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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Reading Paper

Time allowed: 1 hour 15 minutes

Materials
You will need no other materials.

Instructions
- Answer **all** questions in **English**.
- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
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Information
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
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Text 1 Email

Read the first part of this email from Roberta to Heidi.

Answer questions **01** to **03**.

Dear Heidi

1 It was great to see you last month. I really enjoyed visiting you and looking around the university. The concert we went to was such fun, wasn't it? I hope we can go to another concert next time I visit. I will take you out for a meal first!

2 My studies are going really well and I gave in my geography project yesterday. I had worked very hard on it. Unfortunately, after that I injured my leg playing in a tennis tournament. I went to the hospital and the doctor said my leg wasn't broken. I must rest it for a couple of weeks which will make life difficult! I am going to work from home as much as possible.

Write the correct letter in the box for questions **01** to **03**.

0 1 What event did they go and see?

[1 mark]

A	A concert
B	A film
C	A sporting event

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0 2 How did Roberta hurt her leg?

[1 mark

A	At the gym
B	Playing golf
C	Playing tennis

0 3 What is the **main** point of **paragraph 2**?

[1 mark]

A	Roberta is telling Heidi about her injury.
B	Roberta is explaining what the tennis tournament was like.
C	Roberta is giving Heidi advice about her geography project.

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Read the second part of the email.

Answer questions **04** to **06**.

3 Anyway, next week at college we are starting a recycling programme and I have volunteered to help with the organisation of it. The college president wants us to find as many ways as possible to improve the sustainability of the college including recycling materials. I know that you picked up some good ideas about how to improve recycling from the time when you were studying in the United States.

4 You also told me that you volunteered for a recycling charity in the summer. Do you think you could send me some of your ideas which we might use? I want to make sure that our college recycles as many items as possible including all glass, paper and cardboard.

5 Let me know what ideas you have.

Thank you and speak to you soon.

Roberta

Write the correct letter in the box for questions **04** to **06**.

0 4 Read the following statements.

Which statement is correct?

[1 mark]

A	The college president doesn't agree with recycling.
B	Heidi has no experience of recycling.
C	The college is starting a recycling programme.

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0 5 What item is **not** on Roberta's list for recycling?

[1 mark

A	Glass
B	Metal
C	Paper

0 6 What is the **main** purpose of the email?

[1 mark]

A	Roberta is telling Heidi about how her injury has affected her.
B	Roberta is asking for ideas to help with her college's recycling programme.
C	Roberta is asking Heidi for ideas about how her college can reduce pollution.

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Text 2 Green Hall Leisure Centre

Read the first part of this advertisement for a leisure centre.

Answer questions **07** to **10**.

Green Hall Leisure Centre

1 Come to Green Hall Leisure Centre this winter and discover our exciting, well-designed facilities for all the family.

2 **Exercise for all**
Feeling sluggish? Need to boost your energy? Start the new year off as you mean to continue and return to fitness with our great January offers including a free exercise class at Green Hall Leisure Centre. Exercise can be great fun and puts a smile on your face. Sign up today!

3 As you know, there are many benefits of regular exercise. Exercise can:
- reduce your risk of major diseases
- boost your self-esteem
- brighten your mood
- improve your strength and energy levels
- keep your weight at the right level.

4 At Green Hall Leisure Centre, we have many different exercise facilities to choose from. These include a state-of-the-art gym with the most up-to-date equipment, a swimming pool for unlimited swimming with trained instructors available for classes, and a full programme of group exercise classes in the Group Fitness Studio. Our staff members are friendly and knowledgeable and will happily give you a tour so that you can see all our facilities for yourself. Contact us to book your free tour today.

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0 7 Which of these statements best describes the **main** point of **paragraph 2**?

Write the correct letter in the box.

[1 mark]

A	To encourage people to join the leisure centre.
B	To describe the effects of weight loss.
C	To explain how membership of the leisure centre works.

0 8 Give **one** example from the text of how exercise can improve your physical health.

[1 mark]

0 9 Give **two** different types of classes available.

[2 marks]

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1 0 Give **one** reason stated in the text why people should book a tour at the centre.

[1 mark]

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Read the second part of the advertisement.

Answer questions **11** to **14**.

Other attractions at Green Hall Leisure Centre

5 **Green Hall Soft Play Centre for Children**
Our soft play centre is a purpose-built, three-storey climbing zone with slides for children up to the age of 12. This exciting adventure area is ideal for kids to explore and enjoy. There is also a special area for under 5s. This soft play centre is a perfect place for children to burn off energy in a fun, safe and interactive environment.

6 **Health Suite**
Revitalise yourself in one of our spa areas. We have three relaxing spa areas available which are free to leisure centre members! Whether you're wanting to chill out after a tough gym session, or simply looking to unwind after a challenging day's work, choose from our sauna, steam and spa (or all three) to soothe aching muscles and relax. You will leave our spa facilities feeling amazingly revived.

7 **Green Hall Leisure Centre Café**
Providing light snacks and drinks for all of our guests, our on-site café is the perfect place for those seeking refreshment. We offer teas and coffees not to mention delicious light bites, perfect for lunch time, including: salads, omelettes, jacket potatoes and sandwiches as well as freshly prepared daily specials. We also offer a variety of soft drinks. We are sure you'll find something you'll love on our menu.

8 **Pre-order**
Try our new pre-order service and book before your swimming lesson or family swim, or order food to be ready after your workout. Just ask at the café for more details. Please be aware that opening hours are 8.00 am to 7.00 pm daily.

1 1 Read **paragraph 5**.

Which **two** statements are correct?

Write the correct letters in the boxes.

[2 marks]

A	The soft play area has two levels.
B	The soft play area is not for toddlers.
C	The soft play area should not be used by teenagers.
D	The soft play area contains slides.

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1 2 In **paragraph 6** the writer says 'to soothe aching muscles'.

Explain in your own words what this phrase means.

[2 marks]

1 3 Read **paragraphs 7** and **8**.

Which **two** statements are correct?

Write the correct letters in the boxes.

[2 marks]

A	The café closes at 8.00 pm on weekends.
B	The café menu includes omelettes.
C	The pre-order service has started recently.
D	The café is in a separate building.

1 4 What is the **main** purpose of the text?

Write the correct letter in the box.

[1 mark]

A	To promote exercise and wellbeing
B	To promote the facilities at Green Hall Leisure Centre
C	To offer a free tour of the leisure centre

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Text 3 The 'world's greatest teacher' speaks about how to motivate pupils

Read the first part of the article.

Answer questions **15** to **19**.

1 When Peter Tabichi was announced as the world's greatest teacher at an awards ceremony recently, it took a minute or so for him to realise that the announcer had mispronounced his name. He was sitting in the audience of several hundred people in a conference hall in Dubai. "I thought: 'The winner has a name a bit like mine'," Tabichi says. "And then everyone turned towards me and I realised it was me. It was an unbelievable moment," he says, with an enormous smile and not just because the prize comes with a million-dollar cheque.

2 Tabichi is a priest who teaches science at a secondary school in a remote part of Africa. He knew he was making a huge difference to his pupils in difficult circumstances but he didn't for a moment expect his achievements to be recognised on a world stage. He beat 10,000 other nominations from 179 countries. Tabichi comes from a similar background to that of his pupils, teaching at a secondary school not far from where he grew up, where drought and famine are common. He was born in a village in south western Kenya, the fifth of eight children. His father was a primary school teacher, and his mother was a farmer. They lived in a mud house, and ate maize and vegetables grown in the garden. His pupils are also from families that scrape together a living from the land, and often go without food.

3 As a teacher, Tabichi gives away 80 per cent of his income to support those students who could not otherwise afford books or uniforms. He has transformed his school into an internationally-recognised science academy. Under his leadership, his pupils have won awards from around the world for their work.

4 "When pupils know you believe in them," Tabichi says, "they start to believe in themselves. That's how you unlock their potential. It is all about finding the thing they can do well."

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1 5 Read **paragraph 1**.

Which statement is correct?

Write the correct letter in the box.

[1 mark]

A	There were several thousand people at the ceremony.
B	At first Peter Tabichi did not understand that he had won the award.
C	The ceremony took place in London.

1 6 What is the **main** point of **paragraph 2**?

Write the correct letter in the box.

[1 mark]

A	To describe a school in Africa.
B	To explain what motivates Peter Tabichi's pupils.
C	To give the reader some background information about Peter Tabichi.

1 7 From **paragraph 2**, list **three** things the reader learns about Peter Tabachi's life before he became a teacher.

[3 marks]

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1 8 In **paragraph 3**, the writer says 'he has transformed his school'.

Explain in your own words what this phrase means.

[1 mark]

1 9 In **paragraph 4**, Peter Tabichi uses the phrase 'unlock their potential'.

Explain in your own words what this phrase means.

[2 marks]

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Read the second part of the article.

Answer questions **20** to **24**.

5 The key to the pupils' success was starting a series of school clubs. "They would come along to the clubs and we realised they could draw, or they could sing. Everyone found something they were good at and then they started to believe in themselves. They also gave a talk to the class about their new-found skill. After that they started to do better at everything."

6 With his humble background, it must have been unthinkable back then that he'd go on to be crowned as the world's top teacher. After he won the award, on his return to his home country he was cheered in the streets by thousands and greeted by the president. "I don't think anyone would have imagined that happening," he says. "Least of all me."

7 He left school with some of the best exam results they'd ever had, and then he went to university. After that Tabichi qualified as a teacher and took his vows as a priest earlier this year: "Being a teacher is a challenging life, but I knew it was the right path for me," he says. "There are big commitments to make – but this life brings me much happiness."

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2 0 In **paragraph 5**, the article mentions **four** things which helped the pupils do better at everything.

Which **four** things does the writer mention?

Write the correct letters in the boxes.

[4 marks]

A	They got better exam results.
B	They joined a club.
C	They gave a talk to the class.
D	They started to believe in themselves.
E	They re-discovered skills which they had neglected.
F	They found something that they were good at.
G	They did more homework.
H	Their parents helped them more.

2 1 In **paragraph 6**, the writer says 'With his humble background'.

Explain in your own words what this phrase means.

[1 mark]

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2 2 In **paragraph 6**, what **two** things does the writer say happened when Peter Tabichi returned home from the award ceremony?

[2 marks]

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2 3 In **paragraph 7**, Peter Tabichi says, 'Being a teacher is a challenging life, but I knew it was the right path for me'.

Explain in your own words what this sentence means.

[2 marks]

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2 4 Which statement best describes this article?

Write the correct letter in the box.

[1 mark]

A	To explain why certain teachers win awards
B	To give a summary of Peter Tabichi's life and work
C	To describe how some pupils can overcome poverty

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Text 4 Christmas craze in India

In this article about her trip to India, Liz Cleere describes a hectic Christmas shopping scene in the city of Cochin.

Read the first part of the article.

Answer questions **25** and **26.**

1 My husband Jamie and I are visiting the west coast of India by boat. It is the third week of December and a rare easterly wind blowing through the city of Cochin has freshened things, brightening colours and softening the humid air. The gust of wind has enticed me into the open. The breeze brings with it fragments of a voice chanting a Christmas prayer across the water.

2 Jamie appears on deck with two mugs of tea. A fisherman, his head covered in dark cloth, paddles by; he is kneeling, with a straight back, in a dark-coloured canoe. Giant birds look up from the edge of the barge. The fisherman glances over at us. Jamie waves and he answers with a sideways nod and a smile. The birds return to their fishing.

2 5 In **paragraph 1**, the writer says, 'The gust of wind has enticed me into the open'.

Explain in your own words what this phrase means.

[3 marks]

2 6 In **paragraph 2**, what does the writer say about the fisherman?

List **four** things.

[4 marks]

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Read the second part of the article.

Answer questions **27** to **31**.

3 "What are you doing today?" I ask Jamie.
"Thought I might hang up our Christmas lights," he says.

4 Two small chirping birds sit near us, possibly exchanging remarks about the breakfast menu of fish swimming in the lake below them. A white-throated seabird pierces the water, carrying off its prey to the shore. Then the wind dies, and Cochin's extreme heat slides through the boat's open hatch down to the cabin, where it lurks below. To discard my feelings of inactivity, I take the ferry across to the mainland.

5 Cochin has the highest density of Christians in India, and is dotted with cathedrals and churches. In a copy of our high streets back home in England, the roads are busy with fevered shoppers, their faces consumed with the business of Christmas. The crowd scoops me up and pushes me into an alley, where I knock my ankles on rough wooden nativity scenes scattered along the ground. We move into a wider street now, and I step back to avoid a rickshaw driver who is steering his vehicle at full speed. I push my way into a shop; it is Christmas-decoration heaven. A sharp-elbowed woman lunges for the perfect bauble, scattering boxes of glittering stars to the floor.

2 7 In **paragraph 4**, the writer says 'To discard my feelings of inactivity'.

Explain in your own words what this phrase means.

[2 marks]

2 8 In **paragraph 5**, the writer gives the reader some information about what the city of Cochin is like at Christmas.

List **three** pieces of information she gives.

[3 marks]

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2 9 What is the main point of **paragraph 5**?

Write the correct letter in the box.

[1 mark]

A	To tell the reader what sights to see when visiting Cochin
B	To give the reader an idea of what Cochin is like at Christmas
C	To advise the reader how to deal with Cochin traffic

3 0 In **paragraph 5**, the writer says, 'fevered shoppers'.

Explain in your own words what this phrase means.

[1 mark]

3 1 Read **paragraphs 4** and **5**.

Which **two** statements are correct?

Write the correct letters in the boxes.

[2 marks]

A	There are no cathedrals in Cochin.
B	The writer takes a ferry to the city to keep herself active in the hot weather.
C	The heat increases as the wind dies.
D	The writer hurts her ankles on the stones in the street.

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Read the third part of the article.

Answer questions **32** to **35**.

6 "Silent night, holy night," play the silver bells on a Christmas tree. I examine the bells, noticing they are held together with very little. Then I get an electric shock. Everyone laughs, including me. "Forget the lights and bring the camera," I say to Jamie on the phone. "I've never been anywhere so Christmas-crazy."

7 Half an hour later, we find each other in the crush of people and are swept along by the Christmas crowd. A gang of barefoot drummers sweeps down the lane, adding to everyone's excitement.

8 A horde of people has formed around a variety of fake Christmas trees and decorations in a small shop and people are talking in excited voices. Others have formed a long queue to pay for their Christmas ornaments. The owner hands us some tea and a plate of uttapam (pancake). As Jamie mimes his enjoyment of the famous South Indian dish, I sit delicately on an upturned box, smiling my thanks. So far my shopping consists of one inflatable Father Christmas. Maybe we need a fake Christmas tree on board ship and some decorations, too.

3 2 In **paragraph 7**, the writer says 'A gang of barefoot drummers sweeps down the lane, adding to everyone's excitement'.

What does this phrase mean?

Write the correct letter in the box.

[1 mark]

A	A group of shoeless drummers dash through the square and everyone applauds enthusiastically.
B	A troupe of unshod drummers play in the shop much to everyone's enjoyment.
C	A band of shoeless drummers rush along the narrow road which increases everyone's exhilaration.

3 3 In **paragraph 8**, what **two** additional things does the writer suggest that she and Jamie should buy?

[2 marks]

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3 4 From **paragraphs 7** and **8**, list **four** things that show that Cochin is 'Christmas-crazy'.

[4 marks

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3 5 Which statement best describes the whole article?

Write the correct letter in the box.

[1 mark]

A	It describes two travellers' experiences of a visit to the west coast of India in December.
B	It describes how the travellers react when the weather changes on their trip to India.
C	It explains how Christians in the city of Cochin get ready for Christmas.

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