulated for political purposes.
(c) truth is the same as "alternative facts". (d) society does not tolerate lying in today's world.

2. Obama's birthplace...

- (a) remains a mystery after all these years. (b) was revealed by Donald Trump.
(c) was questioned even after it was proved by documents. (d) stopped being controversial when the evidence was shown.

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. White House officials admitted their mistake when images proved that the crowd assembled was not so big.

4. During the Brexit campaign, the true cost of remaining a member of the EU was exaggerated.

5. Pro-Brexit campaign leaders kept their promise to increase the amount of money for the NHS.

6. Experts claim that people maintain their beliefs no matter what the facts say.

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "proof" (noun).
7.2. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "acceptance" (noun).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "to see something happen."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "causing intense surprise or horror."

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. "Would you mind... (close) the window, please?" 9.2. "You'd better... (give) up smoking."

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

- 10.1. "I've just tidied... the room." over / out / up / away 10.2. "I think he looks tired, ...? do you / doesn't he / are you / isn't it

11. THERE ARE TWO MISTAKES IN THIS SENTENCE. FIND THE MISTAKES AND REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY. "I want to work as teacher when I will finish my degree."

12. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "I have known Isabel all my life."

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "When did they find the missing child?"

14. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "J.F. Kennedy was born 100 years ago. His assassination remains a mystery."

III * WRITING (3 points)

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

Do you believe everything you read on the Internet or social networks? Explain.

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OPTION A:**ORTHOREXIA**

- 1 Orthorexia can be defined as the obsession with eating healthily. While the term is becoming widely used, this obsession
2 has not been recognised as a clinical disorder yet. This is because orthorexia is one of the hardest conditions to diagnose,
3 especially now that the interest in wellness has increased and the number of “health influencers” in social media is rising.
4 Individuals with orthorexia believe that “eating clean” will result in a “pure” body and endless health. However, what starts as
5 a way of trying to improve yourself can result in a severe eating disorder. People start to restrict certain food groups with the best
6 of intentions but often end up eliminating nutrients that are vital for health.
7 Orthorexia is difficult to diagnose. Some signs you may observe include feeling a severe anxiety about how food is prepared,
8 or avoiding social events where food is present for fear of not being able to follow a diet. It is important to stay alert if these signs
9 are observed, since orthorexia gets worse over time.
10 Doctors believe that individuals who are most likely to develop orthorexia have a particular personality type. They are often
11 perfectionistic and sensitive. The anxiety about not being “good enough” makes them try to find a way to feel better. In other
12 words, they adopt extreme behaviours and start a diet full of restrictions because they want to reach “perfection”. However, there
13 is no specific reason that causes this eating disorder. It is rather the accumulation of a person’s experiences, perceptions, and
14 personality type that can create the perfect storm for orthorexia.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

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

1. **The problem with orthorexia is that...**

- (a) its symptoms are very clear. (b) it can be mistaken for an obsession with hygiene.
(c) it affects people who are mostly insensitive. (d) orthorexic people think they are doing the best for their health.

2. **Individuals with orthorexia...**

- (a) like going to parties involving food. (b) are obsessed with food composition and elaboration.
(c) want to lose weight. (d) are not worried about following a diet.

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. **People with orthorexia confuse a balanced diet with not eating certain food groups.**4. **Orthorexia is a stable condition.**5. **Personality is an important factor in the development of this eating disorder.**6. **People with this eating disorder follow a specific diet because they want to be perfect.**7. **FIND IN THE TEXT:** (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR “**purpose**” (noun).
7.2. ONE OPPOSITE FOR “**moderate**” (adjective).

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

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING “**the kind of food that a person or animal habitually eats.**”
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING “**susceptible, easily affected emotionally.**”

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. “**Having a balanced diet involves... (eat) all food groups.**” 9.2. “**She didn’t come yesterday. She may... (lose) the address.**”

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

- 10.1. “**Children are very fond... (preposition) junk food.**” 10.2. “**We are not... (preposition) a hurry. Take your time.**”

11. **TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: “She hasn’t opened the bottle of Californian wine yet.”**12. **REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED. “Although Charles has lived in Iceland for ten years, he hasn’t got used to cold weather.” Despite...**13. **GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: “My daughter became a vegetarian five years ago.”**14. **COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING (CONDITIONAL) SENTENCE: “If you detected any signs of orthorexia in anybody, you...”****III * WRITING** (3 points)15. **WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:**

Is it important to follow a healthy diet? Discuss.

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OPTION B:

WONDER WOMAN: FEMINIST ICON OR SYMBOL OF OPPRESSION?

1 It's been a busy —and controversial— year for Wonder Woman. In October 2016, the United Nations made a curious
2 announcement: Wonder Woman would be their new Ambassador for Women's Empowerment. This was part of a new campaign
3 to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls by 2030. The announcement, which coincided with Wonder Woman's
4 75th birthday, was met with a great deal of criticism.

5 While Wonder Woman has long been a representative of strong, liberated women, her Western appearance, sexualized
6 image and unrealistic beauty don't reflect millions of young women around the world. Feminists criticized the decision. Was the
7 United Nations implying that no real woman could carry out the task? Over 44,000 people signed a petition and Wonder Woman
8 lost her United Nations job.

9 However, it's not all bad news for the superheroine. Patty Jenkins' film *Wonder Woman* has already brought in 571 million
10 dollars and is being acclaimed as a "masterpiece of subversive feminism." It is the first time since 1984's *Supergirl* that a female
11 superhero has starred in a film. This woman-directed, woman-led film tells a story of justice, of a character who fights evil forces
12 for the greater good.

13 In a way, the new *Wonder Woman* brings to light the competing demands placed on women's shoulders today. She must be
14 both inhumanly strong and very of-this-earth sexy. Maybe that's why watching her kicking ass and saving the world is so inspiring,
15 the sort of thing you would want to watch in a theater, surrounded by other women. It's almost like an acknowledgement that you
16 would literally have to be a superhero to meet what's being asked of ordinary women every day.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

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

1. The choice of Wonder Woman as United Nations ambassador...

- (a) was unanimously welcomed. (b) was a reaction to a feminist campaign.
(c) will take place in 2030. (d) was aimed at promoting the role of women.

2. Wonder Woman cannot represent women all over the world because...

- (a) of the way she looks. (b) of the way she thinks.
(c) she is a symbol of women's freedom. (d) because she is a strong, powerful woman.

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 film *Wonder Woman* was an economic success.
4. *Wonder Woman* is not the only film featuring a superheroine.
5. According to the author, it is hard to be a woman these days.
6. The author criticizes Wonder Woman's use of force.

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE OPPOSITE FOR "oppressed" (verb).
7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "request" (noun).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "make someone stronger and more confident."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "a piece of work required to be done as a duty or chore."

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 decided... (quit) the job." 9.2. "She suggested... (go) for a walk together."

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

- 10.1. "These deliveries never arrive... time." at / on / for / during 10.2. "He took... his coat." in / at / over / off

11. THERE ARE TWO MISTAKES IN THIS SENTENCE. FIND THE MISTAKES AND REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY.

"I have never seen nobody as her."

12. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING (CONDITIONAL) SENTENCE: "If I were a superhero, ..."

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "Where did they film the movie?"

14. 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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III * WRITING (3 points)

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

Do you think there is gender equality in our society? Justify your answer.

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OPTION A:

LICENCE TO DRIVE

- 1 Saudi Arabia is easing restrictions on women driving by means of a royal decree that will allow women in the country to drive,
2 thus ending a long-standing policy that has become a global symbol of the oppression of women. Liesl Gertholtz, the director of
3 the Women's Rights Division at Human Rights Watch, told CNN that while it was a "very important step," there was still a long way
4 to go for Saudi women. "This prohibition on driving is just one in a vast series of laws and policies which prevent women from doing
5 many things," she said.
6 Over the years, Saudi clerics have provided various explanations for the ban. Some said that it was inappropriate in Saudi
7 culture for women to drive. One cleric even claimed that driving harmed women's ovaries. Women's rights groups and Saudi
8 activists have long campaigned for the ban to be lifted, and some women have been arrested and jailed for defying the prohibition.
9 In 2014, a woman was arrested and detained for 73 days after trying to drive across the border into Saudi Arabia.
10 Currently, many working Saudi women spend much of their salaries on drivers, or must be driven to work by male relatives.
11 Prince Khaled bin Salman, Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the US, described the change as "a huge step toward a brighter future.
12 We are trying to increase women's participation in the workforce. In order to do so, we need them to be able to drive to work."
13 Saudi women have been asking for the right to drive for a very long time, and it has finally arrived. The change will take effect
14 in June 2018.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

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

1. Saudi Arabia is...

- (a) making things more difficult for women to drive. (b) persuading women not to drive.
(c) trying to keep the prohibition against women driving. (d) reducing legal difficulties for women to drive.

2. Removing the prohibition on driving...

- (a) is all that is necessary to improve women's rights. (b) is viewed favourably by Saudi Arabia clerics.
(c) is a measure that can help improve women's rights. (d) will allow women to travel abroad on their own.

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. Laws banning women from driving are very recent.
4. It has been claimed that it is unhealthy for women to drive.
5. Female drivers have been considered criminal offenders.
6. Lifting the ban will contribute to more women working.

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "permit" (verb).
7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "avoid" (verb).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "a person connected to another by blood, marriage or adoption."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "all the people in a country who are able to do a job."

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 had already eaten when he... (arrive)." 9.2. "Children always avoid... (clean) their rooms."

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:

- 10.1. "You look exactly... (preposition) your brother." 10.2. "The government is running out... (preposition) options."

11. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO REPORTED SPEECH: "Are you leaving for Scotland now?" she asked me.

12. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING (CONDITIONAL) SENTENCE: "If I had known that the meeting had been cancelled, ..."

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "They sent a present to our friends in America."

14. REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED. "I have been driving for ten years." I started...

III * WRITING (3 points)

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

What should be changed in our society? Discuss.

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OPTION B: AMERICAN LEADERS SHOULD READ THEIR OFFICIAL CLIMATE SCIENCE REPORT

- 1 The US Global Change Research Program has recently released a report on the science of climate change and its causes.
2 Prepared by top scientists, the report gives an overview of the most up to date science: what we know, how we know it, how
3 confident we are, and how likely certain events are to happen if we continue ignoring the effects of climate change.
4 To summarize, our Earth has warmed nearly 1°C since the beginning of the 20th century. Today's Earth is the warmest it has
5 ever been in the history of modern civilization. We are witnessing the heating of the atmosphere, oceans, and the Earth's surface.
6 Glaciers are melting at an alarming rate. Snow cover is decreasing and we are experiencing increased water shortage.
7 The amount of ice that floats on waters in the Arctic has decreased significantly since measurements began. As a result of
8 land ice melting and thermal expansion, sea levels are rising. Astonishingly, half of the total rise has occurred in the last 30 years.
9 Approximately 150 million people around the world live within one meter of current sea level and, even if you live away from the
10 shores, you are not immune to the impacts of climate change either. The report inquires into the increases in extreme weather:
11 heavy rainfall as well as more extreme heatwaves in the United States and in other countries.
12 What will humans do to reduce future climate change? If we take strong actions to reduce greenhouse gases, we may be
13 able to limit global warming. But if we ignore the problem, we will face temperature increases. In fact, the more time we waste,
14 the more expensive the problem will be.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

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

1. The report on climate change...

- (a) has been elaborated by experts. (b) was published long ago.
(c) only investigates its causes. (d) does not predict its effects.

2. Sea levels have risen...

- (a) because of recent heavy rainfalls. (b) especially in the last three decades.
(c) only in the Arctic. (d) at a very slow rate.

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 report deals with the consequences of not making any changes.**
4. **Climate change only affects the temperature of the Earth's surface.**
5. **Only people who live by the sea will suffer the consequences of climate change.**
6. **Greenhouse gases have an impact on the Earth's temperature.**

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "amazingly" (adverb).
7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "present" (adjective).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

- 8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "something that takes place, especially a significant occurrence."
8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "to ask questions in order to investigate or analyze."

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. "We shouldn't... (buy) a diesel car last year." 9.2. "We all play an important part in... (keep) our planet safe."

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:

- 10.1. "It is hard to get rid... (preposition) electronic waste." 10.2. "M. Allen is famous... (preposition) his research on climate."

11. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "The rescue workers gave food and water to people. Their homes had been destroyed by the heavy rain."

12. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORD: "Tourism has recently become a significant economic activity in Iceland."

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "The government has introduced taxes on environmental issues."

14. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING (CONDITIONAL) SENTENCE: "Unless we take immediate measures, the ocean..."

III * WRITING (3 points)

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

Do you think we should worry about global warming? Discuss.