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Part 1. Listening Comprehension (15 minutes) – 15 points

Task 1. For items 1–10 listen to a passage from a lecture and decide whether the statements (1–10) are TRUE (A), or FALSE (B) according to the text you hear. You will hear the text twice.

1. Activities of rich industrialized countries are aimed at helping poor people in developing countries.
+ A) True B) False
2. Changes in sea level may threaten the life of small island states.
+ A) True B) False
3. Egyptians living in the coastal areas are threatened by flooding.
+ A) True B) False
4. Food security is a problem in some dry tropical countries.
+ A) True B) False
5. Northern hemisphere countries suffer the most from the air pollution.
+ A) True B) False
6. Measures aimed at the modification of the impact of climate change may be very costly. A) True B) False
7. People should learn to care about the lives of people of future generations.
+ A) True B) False
8. We can be satisfied with the achievements in dealing with the climate change on the international scene.
+ A) True B) False
9. We as individuals can't add to the reductions of the greenhouse gas emissions.
+ A) True B) False
10. Energy efficiency measures include less use of private cars.
+ A) True B) False

Task 2. For items 11–15 listen to the dialogue. Choose the correct answer (A, B or C) to answer questions 11–15. You will hear the text only once.

11. The first photo Mike saw in the old photograph album was that of...
+ A) his wife as a baby.
B) his wife's sister Paula.
C) his wife's mother.
12. In the photo of Paula she was with her...
A) mother.
B) sister.
+ C) boyfriend.
13. When Mike says "she takes after you" he means that Paula ...
A) looks like his wife.
+ B) behaves like his wife.
C) tries to mock his wife.
14. What does Mike think about the hat his wife's mother is wearing in the photo?
+ A) It's too old.
 B) It looks strange.
C) It's very fashionable.
15. What does Mike's phrase "you'll probably look like her..." suggest?
+ A) He doesn't like the way his wife's mother looks now.

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- B) He thinks about hats his wife would wear in twenty years.
C) He thinks that Paula would look nice in twenty years.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

Part 2. Reading Comprehension (30 minutes) – 15 points

Task 3

You are going to read an article containing information about seven comedians appearing at a large annual arts festival in the UK. For questions 16-30, choose from the reviews (A-G). The reviews may be chosen more than once.

Top Comedians at this Summer's Festival

This year's festival offers a wide variety of stand-up comedians for visitors to choose from. Here is our pick of some of the best of them.

A. Sarah Millican

Millican took home the best newcomer award at the festival two years ago and her career will be the model for the many aspiring comics making their debuts at this year's festival. Millican followed up that success with television appearances on some popular prime-time shows as well as her own radio series. Her new show, Chatterbox, only her third full-length show, will go on to become her first national tour this autumn. Audiences love her combination of warm northern chat and her frank jokes.

B. Jennifer Coolidge

The festival wouldn't be complete without at least one US movie star braving a month of live audiences, and this year it's Jennifer Coolidge, best known to a generation of teenagers as Stifler's mom in the American Pie series. A talented comic actress, Coolidge makes her festival debut this year with a noisy show about pop culture, show business and men. No one quite knows what to expect, but it should be worth a visit.

C. Shappy Khorsandi

Now with a bestselling book to her name and an increasing television profile Shappi Khorsandi is likely to be one of the most popular acts at the festival, as her popularity is not restricted to any generation, and she has a talent for making men as well as women feel comfortable. Past shows have relied heavily on her Iranian heritage and her father's story; this year, expect to hear a lot more about her current personal life. Her recent divorce and life as a single mother have provided her with plenty of raw material, but for Khorsandi the personal and political are always comically tangled.

D. Robin Ince

Taking time out from his stage and radio collaborations with the scientist Brian Cox, Robin Ince returns to the festival, offering fans who enjoy his winning combination of intellectual curiosity and explosive liberal views a choice of two shows. A committed supporter of the "Free Fringe", a collective effort to resist the dominance of the big venues and sponsors, Ince will be offering his shows free. These are *Robin Ince Asks Why?* and *Carl Sagan Is Still My God*, the latter being a homage to the American astrophysicist and popular science writer.

E. Ardal O'Hanlon

It may be hard not to think of him first and foremost as Father Dougal, the character he played in the popular TV drama series, but O'Hanlon began as a stand-up comic and is one of the most accomplished live performers you'll find at the festival. Fresh from performing in the US last year in a triple bill with two other Irish comics, O'Hanlon's live act ought to be compulsory viewing for any aspiring comedian; a friendly, slightly bewildered air masks a sharp intelligence, and his mastery of timing and delivery is a joy to watch. This is a new show for the festival and, as with his festival show last year, it is the prelude to a nationwide tour in the autumn.

F. Susan Calman

Former corporate lawyer Susan Calman has been a favourite among Scottish comedy fans and discerning festival-goers since giving up her day job four years ago, but this year the secret is well and truly out. The diminutive Scot, now a regular on radio's *News Quiz*, has moved to a bigger venue, with a new show in which she considers her own childhood. She's passionate about political comedy often publicly regretting the lack of effective political satire in Britain.

G. Emo Philips

In only his fourth appearance at the festival, the remarkable Emo Philips brings the show he is currently touring across the US, *Please Witness My Act*. The man described by *Psychology Today* as "stand-up comedy's zany godfather" last visited in 2001, when he out-sold every other act at the festival. Over the past 35 years, Philips has won a devoted cult following, with his strange persona and his skillful jokes – three of them made it into a recent magazine list of *The 75 Best Jokes of All Time*. A true original, he may puzzle the mainstream, but his fans will be thrilled to see him back.

About which comedian is the following statement made? For each statement choose from the reviews (A-G). The reviews may be chosen more than once.

- + C 16. This comedian appeals to people of different genders and ages.
- + F 17. This comedian is critical to the current state of their favourite type of comedy.
- + A 18. This comedian will do a show nationwide for the first time later this year.
- + E 19. Anyone who wants to be a comedian should watch this person in action.
- + C 20. This comedian has also had some success as an author.
- + B 21. It's this comedian's first appearance at the festival.
- + D 22. You don't have to pay to go to this comedian's show.
- + A 23. This comedian won a prize at a previous festival.
- + C 24. This comedian uses difficult experiences from their own life in shows.
- + F 25. This comedian was previously employed in a legal profession.
- + B 26. Among a certain group this comedian is better known for working in films.
- + G 27. This comedian might not appeal to everyone.
- + A 28. Many young comedians would like to imitate this person's career.
- + E 29. This comedian recently did an overseas tour with some other comedians from their country.
- + D 30. This comedian has recently worked on radio and in the theatre with another well-known person.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

Part 3. Use of English (40 minutes)

Task 1. (10 points)

For items 31-35, choose from the box the necessary animal (1-13) that would fit in the gap of the given sentences (31-35) to produce a proverb or an idiom, then match the sentence with the correct definition (A - F). There are some extra words in the box, which you do not have to use. The first example (0) is done for you.

Example: 0. It's raining ... and.... . 0. 2, 6, E

1-cat, 2-cats, 3-cow, 4-dog, 5-dogs, 6-dogs, 7-goats, 8-horse, 9-lion, 10-mice, 11-rabbit, 12-sheep, 13-tiger

- C 31. When the ¹ is away the ¹⁰ will play. +
- A 32. That's a 8. of a different colour. +

- B 33. Better to be a live ~~ll~~ than a dead ~~g~~.. \pm
- F 34. To separate the ~~l~~ from the ~~f~~. \pm
- D 35. To go to the ~~r~~. \pm

Definitions:

- A) a situation or a subject far from what you expected
- B) there are some situations when being a coward is an advantage
- C) when a person in authority is absent, those under the person's rule will enjoy their freedom
- D) to deteriorate, to become bad
- E) something that you say when it is raining very heavily
- F) to group people or things into superior and inferior

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

Task 2. (10 points)

For items 36-45, identify the names of an English or an American city/town, hidden in the sentences below. Write down the correct names in your answer sheet. The first example (0) is done for you.

Example: 0. After competing in a triathlon, Donna was very tired. (the capital of the UK) - 0. London

36. The bank won't be able to issue a new credit card if for some reason you forget your PIN, so be extra careful. (the capital of Wales) —
37. The pilot had to decide whether to initiate a go-around or land on the ground in inclement weather. (a city in the U.S. state of Florida, Walt Disney World Resort, also the name of a famous Hollywood star, whose surname is Bloom) *New-Orleans* —
38. The gingerbread ingredients are on the table. I will help you to make it. (the names of two cities, situated in the UK and the USA, and a homograph to an activity connected with books) —
39. Housekeepers usually prefer washing to not doing anything. (the name of a city that is associated with the first name of a famous American writer and the surname of an American president) —
40. The local Congressman Chester Charing spoke about the environmental problems of the region. (people who live in this city are called Mancunians) *Mancouer* —
41. A person who wants to purchase a car usually either buys it brand new or leans towards getting a used one. (a major United States port on the Mississippi river, known also as the birthplace of jazz) —
42. Please, use the suggestion box for direct comments about the quality of the food in our restaurant. (a city where Lewis Carroll lived and worked) *San-Francisco* —
43. The sacrament of marriage is one of the key rituals of the Catholic Church. (the capital of California) —

44. Mabel fastened her seat belt before the plane took off. (the capital of Northern Ireland)
45. As one considers history, it becomes quite apparent that living like a nomad is on the border of civilization and absence of culture. (a city named after the 4th president of the USA, the author of the Bill of Rights) Washington —

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Task 3. (15 points)

For questions 46-50, think of ONE word only which can be used appropriately in all three sentences. Here is an example (0).

Example:

0. They say the new minister is a lovely person and very _____ to talk to.
My neighbours have not had a very _____ life, but they always seem cheerful.
It's enough to see why the town is popular with tourists.

0 EASY

Write only the missing word IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.

46. Sometimes it is better not to tell the truth if someone is likely to be HURT unnecessarily.
Considering how many vehicles were involved, it seems miraculous that no one was HURT in the accident. +
It won't HURT if you don't have time to iron the sheets after they've been washed.

47. The judge had a very DRY sense of humour, which often surprised people as he looked so serious. +
Don't walk on the path until the concrete is DRY.
If you wash your hair too frequently, it may become very DRY and lose all its shine.

48. The President's 70th birthday was MARKED by a parade followed by a gala dinner in the evening.
I've MARKED the places we should visit on the map. +
At the weekend, the teacher MARKED over 50 student essays and prepared his lessons for the following week.

49. These tiny reptiles can shoot poison into your FACE from up to three metres away.
Never before has the ascent of this formidable mountain been attempted from the north FACE in winter.
The history lecturer didn't want to lose FACE by admitting he didn't know the answer. +

50. I'm not sure if I can park the car in that small space but I'll have a SHOT at it.
A great roar went up from the crowd as the champion played a magnificent SHOT and won the tennis match.
All news photographers dream of taking the perfect SHOT that will make them famous. +

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Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

Task 4. – (15 points)

Imagine that you are a teacher of English at school and you have given your students the writing assignment:

Comment on the following statement.

When you are studying away from home, the best choice for you is to live with your

acquaintances.

What is your opinion? Do you agree with this statement?

Write 180 - 200 words.

Use the following plan:

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2 reasons for your opinion
- express an opposing opinion and give 1 reason for this opposing opinion
- explain why you don't agree with the opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

One of your students has sent you her essay by e-mail.

Playing the role of a school teacher,

1) **find 5 (grammar, vocabulary or spelling) mistakes** in your student's work and correct them.

Student's Essay

When you are studying away from home, the best choice for you is to live with your acquaintances.

Line 1.	<i>I disagree to this statement. If you are thinking of going away to study, your</i>
Line 2.	<i>choice of accommodation will be very important. You may be lucky enough to have</i>
Line 3.	<i>the chance of staying with somebody your parents know, for example, your</i>
Line 4.	<i>distant relatives or your parents' friends. However, this can bring problems as well as</i>
Line 5.	<i>advantages. Family life may well distract you of your studies, and there will also be</i>
Line 6.	<i>the question of what you should pay to your hosts. No matter how caring they may</i>
Line 7.	<i>be and no matter how much they want you with them, they won't expect to keep you</i>
Line 8.	<i>for nothing. Paying too much or too little can easily lead to feeling awkward but</i>
Line 9.	<i>setting the right amount can be tricky and embarrassed.</i>
Line 10.	<i>You will also have to adjust with your hosts' way of life and put up with</i>
Line 11.	<i>their habits. They will also have to do their best to make you feel at home. In other</i>
Line 12.	<i>words, it is wrong to believe that if you are living with somebody you know it</i>
Line 13.	<i>will be costing nothing either for you or for them. Living in a dormitory can often</i>
Line 14.	<i>be the best arrangement after all.</i>

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Find and correct the mistakes. Complete the table below. The first mistake has been corrected as an example. **Find 5 more mistakes and correct them.**

	line	incorrect	correct
0	1	to	with
51.	5	of	from
52.	6	carring	caring
53.	9	embarrassed	embarrassing
54.	10	with	to
55.	13	will be costing	will cost

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

Part 4. Writing (30 minutes) – 20 points

You have read some interesting news recently. Comment on the following piece of news in your blog. Remember that your post must attract your followers' attention. Don't forget to be informative:

Elderly people who live alone should be taken care of.

Elderly people who live alone can be monitored by new technology that analyses household sounds to ensure their safety. The new sound monitoring system, developed by Fujitsu, the Japanese electronics company, examines noises in homes via a microphone connected to a data centre. The technology is refined enough to differentiate between the sound of a falling object or a collapsing human and can instantly alert family members or security firms if any abnormality is detected. From breathing and coughing to sleeping, all noises made by the resident can be detected by the technology, in addition to analysis of daily routines, heat and humidity levels.

Write 100–150 words.

Remember to:

- make an introduction,
- express your personal opinion on the problem and give reasons for your opinion,
- express your attitude towards the information from the article,
- make a conclusion.

Write in your own words. DO NOT quote from the given text!!! You can use only the terms from the article.

The other day I have come across an interesting piece of news that has caught my eye. Here is my opinion on the matter.

From my point of view, the new sound monitoring system described in the article is extremely helpful to the elderly people who want to live alone or have no other choice and can ensure their safety. Firstly, in case of an emergency it can immediately inform the relatives of a person or special firms that can help in the current situation. Secondly, all the data collected by the system can be used to improve the results of any medical examination that an elderly person undergoes. Both these things can possibly save someone's life.

In conclusion, I, personally, am deeply proud that the modern technology can be used to improve the lives of the people in need and hope that it will be affordable to any elderly person in the near future.

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