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**LENGUA
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OPTION A**FOREVER YOUNG?**

- 1 The notion that growing old is a natural, inevitable part of life is so fixed in our culture that we rarely
 2 question it. But scientists like Richard Walker have been questioning it for a long time. When Walker saw
 3 on TV a girl who seemed to be “frozen in time”, he thought she could help him test his theory. She was 12
 4 years old, but weighed just 6 kg and was 69 cm long. He had heard of other genetic diseases, such as
 5 progeria and Werner syndrome, which cause premature ageing in children and adults respectively. But her
 6 disease stopped development and apparently, Walker suspected, the ageing process.
 7 Ageing happens because in human biology change never stops. From birth until puberty, change is
 8 crucial: we need to grow and mature. After we’ve matured, however, our adult bodies don’t need change.
 9 If you’ve built the perfect house, you would want to stop adding bricks at a certain point. However, there is
 10 no “stop switch” for development, so, unfortunately or not, we continue changing until we die.
 11 If Walker’s team discover the cause of ageing, there will still be a long way to go. The researchers
 12 would need to obtain results in laboratory mice, which typically have a life expectancy of two or three
 13 years. Then they would have to find some therapy to achieve the same effects on people, and finally
 14 they’d have to begin long and expensive clinical trials to make sure that the treatment was safe and
 15 effective. Walker, now 74, is aware that it would come too late for him: “I feel like Moses – after wandering
 16 in the desert I can see but not enter the Promised Land.”

I * COMPREHENSION (This section consists of six items combining ‘True/False’ and/or ‘Multiple Choice’ questions) (3 points)

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

1. **The girl in the TV show was like “frozen in time” because...**

- (a) her parents kept her alive thanks to cold-induced therapy. (b) she suffered from progeria and was growing old extremely fast.
 (c) she had hardly changed from the time she was a little baby. (d) she had stopped growing old physically but not psychologically.

2. **Even after they find out the cause of ageing there is a long way to go because...**

- (a) the process involves three different phases of tests that will take years. (b) lab tests with rats usually take longer than 2 or 3 years.
 (c) Walker is old now and is impatient to get results so that he can save himself. (d) no anti-aging treatment can ever be found.

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

3. **People normally assume that ageing is a biological fact of life.**

4. **Walker found inspiration to continue his research in order to prove his theories on a TV programme.**

5. **Werner syndrome is a disease that affects little children.**

6. **Human beings need to grow and change all their life in order to stay strong and healthy.**

II * USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)

7. FIND IN THE TEXT THE WORD WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: “to move around usually without a clear purpose or direction”.

8. GIVE A NOUN WITH THE SAME ROOT AS “achieve” (verb).

9. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS: “I ... (study) when he came in.”

10. CHOOSE THE RIGHT OPTION: “Look ...! There’s a dangerous dog in this garden” for / out / after / off

11. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE OPPOSITE FOR “harmful” (adjective).

12. WHICH WORD DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME MEANING? ill / unwell / cheat / sick

13. REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: “The carpenter is repairing the shutters of Ann’s bedroom tomorrow.” Ann is...

14. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: “My grandma taught me to play the piano.”

15. REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY: “I would like have other cup of tea, please.”

16. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO REPORTED SPEECH: “Can you do me a favour?”, Liz asked me.

17. USE THE WORDS IN THE BOXES TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL SENTENCE. USE ALL AND ONLY THE WORDS IN THE BOXES WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR FORM:

has	what	I	know	she	done	don’t
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III * PRODUCTION (3 points)

18. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. YOU MUST FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

Describe how you would like your life to be in 10 or 20 years from now.





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OPTION B

LADY IN BLACK

- 1 Mystery surrounded a woman in long black clothes who was seen walking alone across America for months.
2 She barely spoke and she didn't say why she was walking. "Nobody knows her story. She won't talk to anybody",
3 some investigators said. There have been all kinds of speculation about her: Was she on a religious mission? Was
4 she from an Islamic nation? Was she a ghost, a prophet, or was she mentally ill? According to those who followed
5 her on her journey, she refused any offers of water, food or accommodation.
6 She was a lonely figure who voiced her desire that people would mind their own business and respect her
7 solitude. However, the remarkable curiosity she excited brought the opposite effect: she rose to fame with a
8 Facebook page created by fans and followers, where her travels were documented and photos of her along her
9 journey were posted daily. The page, which has accumulated nearly 60,000 fans, was full of messages of support,
10 inspiration and admiration.
11 Eventually, the woman in black told the police she had reached her final destination when she arrived at
12 Winchester, Virginia. It was there and then that the woman in black's true story emerged: Elizabeth Poles, a widow
13 and veteran of the US military, had been walking home for the past two months, back to where her father raised her
14 in Winchester. "The Winchester Police Department wants local residents to know that she will be part of the
15 community now and to respect her privacy if you see her in the area," a police spokesman said. To the surprise of
16 those who expected that the story had to do with spirituality... the mystery is over.

I * COMPREHENSION (This section consists of six items combining 'True/False' and/or 'Multiple Choice' questions) (3 points)
CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **It's been suggested that the lady in black could be...** (a) a runner. (b) a fool. (c) a tourist. (d) a spy.
2. **During her journey, the lady in black expressed her wish...**
(a) to be left alone. (b) to support herself through the generosity of others.
(c) to fulfill her religious goal. (d) to be followed by others in her journey.
3. **In the end, it turned out that all she wanted with her continuous walking was...**
(a) to go back home to her husband. (b) to inspire others.
(c) to share her spiritual journey. (d) to go back to the home of her childhood.

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

4. **The woman in black was a very talkative person.**
5. **The true story and identity of the lady in black came to light during the course of her journey.**
6. **The woman in black wants to return to anonymity in Winchester.**

II * USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)

7. FIND IN THE TEXT THE WORD WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING MEANING "a place where people can stay or live".
8. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT OPTION: "People waited for the government ... explain the situation". for / and / that / to
9. GIVE ONE SYNONYM FOR "nearly" (adverb) AS IT IS USED IN THE TEXT (LINE 9).
10. GIVE AN ADJECTIVE WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "respect" (verb).
11. FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS: "I wish you ... (come) to the party tomorrow."
12. GIVE ONE OPPOSITE FOR "refuse" (verb) AS IT IS USED IN THE TEXT (LINE 5).
13. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY:
"My daughters saw the lady. She had walked all across the country."
14. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "She came from an American state."
15. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE ACTIVE VOICE: "A Facebook page was created by fans to track her travels."
16. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO REPORTED SPEECH:
"She may be a Muslim, because she covers her body and head with long clothes", people thought.
17. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If people knew the ending of the movie, ..."

III * PRODUCTION (3 points)

18. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:
Social networks like Facebook are important in today's world. Discuss.





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OPTION: A

MASS TOURISM CAN KILL A CITY

- 1 We have all been a tourist at some point, but citizens of great cities like Venice or Barcelona are trying
 2 to defend their traditional neighbourhoods from the massive invasion of tourists. The last local underwear
 3 shop in Venice closed a decade ago. This means that residents of this city of islands have to go to the
 4 mainland for such essential purchases. This is a warning sign. Any city that concentrates too much on
 5 mass tourism will be abandoned by its people when they can no longer pay the cost of housing, food and
 6 basic everyday necessities.
 7 We're starting to see Venice without Venetians. It's also happening in Barcelona, a city of 2 million
 8 inhabitants that received 7.5 million tourists last year. The local authorities say that they want to increase
 9 this to 10 million visitors per year. These figures have led to open conflict this summer. There have been
 10 neighbourhood assemblies and protests against the situation, because in popular places of the city the
 11 scale of visitor numbers is affecting not only residents' quality of life, but their very ability to live in the area.
 12 Neighbourhood communities are essential to the culture of southern Europe. Yet, people who live in
 13 popular tourist areas are at risk of being forced out by speculators who raise the rents of apartments and
 14 shops. The people who have always lived in these areas are forced to leave or, if they don't, they suffer
 15 consequences such as noise and pollution levels that are difficult to combine with daily life. It's
 16 paradoxical, but uncontrolled mass tourism ends up destroying the things that made a city attractive to
 17 visitors in the first place: the unique atmosphere of the local culture.

I * COMPREHENSION (This section consists of six items combining 'True/False' and/or 'Multiple Choice' questions) (3 points)
 CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. Tourism in Venice

- (a) is vital for the city. (b) will reach 10 million tourists a day by next year.
 (c) is less massive than in Barcelona. (d) affects negatively small local businesses.

2. Tourism affects the life of residents because....

- (a) it is difficult to walk through the streets. (b) tourists tend to come only in summer.
 (c) tourists don't understand local culture. (d) they have to live with higher noise and pollution levels.

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

- 3. The inhabitants of Barcelona are very proud to receive a lot of tourists.**
4. Mass tourism contributes to increase the cost of living in traditional areas.
5. Local authorities in Barcelona are trying to control the number of visitors.
6. Mass tourism makes a city even more attractive to new visitors.

II * USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)

7. GIVE A VERB WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "invasion" (noun) (Line 2).
 8. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT OPTION: "I wish you made ... your mind." out / about / up / after
 9. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE SYNONYM FOR "number" (noun).
 10. WHICH WORD IS NOT AN ADJECTIVE? southern / easy / friendly / jealousy.
 11. FIND IN THE TEXT THE WORD WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "things that you buy"
 12. FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS. "I (study) for two weeks."
 13. REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: "I don't type as fast as you do." You type ...
 14. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: Peter bought his sister's flat.
 15. REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY: "I looking forward to run the New York Marathon."
 16. USE THE WORDS IN THE BOXES TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL SENTENCE. USE ALL AND ONLY THE WORDS IN THE BOXES WITHOUT CHANGING IS FORM:

money		enjoy	when	spending	on		am	holidays
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17. JOIN THE SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY.
 Mary is studying violin. She was born in Venice.

III * PRODUCTION (3 points)

18. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:
As a tourist, which places would you like to visit or which activities would you like to do? Explain.





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OPTION B**VIDEOGAMES**

1 A teenager died at an Internet cafe in Taiwan after reportedly playing a videogame for 40 hours
 2 straight. The 18-year-old, who has only been identified by his first name, Chuang, had booked a private
 3 room in an Internet cafe in southern Taiwan. Chuang then proceeded to play the videogame for 40 hours
 4 straight without eating. The next day, an attendant went into the room where Chuang had been playing
 5 and found the teen resting on the table. The attendant was able to wake Chuang, who stood up, took a
 6 few steps and then collapsed onto the ground. He was pronounced dead soon after arriving at the
 7 hospital. Authorities believe the teenager may have suffered a heart attack due to sitting for such a long
 8 period of time.

9 The video game he had been playing was of the role play variety and very popular due to its
 10 repeated scheme of killing the monsters, finding the treasure and then escaping from the beast's den.
 11 What made it so addictive, particularly when it got to the end of the game, was the fact that repetitive
 12 actions are necessary to develop our character's strength till you are able to overcome the boss level.

13 Regarding the teen's death, the developer of the game said: "We're saddened to hear this news.
 14 Though we recognize that it's eventually up to each individual or their parent or guardian to determine
 15 playing habits, we feel that moderation is clearly important, and that a person's day-to-day life should be
 16 more important than any form of entertainment." Chuang is not the first individual to die following a long
 17 gaming session. Last February, 23-year-old Chen Rong-yu was found dead after having played a
 18 videogame for 23 hours.

I * COMPREHENSION (This section consists of six items combining 'True/False' and/or 'Multiple Choice' questions) (3 points)
 CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **A teenager died because ...**

- (a) he was too old to play videogames very long. (b) he was eating too much while playing.
 (c) he was playing a videogame too long without stopping. (d) he was standing all the time without sitting.

2. **The attendant ...**

- (a) found him dead on the computer table. (b) called the police the next day.
 (c) woke the teenager up and then the boy fell down. (d) pronounced he was dead when he saw him.

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

3. **The developer of the game feels directly responsible for the teenager's death.**

4. **The videogame was based on a successful formula.**

5. **The game he was playing did not cause any particular dependence.**

6. **Excessive videogame playing has caused more than one death**

II * USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)

7. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE OPPOSITE FOR "alive" (adjective).

8. GIVE A NOUN WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "refuse" (verb).

9. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE SYNONYM FOR "fall down" (verb).

10. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT OPTION: "Would you mind with me?" to come / coming / came / come

11. FIND IN THE TEXT THE WORD WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "One who makes decisions, exercises authority or directs and supervises workers."

12. WHICH WORD DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME MEANING? embarrassing / awesome / amazing / astonishing

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:

addictive	young	videogames	not	people	should	for	so	be
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14. JOIN THE SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "My nephew loved videogames. He had won an international competition."

15. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO DIRECT SPEECH: The man asked him if his visit would take long.

16. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE ACTIVE VOICE: The computer game was bought for 65€.

17. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: They felt sad when they heard the news.

III * PRODUCTION (3 points)

18. Write a composition of approximately 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. you must FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT: Do you think parents should limit the time their children spend on the computer? Discuss.





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OPTION A

SECOND LIFE

- 1 I am a cardiac surgeon in a big hospital. Several years ago, I performed a high-risk heart operation on an
 2 elderly gentleman who was in his mid-seventies. The surgery appeared to be a success, but three days later the
 3 patient's heart stopped beating. We performed a cardiopulmonary resuscitation on him for three hours and,
 4 amazingly, he was able to come back to life. In the process, however, the man suffered a brain injury. The
 5 symptoms were very unusual: he now thought he was fifty years old. During the resuscitation process he had
 6 lost more than twenty years of his life.
 7 I followed the patient for two months, and during that time he seemed to regain about ten of those years.
 8 When I lost track of him, he was convinced that he was sixty years old. He had the strength and energy of a
 9 man twenty years younger than his chronological age.
 10 About a year and a half later, I was playing golf with a good friend of mine. He had brought along a friend of
 11 his, and, to my surprise, he was the patient's son-in-law. He told me that his father-in-law had died earlier that
 12 month, and he proceeded to tell me a story that I will never forget.
 13 Before his heart surgery, my patient had been an alcoholic, a wife-abuser, and impotent for about twenty
 14 years. After his cardiac arrest and resuscitation —and the loss of twenty years of memory— he had forgotten all
 15 these things about himself. He stopped drinking. He began sleeping with his wife again and became a loving
 16 husband. This lasted for more than a year. And then, one night, he died in sleep.

I * COMPREHENSION (This section consists of six items combining 'True/False' and/or 'Multiple Choice' questions) (3 points)
 CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **After the resuscitation process the patient...**

- (a) thought he was much younger. (b) thought he was back in the 1920's.
 (c) could not remember anything at all. (d) looked younger.

2. **After his loss of memory, the elderly man...**

- (a) became sleepless. (b) turned forgetful. (c) was impotent. (d) gave up alcohol.

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

3. **During the surgery the patient's brain got damaged.**
 4. **After the whole incident the patient was physically stronger.**
 5. **The narrator's friend met the patient while playing golf.**
 6. **A patient's relative told the surgeon that he had recently died.**

II * USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)

7. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE SYNONYM FOR "**damage**" (noun).
 8. GIVE ONE OPPOSITE FOR "**strength**" (noun) AS IT IS USED IN THE TEXT (line 8).
 9. GIVE A NOUN WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "**perform**" (verb) (line 1).
 10. FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT PREPOSITION: "**I have always dreamed ... becoming a doctor.**"
 11. FIND IN THE TEXT THE WORD THAT HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "**a sign or an indication of disease.**"
 12. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT OPTION: "**I had never seen ... beautiful painting!**" so / such / such a / rather
 13. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "**If she had known it was your birthday,**" ...
 14. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "**They didn't tell us that she arrived yesterday.**"
 15. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO REPORTED SPEECH: **He told his daughters: "Don't talk aloud because your little brother is sleeping."**
 16. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "**Amy was thinking about his story for an hour.**"
 17. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING AN APPROPRIATE LINKER (DO NOT USE AND, BUT OR BECAUSE). MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "**Sarah didn't miss the wedding reception. She was ill**"

III * PRODUCTION (3 points)

18. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. YOU MUST FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

Would you change anything in your life (or in the way you currently live) if you could? Explain.





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OPTION B

WOMEN WARRIORS

1 It is estimated that some six hundred women served during the American Civil War. They had signed
2 up disguised as men. Hollywood has missed a significant chapter of cultural history here – or is this history
3 ideologically too difficult to deal with? Historians have often found it hard to deal with women who do not
4 respect gender distinctions, and nowhere is gender distinction more strongly affected than in the question
5 of armed female fighters.

6 But from antiquity to modern times, there are many stories of female warriors. The best known find
7 their way into the history books as warrior queens, rulers and leaders. They have been forced to act as
8 any Churchill or Roosevelt: Semiramis, queen of Assyria, and Boadicea, to mention just two. Semiramis
9 said to have conquered Ethiopia, Egypt and much of Asia. Among her many great achievements, some
10 also mention the building of Babylon and of its legendary Hanging Gardens, although other authors claim
11 that the gardens had not been built in her time but long after her reign.

12 Boadicea was a Celtic queen who revolted against the Roman invaders of her territory after they had
13 robbed, beaten and sold into slavery many of her people. Her story, narrated by Roman historiographer
14 Tacitus, was nearly forgotten for many centuries and became popular during the reign of another English
15 queen who headed an army against foreign invasion, Queen Elizabeth I. Boadicea is honoured with a
16 statue on the Thames at Westminster Bridge, right opposite Big Ben.

17 Although history is quite reticent about women having significant roles in battle either as warriors or
18 leaders, hardly a war has been fought without women soldiers in the ranks.

I * COMPREHENSION (This section consists of six items combining 'True/False' and/or 'Multiple Choice' questions) (3 points)
CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **During the American Civil War...**

- (a) women were easily accepted as soldiers. (b) men and women did not fight together.
(c) women fought dressed up wearing men's clothes. (d) women and men had different positions in war.

2. **Historians find the subject of women warriors to be a difficult topic because ...**

- (a) gender distinctions do not exist today. (b) women warriors show no respect.
(c) women who fight go beyond the traditional female role. (d) women warriors are stronger than male warriors.

3. **Boadicea...**

- (a) invaded Roman land and turned Romans into slaves. (b) reacted against Roman abuse on her people.
(c) led an army against the invasion of Queen Elizabeth I. (d) had a statue made by Tacitus.

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

4. **Hollywood movies have been often inspired by historical women warriors.**

5. **There is disagreement over queen Semiramis's role in the building of Babylon's Hanging Gardens.**

6. **Many wars have been fought with no women soldiers in their armies.**

II * USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)

7. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE WORD THAT HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "to be in charge of, to lead others"

8. FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS: "She let them (win) the war."

9. GIVE A NOUN WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "lose" (verb).

10. WHICH WORD IS NOT AN ADJECTIVE? **happy/ trendy/ hardly / lucky**

11. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE SYNONYM FOR "relevant" (adjective).

12. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT OPTION: "I never go to the gym the week" at / during / in / on

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:

better men considered than always women have been

14. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "Two builders are repairing the broken wall."

15. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: Six hundred women served during the American Civil War.

16. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "That's the travel agent's. I booked my holiday tickets there."

17. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If women had ruled the world, ..."

III * PRODUCTION (3 points)

18. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. YOU MUST FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:
Do you think women and men have the same opportunities in life?





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OPTION B**TATTOOS**

1 The discovery of mummies with very simple decorative tattoos has proved the existence of tattooing
 2 since prehistoric times. Scientists have not been able to explain the symbolism of these designs made up of
 3 lines and dots, but it is thought they were part of a medical healing process.

4 However, for nearly as long as there has been tattooing, there has been condemnation. The Romans
 5 used tattoos to mark slaves and criminals and the Japanese also considered them punishment. If you were
 6 a convicted criminal, you would get a mark on your forehead, convicted twice get another, and if you were
 7 convicted a third time, you would receive a third and final mark making the Japanese symbol for "dog".

8 In some other societies, tattoos gained respect and assured the owners status for life. The Polynesians
 9 developed them to mark rank, and there is evidence that the Incas tattooed their warriors to remind them
 10 and others of their success and bravery in battle.

11 In the late 1700s Captain Cook and his men reintroduced tattooing in Europe. Returning from one of his
 12 trips, he brought a heavily tattooed Polynesian man who was a sensation among London upper-class. They
 13 were so fascinated that they began adorning themselves with body marks in discreet places and, for a short
 14 time, tattooing became a trend.

15 After World War II, tattoos had a terrible reputation because newspapers reported stories of blood
 16 poisoning and other diseases and the people who wore them were associated with delinquents. Today they
 17 are becoming so popular that it is getting harder and harder to find individuals without a tattoo. This rise in
 18 popularity has placed tattooists in the category of "fine artists".

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I * COMPREHENSION (This section consists of six items combining 'True/False' and/or 'Multiple Choice' questions) (3 points)
 CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. Tattooing...

- (a) has always been fashionable. (b) is no longer related to delinquency.
 (c) was forbidden after World War II. (d) has been considered art since prehistoric times.

2. In Japan ...

- (a) murderers were marked with the symbol for "dog". (b) third-time offenders were marked with the symbol for "dog".
 (c) no criminals were marked with the symbol for "dog". (d) all offenders were marked with the symbol for "dog".

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

3. According to some experts, the earliest tattoos may have been used to cure diseases.**4. In some cultures prominent citizens had their bodies tattooed.****5. In the 18th century Londoners wore visible tattoos.****6. In the mid 1900s tattooing was considered a harmful practice by some media.**

II * USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)

7. GIVE ONE OPPOSITE for "rise" (noun) AS IT IS USED IN THE TEXT (line 17)**8. GIVE A NOUN WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "laugh" (verb).****9. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE SYNONYM FOR "courage" (noun).****10. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT PREPOSITION: "She is always complaining her school."****11. FIND IN THE TEXT THE WORD WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "A proof of something."****12. FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS: "I'm tired because I (work) since lunchtime."****13. REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: "It is not necessary for them to attend the lecture." They****14. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE ACTIVE VOICE: "He was hit by a falling rock while skiing up in the mountains."****15. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If I had known the truth, ..."****16. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING AN APPROPRIATE LINKER (DO NOT USE AND, BUT, OR BECAUSE). MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY: "My neighbour watered the plants." "It had been raining for five hours."****17. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "Tattoos are created by inserting ink below the skin."**

III * PRODUCTION (3 points)

18. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. YOU MUST FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:
Tattoos, piercings, clothes, hairstyle, ... do you like to follow trends? Explain.





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OPTION A

SCREEN DINOSAURS

1 In 1922 a short film confused its audience by showing dinosaurs that were taken for real, living
2 dinosaurs that had somehow escaped extinction. The next day newspapers revealed the truth: they were
3 just special effects. Well, today we think we know what dinosaurs looked like because we've watched
4 hours of films and documentaries – from the black-and-white, robotic figures of old movies to today's
5 computer-generated dinosaurs. But although animatronics have become extremely sophisticated and
6 realistic, what we see on screen today is a combination of fact and fantasy, just as it was 100 years ago.
7 Much of what movies have taught us is wrong. For instance, the latest paleontological research says now
8 that velociraptors (which were also much smaller than in *Jurassic Park*, about the size of a large chicken),
9 and quite possibly T-rex itself, could have had their bodies covered in feathers rather than skin – although
10 they lacked the ability to fly.

11 In the end, fiction is fiction, so perhaps it doesn't matter very much if *Jurassic Park* and other movies
12 change some facts to add excitement. However, mixing truth and conjecture is more significant in
13 programmes that could be mistaken for reality, like *Walking with Dinosaurs*, often cited as the most
14 successful television documentary series of all time. But can it truly be classified as a documentary? Its
15 format is familiar to viewers as it resembles real-life wildlife programmes. So it feels like everything you are
16 shown and told in those so-called documentaries is established beyond doubt. But people should be
17 aware that many of today's dinosaur programmes represent just the way things might possibly have been,
18 and so they should be enjoyed as a hybrid of fact and fiction.

I * COMPREHENSION (This section consists of six items combining 'True/False' and/or 'Multiple Choice' questions) (3 points)
CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. Recent studies claim that...

- (a) velociraptors were represented properly in Jurassic Park, but the T-rex was not.
- (b) dinosaurs, like velociraptors and T-rex, most probably had feathers but couldn't fly.
- (c) velociraptors had chicken feathers, but their feathers were bigger than chickens'.
- (d) velociraptors had feathers in Jurassic Park but probably not in real life.

2. TV programmes such as 'Walking with Dinosaurs' seem to report true facts because...

- (a) they show things as they happened in real life.
- (b) they have been the most successful television series of all time.
- (c) they are very similar to actual nature documentaries.
- (d) they do not mix reality and speculation.

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

3. Modern dinosaur films are closer to reality than the old, mechanical-looking movies

4. Actual velociraptors were as big as a large chicken.

5. Movies like Jurassic Park transform reality to make them more entertaining.

6. The writer wants the public to understand that dinosaur "documentaries" do not contain absolute historical facts.

II * USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)

7. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE SYNONYM FOR "investigation" (noun).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE WORD THAT HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "more distant than, outside the limits of something".

9. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT OPTION: "He is so rude! How can you put with him?" through / up / out / in

10. GIVE AN ADJECTIVE WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "ability" (noun)

11. FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS: "It's the tallest building I ... (ever see)".

12. WHICH WORD DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME MEANING? connect / pray / link / join

13. REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY. "Parents should take good care of his childrens."

14. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "Cecilia baked the carrot cake for us."

15. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: If the car had been checked before the trip... ..

16. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE ACTIVE VOICE. "We were shown the house by the owner."

17. USE THE WORDS IN THE BOXES TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL SENTENCE. USE ALL AND ONLY THE WORDS IN THE BOXES WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR FORM:

babies | room | not | this | warm | is | for | enough | the

III * PRODUCTION (3 points)

18. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. YOU MUST FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

What types of films do you prefer? Explain.





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OPTION A

LA TOMATINA FESTIVAL: THE MESSIEST HOLIDAY IN THE WORLD

1 The world-famous Tomatina festival has been held in the Valencian town of Buñol on the last
2 Wednesday of August since 1945. Every year, thousands of tourists join the town's 9,000 inhabitants to
3 throw tonnes of tomatoes at one another. The event, often regarded as the world's largest food fight, is the
4 culmination of a week-long celebration made up of street parties, fireworks, food fairs and a paella cooking
5 contest.

6 The tradition began in the mid-1940s, though its origins are unclear. It has been attributed to a
7 foodfight that broke out in the town in 1945 during the "parade of giants and big heads" and had to be
8 broken up by the police. The fight was banned in the early 1950s until 1957, when the locals held a funeral
9 for a giant tomato in protest and successfully had the ban removed.

10 Over 100 tonnes of tomatoes are brought to the town and thrown during an hour-long battle, at an
11 estimated total cost of €140,000, or €2,300 a minute. In recent years the festival has become so popular
12 that the council decided to limit the attendance to the event to a maximum of 20,000 people.

13 The fight begins at 11am with the firing of a water cannon. According to the rules, participants must
14 stop throwing tomatoes as soon as they hear the second round of the cannon. Then, it's time to clean up.
15 Actually, once the tomato pulp is sprayed down by fire trucks, the ground is clean due to the acidity of the
16 tomato.

17 The tomato festival has become a global phenomenon, with similar festivals staged at one time or
18 another in Colombia, China, the US and Chile.

I * COMPREHENSION (This section consists of six items combining 'True/False' and/or 'Multiple Choice' questions) (3 points)
CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **As a consequence of the huge popularity of the festival, the council...**

- (a) has restricted attendance. (b) has extended the duration of the event.
(c) has forbidden the attendance of foreign people. (d) banned the celebration for a period of time.

2. **In the late 50s, the locals ...**

- (a) were able to get the festival back after a fight against the police. (b) made the government hold a funeral for a giant tomato.
(c) used their sense of humour to get the festival back. (d) took part in a giant heads' parade to protest because the battle had been banned.

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

3. **No one seems to know exactly how it all started.**
4. **The tomatoes are especially delivered for the event.**
5. **The battle ends after the ground is clean.**
6. **La Tomatina has inspired other similar celebrations all over the world.**

II * USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)

7. GIVE ONE OPPOSITE FOR "popular" (adjective) AS IT IS USED IN THE TEXT (Line 11).
8. GIVE A VERB WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "successfully" (adverb).
9. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE SYNONYM FOR "worldwide" (adjective).
10. FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS. **I couldn't help ... when I saw her fall down.**
11. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT OPTION. **"I came ... an old picture of Jake while I was looking through the album" (into / across / out / over)**
12. WHICH WORD DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME MEANING? **terrible / useful / awful / horrible**
13. REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY: **"There is much people as hard-working as James."**
14. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO DIRECT SPEECH: **"He asked her to write to him while he was away."**
15. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE. **"If he hadn't shouted at me, ..."**
16. REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: **"I haven't attended La Tomatina for five years." It's been five years...**
17. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: **James didn't pay the deposit for the new flat.**

III * PRODUCTION (3 points)

18. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. YOU MUST FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT
Do you prefer conventional or extreme sports? Explain your answer.



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OPTION B**SAFE SWIMMING**

- 1 When the summer holidays arrive, what could be nicer than a day at the seaside? Or perhaps you plan to lie
 2 by the pool, or try a bit of river or canal boating. The water looks so sparkling and inviting that it is easy to forget
 3 it can also be a deadly hazard.
 4 According to the *Swimming Teachers Association* (STA), the tragic fact is that 400 people drown every year
 5 in the UK. Lives could be saved if more people knew the basics of safe swimming. According to the STA,
 6 everyone needs to know five basic skills.
 7 First of all, we should all be able to float for one minute without a rubber ring or other support. In terms of
 8 distance, for safety you need to be able to swim a minimum of 25 metres without stopping. This is the length of
 9 a standard swimming pool. You need the ability to turn over from your front on to your back in case you get tired
 10 in the water and have to wait for help. For safety, you should also be able to exit the pool without a ladder. And
 11 it is important to learn how to enter the water safely, make a turn, and get out of the water again.
 12 It is never too late to learn, and age is no barrier. For most of us, swimming is excellent for the heart, lungs,
 13 muscles and joints. Even if you have a disability, you can learn to swim. A properly trained swimming teacher
 14 can work with your abilities, and find ways to help you stay safe while you enjoy all the health benefits of
 15 swimming –and all the fun!

I * COMPREHENSION (This section consists of six items combining 'True/False' and/or 'Multiple Choice' questions) (3 points)
 CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. According to the STA...

- (a) 400 people drown in the UK in summer. (b) 400 people are saved by the STA every year in the UK.
 (c) 400 people die by drowning every year in the UK. (d) everybody knows five basic swimming skills in the UK.

2. One of the five basic skills is ...

- (a) swimming 25 metres underwater. (b) being able to float with support.
 (c) being able to get out of the pool without using any structure. (d) entering the water making a turn.

3. Handicapped people

- (a) cannot learn to swim. (b) also have the ability to learn how to swim.
 (c) need special equipment in order to swim. (d) may have heart problems when trying to swim.

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. **Water can be tempting as well as dangerous.**
 5. **A conventional swimming pool is longer than 25 metres.**
 6. **We can learn to swim at any age.**

II * USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)

7. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE SYNONYM FOR "incapacity" (noun).
 8. GIVE A NOUN WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "excellent" (adjective) (line 12).
 9. WHICH WORD DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME MEANING? **support / aid / help / aim**
 10. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS: "By the time we got to the bus station, the bus..... (already leave)."
 11. FIND IN THE TEXT THE WORD WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "a part of human body where bones are connected".
 12. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT OPTION: "My sister is really keen.....swimming." of / for / on / with
 13. REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: "People say that he is a good trainer." He ...
 14. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If they had learnt to swim, ..."
 15. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO DIRECT SPEECH: He told me not to do that again.
 16. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "That girl over there is in my class. Her mother is a well-known artist."

III * PRODUCTION (3 points)

18. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. YOU MUST FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

The importance of keeping fit. Discuss.





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OPTION A**FOREVER YOUNG?**

1 The notion that growing old is a natural, inevitable part of life is so fixed in our culture that we rarely
2 question it. But scientists like Richard Walker have been questioning it for a long time. When Walker saw
3 on TV a girl who seemed to be “frozen in time”, he thought she could help him test his theory. She was 12
4 years old, but weighed just 6 kg and was 69 cm long. He had heard of other genetic diseases, such as
5 progeria and Werner syndrome, which cause premature ageing in children and adults respectively. But her
6 disease stopped development and apparently, Walker suspected, the ageing process.

7 Ageing happens because in human biology change never stops. From birth until puberty, change is
8 crucial: we need to grow and mature. After we’ve matured, however, our adult bodies don’t need change.
9 If you’ve built the perfect house, you would want to stop adding bricks at a certain point. However, there is
10 no “stop switch” for development, so, unfortunately or not, we continue changing until we die.

11 If Walker’s team discover the cause of ageing, there will still be a long way to go. The researchers
12 would need to obtain results in laboratory mice, which typically have a life expectancy of two or three
13 years. Then they would have to find some therapy to achieve the same effects on people, and finally
14 they’d have to begin long and expensive clinical trials to make sure that the treatment was safe and
15 effective. Walker, now 74, is aware that it would come too late for him: “I feel like Moses – after wandering
16 in the desert I can see but not enter the Promised Land.”

I * COMPREHENSION (This section consists of six items combining ‘True/False’ and/or ‘Multiple Choice’ questions) (3 points)
CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **The girl in the TV show was like “frozen in time” because...**

- (a) her parents kept her alive thanks to cold-induced therapy. (b) she suffered from progeria and was growing old extremely fast.
(c) she had hardly changed from the time she was a little baby. (d) she had stopped growing old physically but not psychologically.

2. **Even after they find out the cause of ageing there is a long way to go because...**

- (a) the process involves three different phases of tests that will take years. (b) lab tests with rats usually take longer than 2 or 3 years.
(c) Walker is old now and is impatient to get results so that he can save himself. (d) no anti-aging treatment can ever be found.

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

3. **People normally assume that ageing is a biological fact of life.**

4. **Walker found inspiration to continue his research in order to prove his theories on a TV programme.**

5. **Werner syndrome is a disease that affects little children.**

6. **Human beings need to grow and change all their life in order to stay strong and healthy.**

II * USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)

7. FIND IN THE TEXT THE WORD WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: “to move around usually without a clear purpose or direction”.

8. GIVE A NOUN WITH THE SAME ROOT AS “achieve” (verb).

9. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS: “I ... (study) when he came in.”

10. CHOOSE THE RIGHT OPTION: “Look! There’s a dangerous dog in this garden” for / out / after / off

11. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE OPPOSITE FOR “harmful” (adjective).

12. WHICH WORD DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME MEANING? ill / unwell / cheat / sick

13. REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: “The carpenter is repairing the shutters of Ann’s bedroom tomorrow.” Ann is...

14. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: “My grandma taught me to play the piano.”

15. REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY: “I would like have other cup of tea, please.”

16. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO REPORTED SPEECH: “Can you do me a favour?”, Liz asked me.

17. USE THE WORDS IN THE BOXES TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL SENTENCE. USE ALL AND ONLY THE WORDS IN THE BOXES WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR FORM:

has	what	I	know	she	done	don’t
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III * PRODUCTION (3 points)

18. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. YOU MUST FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

Describe how you would like your life to be in 10 or 20 years from now.





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OPTION B

LADY IN BLACK

- 1 Mystery surrounded a woman in long black clothes who was seen walking alone across America for months.
2 She barely spoke and she didn't say why she was walking. "Nobody knows her story. She won't talk to anybody",
3 some investigators said. There have been all kinds of speculation about her: Was she on a religious mission? Was
4 she from an Islamic nation? Was she a ghost, a prophet, or was she mentally ill? According to those who followed
5 her on her journey, she refused any offers of water, food or accommodation.
6 She was a lonely figure who voiced her desire that people would mind their own business and respect her
7 solitude. However, the remarkable curiosity she excited brought the opposite effect: she rose to fame with a
8 Facebook page created by fans and followers, where her travels were documented and photos of her along her
9 journey were posted daily. The page, which has accumulated nearly 60,000 fans, was full of messages of support,
10 inspiration and admiration.
11 Eventually, the woman in black told the police she had reached her final destination when she arrived at
12 Winchester, Virginia. It was there and then that the woman in black's true story emerged: Elizabeth Poles, a widow
13 and veteran of the US military, had been walking home for the past two months, back to where her father raised her
14 in Winchester. "The Winchester Police Department wants local residents to know that she will be part of the
15 community now and to respect her privacy if you see her in the area," a police spokesman said. To the surprise of
16 those who expected that the story had to do with spirituality... the mystery is over.

I * COMPREHENSION (This section consists of six items combining 'True/False' and/or 'Multiple Choice' questions) (3 points)
CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. It's been suggested that the lady in black could be... (a) a runner. (b) a fool. (c) a tourist. (d) a spy.
2. During her journey, the lady in black expressed her wish...
(a) to be left alone. (b) to support herself through the generosity of others.
(c) to fulfill her religious goal. (d) to be followed by others in her journey.
3. In the end, it turned out that all she wanted with her continuous walking was...
(a) to go back home to her husband. (b) to inspire others.
(c) to share her spiritual journey. (d) to go back to the home of her childhood.

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

4. The woman in black was a very talkative person.
5. The true story and identity of the lady in black came to light during the course of her journey.
6. The woman in black wants to return to anonymity in Winchester.

II * USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)

7. FIND IN THE TEXT THE WORD WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING MEANING "a place where people can stay or live".
8. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT OPTION: "People waited for the government ... explain the situation". for / and / that / to
9. GIVE ONE SYNONYM FOR "nearly" (adverb) AS IT IS USED IN THE TEXT (LINE 9).
10. GIVE AN ADJECTIVE WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "respect" (verb).
11. FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS: "I wish you ... (come) to the party tomorrow."
12. GIVE ONE OPPOSITE FOR "refuse" (verb) AS IT IS USED IN THE TEXT (LINE 5).
13. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY:
"My daughters saw the lady. She had walked all across the country."
14. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "She came from an American state."
15. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE ACTIVE VOICE: "A Facebook page was created by fans to track her travels."
16. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO REPORTED SPEECH:
"She may be a Muslim, because she covers her body and head with long clothes", people thought.
17. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If people knew the ending of the movie, ..."

III * PRODUCTION (3 points)

18. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:
Social networks like Facebook are important in today's world. Discuss.





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OPTION A

SECOND LIFE

1 I am a cardiac surgeon in a big hospital. Several years ago, I performed a high-risk heart operation on an
 2 elderly gentleman who was in his mid-seventies. The surgery appeared to be a success, but three days later the
 3 patient's heart stopped beating. We performed a cardiopulmonary resuscitation on him for three hours and,
 4 amazingly, he was able to come back to life. In the process, however, the man suffered a brain injury. The
 5 symptoms were very unusual: he now thought he was fifty years old. During the resuscitation process he had
 6 lost more than twenty years of his life.

7 I followed the patient for two months, and during that time he seemed to regain about ten of those years.
 8 When I lost track of him, he was convinced that he was sixty years old. He had the strength and energy of a
 9 man twenty years younger than his chronological age.

10 About a year and a half later, I was playing golf with a good friend of mine. He had brought along a friend of
 11 his, and, to my surprise, he was the patient's son-in-law. He told me that his father-in-law had died earlier that
 12 month, and he proceeded to tell me a story that I will never forget.

13 Before his heart surgery, my patient had been an alcoholic, a wife-abuser, and impotent for about twenty
 14 years. After his cardiac arrest and resuscitation —and the loss of twenty years of memory— he had forgotten all
 15 these things about himself. He stopped drinking. He began sleeping with his wife again and became a loving
 16 husband. This lasted for more than a year. And then, one night, he died in sleep.

I * COMPREHENSION (This section consists of six items combining 'True/False' and/or 'Multiple Choice' questions) (3 points)
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1. After the resuscitation process the patient...

- (a) thought he was much younger. (b) thought he was back in the 1920's.
 (c) could not remember anything at all. (d) looked younger.

2. After his loss of memory, the elderly man...

- (a) became sleepless. (b) turned forgetful. (c) was impotent. (d) gave up alcohol.

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

3. During the surgery the patient's brain got damaged.

4. After the whole incident the patient was physically stronger.

5. The narrator's friend met the patient while playing golf.

6. A patient's relative told the surgeon that he had recently died.

II * USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)

7. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE SYNONYM FOR "damage" (noun).

8. GIVE ONE OPPOSITE FOR "strength" (noun) AS IT IS USED IN THE TEXT (line 8).

9. GIVE A NOUN WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "perform" (verb) (line 1).

10. FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT PREPOSITION: "I have always dreamed ... becoming a doctor."

11. FIND IN THE TEXT THE WORD THAT HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "a sign or an indication of disease."

12. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT OPTION: "I had never seen ... beautiful painting!" so / such / such a / rather

13. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If she had known it was your birthday," ...

14. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "They didn't tell us that she arrived yesterday."

15. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO REPORTED SPEECH: He told his daughters: "Don't talk aloud because your little brother is sleeping."

16. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "Amy was thinking about his story for an hour."

17. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING AN APPROPRIATE LINKER (DO NOT USE AND, BUT OR BECAUSE). MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "Sarah didn't miss the wedding reception. She was ill"

III * PRODUCTION (3 points)

18. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. YOU MUST FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

Would you change anything in your life (or in the way you currently live) if you could? Explain.





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OPTION B

WOMEN WARRIORS

- 1 It is estimated that some six hundred women served during the American Civil War. They had signed
2 up disguised as men. Hollywood has missed a significant chapter of cultural history here – or is this history
3 ideologically too difficult to deal with? Historians have often found it hard to deal with women who do not
4 respect gender distinctions, and nowhere is gender distinction more strongly affected than in the question
5 of armed female fighters.
6 But from antiquity to modern times, there are many stories of female warriors. The best known find
7 their way into the history books as warrior queens, rulers and leaders. They have been forced to act as
8 any Churchill or Roosevelt: Semiramis, queen of Assyria, and Boadicea, to mention just two. Semiramis is
9 said to have conquered Ethiopia, Egypt and much of Asia. Among her many great achievements, some
10 also mention the building of Babylon and of its legendary Hanging Gardens, although other authors claim
11 that the gardens had not been built in her time but long after her reign.
12 Boadicea was a Celtic queen who revolted against the Roman invaders of her territory after they had
13 robbed, beaten and sold into slavery many of her people. Her story, narrated by Roman historiographer
14 Tacitus, was nearly forgotten for many centuries and became popular during the reign of another English
15 queen who headed an army against foreign invasion, Queen Elizabeth I. Boadicea is honoured with a
16 statue on the Thames at Westminster Bridge, right opposite Big Ben.
17 Although history is quite reticent about women having significant roles in battle either as warriors or
18 leaders, hardly a war has been fought without women soldiers in the ranks.

I * COMPREHENSION (This section consists of six items combining 'True/False' and/or 'Multiple Choice' questions) (3 points)
CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **During the American Civil War...**

- (a) women were easily accepted as soldiers. (b) men and women did not fight together.
(c) women fought dressed up wearing men's clothes. (d) women and men had different positions in war.

2. **Historians find the subject of women warriors to be a difficult topic because ...**

- (a) gender distinctions do not exist today. (b) women warriors show no respect.
(c) women who fight go beyond the traditional female role. (d) women warriors are stronger than male warriors.

3. **Boadicea...**

- (a) invaded Roman land and turned Romans into slaves. (b) reacted against Roman abuse on her people.
(c) led an army against the invasion of Queen Elizabeth I. (d) had a statue made by Tacitus.

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

4. **Hollywood movies have been often inspired by historical women warriors.**
5. **There is disagreement over queen Semiramis's role in the building of Babylon's Hanging Gardens.**
6. **Many wars have been fought with no women soldiers in their armies.**

II * USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)

7. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE WORD THAT HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "to be in charge of, to lead others"
8. FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS: "She let them (win) the war."
9. GIVE A NOUN WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "lose" (verb).
10. WHICH WORD IS NOT AN ADJECTIVE? **happy/ trendy/ hardly / lucky**
11. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE SYNONYM FOR "relevant" (adjective).
12. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT OPTION: "I never go to the gym the week" at / during / in / on
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:

better	men	considered	than	always	women	have	been
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14. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "Two builders are repairing the broken wall."
15. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: Six hundred women served during the American Civil War.
16. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "That's the travel agent's. I booked my holiday tickets there."
17. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If women had ruled the world, ..."

III * PRODUCTION (3 points)

18. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. YOU MUST FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:
Do you think women and men have the same opportunities in life?





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OPTION A**LA TOMATINA FESTIVAL: THE MESSIEST HOLIDAY IN THE WORLD**

- 1 The world-famous Tomatina festival has been held in the Valencian town of Buñol on the last
- 2 Wednesday of August since 1945. Every year, thousands of tourists join the town's 9,000 inhabitants to
- 3 throw tonnes of tomatoes at one another. The event, often regarded as the world's largest food fight, is the
- 4 culmination of a week-long celebration made up of street parties, fireworks, food fairs and a paella cooking
- 5 contest.
- 6 The tradition began in the mid-1940s, though its origins are unclear. It has been attributed to a
- 7 foodfight that broke out in the town in 1945 during the "parade of giants and big heads" and had to be
- 8 broken up by the police. The fight was banned in the early 1950s until 1957, when the locals held a funeral
- 9 for a giant tomato in protest and successfully had the ban removed.
- 10 Over 100 tonnes of tomatoes are brought to the town and thrown during an hour-long battle, at an
- 11 estimated total cost of €140,000, or €2,300 a minute. In recent years the festival has become so popular
- 12 that the council decided to limit the attendance to the event to a maximum of 20,000 people.
- 13 The fight begins at 11am with the firing of a water cannon. According to the rules, participants must
- 14 stop throwing tomatoes as soon as they hear the second round of the cannon. Then, it's time to clean up.
- 15 Actually, once the tomato pulp is sprayed down by fire trucks, the ground is clean due to the acidity of the
- 16 tomato.
- 17 The tomato festival has become a global phenomenon, with similar festivals staged at one time or
- 18 another in Colombia, China, the US and Chile.

I * COMPREHENSION (This section consists of six items combining 'True/False' and/or 'Multiple Choice' questions) (3 points)
 CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **As a consequence of the huge popularity of the festival, the council...**

- (a) has restricted attendance. (b) has extended the duration of the event.
 (c) has forbidden the attendance of foreign people. (d) banned the celebration for a period of time.

2. **In the late 50s, the locals ...**

- (a) were able to get the festival back after a fight against the police. (b) made the government hold a funeral for a giant tomato.
 (c) used their sense of humour to get the festival back. (d) took part in a giant heads' parade to protest because the battle had been banned.

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

3. **No one seems to know exactly how it all started.**
4. **The tomatoes are especially delivered for the event.**
5. **The battle ends after the ground is clean.**
6. **La Tomatina has inspired other similar celebrations all over the world..**

II * USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)

7. GIVE ONE OPPOSITE FOR "popular" (adjective) AS IT IS USED IN THE TEXT (Line 11).
8. GIVE A VERB WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "successfully" (adverb).
9. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE SYNONYM FOR "worldwide" (adjective).
10. FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS. **I couldn't help ... when I saw her fall down.**
11. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT OPTION. **"I came ... an old picture of Jake while I was looking through the album" (into / across / out / over)**
12. WHICH WORD DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME MEANING? **terrible / useful / awful / horrible**
13. REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY: **"There is much people as hard-working as James."**
14. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO DIRECT SPEECH: **"He asked her to write to him while he was away."**
15. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE. **"If he hadn't shouted at me, ..."**
16. REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: **"I haven't attended La Tomatina for five years." It's been five years...**
17. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: **James didn't pay the deposit for the new flat.**

III * PRODUCTION (3 points)

18. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. YOU MUST FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT
Do you prefer conventional or extreme sports? Explain your answer.



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OPTION B**SAFE SWIMMING**

1 When the summer holidays arrive, what could be nicer than a day at the seaside? Or perhaps you plan to lie
 2 by the pool, or try a bit of river or canal boating. The water looks so sparkling and inviting that it is easy to forget
 3 it can also be a deadly hazard.

4 According to the *Swimming Teachers Association* (STA), the tragic fact is that 400 people drown every year
 5 in the UK. Lives could be saved if more people knew the basics of safe swimming. According to the STA,
 6 everyone needs to know five basic skills.

7 First of all, we should all be able to float for one minute without a rubber ring or other support. In terms of
 8 distance, for safety you need to be able to swim a minimum of 25 metres without stopping. This is the length of
 9 a standard swimming pool. You need the ability to turn over from your front on to your back in case you get tired
 10 in the water and have to wait for help. For safety, you should also be able to exit the pool without a ladder. And
 11 it is important to learn how to enter the water safely, make a turn, and get out of the water again.

12 It is never too late to learn, and age is no barrier. For most of us, swimming is excellent for the heart, lungs,
 13 muscles and joints. Even if you have a disability, you can learn to swim. A properly trained swimming teacher
 14 can work with your abilities, and find ways to help you stay safe while you enjoy all the health benefits of
 15 swimming –and all the fun!

I * COMPREHENSION (This section consists of six items combining 'True/False' and/or 'Multiple Choice' questions) (3 points)

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

1. According to the STA...

- (a) 400 people drown in the UK in summer. (b) 400 people are saved by the STA every year in the UK.
 (c) 400 people die by drowning every year in the UK. (d) everybody knows five basic swimming skills in the UK.

2. One of the five basic skills is ...

- (a) swimming 25 metres underwater. (b) being able to float with support.
 (c) being able to get out of the pool without using any structure. (d) entering the water making a turn.

3. Handicapped people

- (a) cannot learn to swim. (b) also have the ability to learn how to swim.
 (c) need special equipment in order to swim. (d) may have heart problems when trying to swim.

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. Water can be tempting as well as dangerous.**
5. A conventional swimming pool is longer than 25 metres.
6. We can learn to swim at any age.

II * USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)

7. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE SYNONYM FOR "incapacity" (noun).
 8. GIVE A NOUN WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "excellent" (adjective) (line 12).
 9. WHICH WORD DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME MEANING? **support / aid / help / aim**
 10. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS: "By the time we got to the bus station, the bus..... (already leave)."
 11. FIND IN THE TEXT THE WORD WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "a part of human body where bones are connected".
 12. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT OPTION: "My sister is really keen.....swimming." of / for / on / with
 13. REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: "People say that he is a good trainer." He ...
 14. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If they had learnt to swim, ..."
 15. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO DIRECT SPEECH: He told me not to do that again.
 16. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "That girl over there is in my class. Her mother is a well-known artist."
 17. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "My brother has been swimming for two hours."

III * PRODUCTION (3 points)

18. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. YOU MUST FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

The importance of keeping fit. Discuss.





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OPTION A

SCREEN DINOSAURS

1 In 1922 a short film confused its audience by showing dinosaurs that were taken for real, living
2 dinosaurs that had somehow escaped extinction. The next day newspapers revealed the truth: they were
3 just special effects. Well, today we think we know what dinosaurs looked like because we've watched
4 hours of films and documentaries – from the black-and-white, robotic figures of old movies to today's
5 computer-generated dinosaurs. But although animatronics have become extremely sophisticated and
6 realistic, what we see on screen today is a combination of fact and fantasy, just as it was 100 years ago.
7 Much of what movies have taught us is wrong. For instance, the latest paleontological research says now
8 that velociraptors (which were also much smaller than in *Jurassic Park*, about the size of a large chicken),
9 and quite possibly T-rex itself, could have had their bodies covered in feathers rather than skin – although
10 they lacked the ability to fly.

11 In the end, fiction is fiction, so perhaps it doesn't matter very much if *Jurassic Park* and other movies
12 change some facts to add excitement. However, mixing truth and conjecture is more significant in
13 programmes that could be mistaken for reality, like *Walking with Dinosaurs*, often cited as the most
14 successful television documentary series of all time. But can it truly be classified as a documentary? Its
15 format is familiar to viewers as it resembles real-life wildlife programmes. So it feels like everything you are
16 shown and told in those so-called documentaries is established beyond doubt. But people should be
17 aware that many of today's dinosaur programmes represent just the way things might possibly have been,
18 and so they should be enjoyed as a hybrid of fact and fiction.

I * COMPREHENSION (This section consists of six items combining 'True/False' and/or 'Multiple Choice' questions) (3 points)
CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. Recent studies claim that...

- (a) velociraptors were represented properly in *Jurassic Park*, but the T-rex was not.
- (b) dinosaurs, like velociraptors and T-rex, most probably had feathers but couldn't fly.
- (c) velociraptors had chicken feathers, but their feathers were bigger than chickens'.
- (d) velociraptors had feathers in *Jurassic Park* but probably not in real life.

2. TV programmes such as 'Walking with Dinosaurs' seem to report true facts because...

- (a) they show things as they happened in real life.
- (b) they have been the most successful television series of all time.
- (c) they are very similar to actual nature documentaries.
- (d) they do not mix reality and speculation.

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

3. Modern dinosaur films are closer to reality than the old, mechanical-looking movies

4. Actual velociraptors were as big as a large chicken.

5. Movies like *Jurassic Park* transform reality to make them more entertaining.

6. The writer wants the public to understand that dinosaur "documentaries" do not contain absolute historical facts.

II * USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)

7. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE SYNONYM FOR "investigation" (noun).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE WORD THAT HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "more distant than, outside the limits of something".

9. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT OPTION: "He is so rude! How can you put with him?" through / up / out / in

10. GIVE AN ADJECTIVE WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "ability" (noun)

11. FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS: "It's the tallest building I ... (ever see)".

12. WHICH WORD DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME MEANING? connect / pray / link / join

13. REWRITE THE SENTENCE CORRECTLY. "Parents should take good care of his childrens."

14. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "Cecilia baked the carrot cake for us."

15. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: If the car had been checked before the trip... ..

16. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE ACTIVE VOICE. "We were shown the house by the owner."

17. USE THE WORDS IN THE BOXES TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL SENTENCE. USE ALL AND ONLY THE WORDS IN THE BOXES WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR FORM:

babies	room	not	this	warm	is	for	enough	the
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III * PRODUCTION (3 points)

18. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. YOU MUST FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

What types of films do you prefer? Explain.



GRANADA



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OPTION B

TATTOOS

1 The discovery of mummies with very simple decorative tattoos has proved the existence of tattooing
 2 since prehistoric times. Scientists have not been able to explain the symbolism of these designs made up of
 3 lines and dots, but it is thought they were part of a medical healing process.

4 However, for nearly as long as there has been tattooing, there has been condemnation. The Romans
 5 used tattoos to mark slaves and criminals and the Japanese also considered them punishment. If you were
 6 a convicted criminal, you would get a mark on your forehead, convicted twice get another, and if you were
 7 convicted a third time, you would receive a third and final mark making the Japanese symbol for "dog".

8 In some other societies, tattoos gained respect and assured the owners status for life. The Polynesians
 9 developed them to mark rank, and there is evidence that the Incas tattooed their warriors to remind them
 10 and others of their success and bravery in battle.

11 In the late 1700s Captain Cook and his men reintroduced tattooing in Europe. Returning from one of his
 12 trips, he brought a heavily tattooed Polynesian man who was a sensation among London upper-class. They
 13 were so fascinated that they began adorning themselves with body marks in discreet places and, for a short
 14 time, tattooing became a trend.

15 After World War II, tattoos had a terrible reputation because newspapers reported stories of blood
 16 poisoning and other diseases and the people who wore them were associated with delinquents. Today they
 17 are becoming so popular that it is getting harder and harder to find individuals without a tattoo. This rise in
 18 popularity has placed tattooists in the category of "fine artists".

I * COMPREHENSION (This section consists of six items combining 'True/False' and/or 'Multiple Choice' questions) (3 points)
 CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. Tattooing...

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| (a) has always been fashionable. | (b) is no longer related to delinquency. |
| (c) was forbidden after World War II. | (d) has been considered art since prehistoric times. |

2. In Japan ...

- | | |
|---|---|
| (a) murderers were marked with the symbol for "dog". | (b) third-time offenders were marked with the symbol for "dog". |
| (c) no criminals were marked with the symbol for "dog". | (d) all offenders were marked with the symbol for "dog". |

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

3. According to some experts, the earliest tattoos may have been used to cure diseases.

4. In some cultures prominent citizens had their bodies tattooed.

5. In the 18th century Londoners wore visible tattoos.

6. In the mid 1900s tattooing was considered a harmful practice by some media.

II * USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)

7. GIVE ONE OPPOSITE FOR "rise" (noun) AS IT IS USED IN THE TEXT (line 17)

8. GIVE A NOUN WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "laugh" (verb).

9. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE SYNONYM FOR "courage" (noun).

10. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT PREPOSITION: "She is always complaining her school."

11. FIND IN THE TEXT THE WORD WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "A proof of something."

12. FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS: "I'm tired because I (work) since lunchtime."

13. REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: "It is not necessary for them to attend the lecture." They

14. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE ACTIVE VOICE: "He was hit by a falling rock while skiing up in the mountains."

15. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If I had known the truth,"

16. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING AN APPROPRIATE LINKER (DO NOT USE AND, BUT, OR BECAUSE). MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY: "My neighbour watered the plants." "It had been raining for five hours."

17. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "Tattoos are created by inserting ink below the skin."

III * PRODUCTION (3 points)

18. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. YOU MUST FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:
Tattoos, piercings, clothes, hairstyle, ... do you like to follow trends? Explain.





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OPTION A**WHAT IS CYBERBULLYING?**

1 It is currently reported that up to 69% of young people experience cyberbullying before the age of 18... but
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1 We have all been a tourist at some point, but citizens of great cities like Venice or Barcelona are trying
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 3 shop in Venice closed a decade ago. This means that residents of this city of islands have to go to the
 4 mainland for such essential purchases. This is a warning sign. Any city that concentrates too much on
 5 mass tourism will be abandoned by its people when they can no longer pay the cost of housing, food and
 6 basic everyday necessities.

7 We're starting to see Venice without Venetians. It's also happening in Barcelona, a city of 2 million
 8 inhabitants that received 7.5 million tourists last year. The local authorities say that they want to increase
 9 this to 10 million visitors per year. These figures have led to open conflict this summer. There have been
 10 neighbourhood assemblies and protests against the situation, because in popular places of the city the
 11 scale of visitor numbers is affecting not only residents' quality of life, but their very ability to live in the area.

12 Neighbourhood communities are essential to the culture of southern Europe. Yet, people who live in
 13 popular tourist areas are at risk of being forced out by speculators who raise the rents of apartments and
 14 shops. The people who have always lived in these areas are forced to leave or, if they don't, they suffer
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- (a) is vital for the city. (b) will reach 10 million tourists a day by next year.
 (c) is less massive than in Barcelona. (d) affects negatively small local businesses.

2. **Tourism affects the life of residents because....**

- (a) it is difficult to walk through the streets. (b) tourists tend to come only in summer.
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3. **The inhabitants of Barcelona are very proud to receive a lot of tourists.**
 4. **Mass tourism contributes to increase the cost of living in traditional areas.**
 5. **Local authorities in Barcelona are trying to control the number of visitors.**
 6. **Mass tourism makes a city even more attractive to new visitors.**

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 Mary is studying violin. She was born in Venice.

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As a tourist, which places would you like to visit or which activities would you like to do? Explain.





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 2 straight. The 18-year-old, who has only been identified by his first name, Chuang, had booked a private
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 4 straight without eating. The next day, an attendant went into the room where Chuang had been playing
 5 and found the teen resting on the table. The attendant was able to wake Chuang, who stood up, took a
 6 few steps and then collapsed onto the ground. He was pronounced dead soon after arriving at the
 7 hospital. Authorities believe the teenager may have suffered a heart attack due to sitting for such a long
 8 period of time.
 9 The video game he had been playing was of the role play variety and very popular due to its
 10 repeated scheme of killing the monsters, finding the treasure and then escaping from the beast's den.
 11 What made it so addictive, particularly when it got to the end of the game, was the fact that repetitive
 12 actions are necessary to develop our character's strength till you are able to overcome the boss level.
 13 Regarding the teen's death, the developer of the game said: "We're saddened to hear this news.
 14 Though we recognize that it's eventually up to each individual or their parent or guardian to determine
 15 playing habits, we feel that moderation is clearly important, and that a person's day-to-day life should be
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- (a) he was too old to play videogames very long. (b) he was eating too much while playing.
 (c) he was playing a videogame too long without stopping. (d) he was standing all the time without sitting.

2. The attendant ...

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