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Paper 2 Listening and Reading

الورقة ٢ الاستماع والقراءة

Duration: 90 minutes

مدة الامتحان: ٩٠ دقيقة

Read the following instructions:

Answer **all** the questions on the answer sheet.

Read the instructions on the answer sheet.

Use **pencil** only.

The use of dictionaries is NOT permitted during the exam.

You must complete the answer sheet within the time limit.

At the end of the test, hand in your answer sheet.

This document consists of **15** printed pages and **1** blank page

Listening

Part 1

Questions 1 – 8

You will hear a series of four short extracts.

For each extract there are two questions.

Circle the correct letter **A**, **B** or **C**.

Example

You hear an advertisement on the radio.

0 Who is the advertisement for?

A parents

B teachers

☒ **C** students

According to the speaker, the UniTrip card would be useful to someone who wants to

☒ **A** book tickets for a holiday.

B buy clothes for a holiday.

C borrow money for a holiday.

Extract 1

You hear the vet talking to a man about his dog.

- 1 Why did the dog need surgery?
- A She stepped on something sharp.
 - B She was attacked by an animal.
 - C She got stuck in a fence.
- 2 The vet needs to talk to the man about
- A how much the treatment will cost.
 - B how much time the operation will take.
 - C how much care will be needed afterwards.

Extract 2

You hear a woman talking about online shopping.

- 3 How did the woman learn about the online shopping service?
- A She saw a poster while shopping.
 - B She saw a delivery van next door.
 - C She saw a brochure on her vehicle.
- 4 What did the woman like most about her online shopping experience?
- A It was easier than she thought.
 - B It was cheaper than she thought.
 - C It was quicker than she thought.

Extract 3

You hear a man talking about a new underwater site to visit.

- 5 Where does the speaker work?
- A in the hotel reception
 - B in the dive centre
 - C in the theme park
- 6 The owners of the underwater theme park hope that the dive site will
- A create a tourist industry.
 - B develop a pearl business.
 - C become a laboratory classroom.

Extract 4

You hear a pilot making an announcement before departing for a flight to London.

- 7 What was the main reason for the aeroplane's delay?
- A There was a technical fault.
 - B There was a catering problem.
 - C There was a medical emergency.
- 8 The captain is concerned about
- A a lot of aeroplanes waiting to land in London.
 - B bad weather conditions during the journey.
 - C passengers who may miss their next flights.

[8 marks]

Part 2**Questions 9 – 14**

You will hear an interview with Matthew Round, a language specialist, talking about learning new languages.

Circle the correct letter **A**, **B** or **C**.

Example

- 0** The purpose of the interview with Matthew is to
- A** explain why he learnt so many languages.
 - (B)** make suggestions on how languages are learnt.
 - C** talk about the number of languages he has learnt.
- 9** Matthew stays motivated when learning a language by
- A** speaking to himself.
 - B** impressing someone.
 - C** studying with a partner.
- 10** Matthew feels the ideal method of learning a language is by
- A** using technology to practise.
 - B** living in the country of that language.
 - C** translating from one language to another.
- 11** Language learning applications are NOT helpful for people
- A** that use it for travel.
 - B** that have busy lives.
 - C** that want to be fluent.

12 Which language do British people like the best?

- A** Spanish
- B** French
- C** German

13 What advice does Matthew give to his listeners when learning languages?

- A** to be creative
- B** to learn like children
- C** to join a language school

14 What currently concerns language experts?

- A** Many languages will disappear in the future.
- B** The lack of skills in some languages is bad for trade.
- C** Young people are not interested in learning languages.

[6 marks]

Remember to copy your answers onto the answer sheet.

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Reading

Part 3

Questions 15 – 20

Read the four advertisements about different holiday resorts.

Match the information in each question **(15 – 20)** to one of the advertisements **(A – D)**.

Circle the correct answer **A, B, C** or **D**.

There is an example **(0)** at the beginning.

Which advertisement mentions:

- | | | |
|-----------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 0 | plenty of water activities to do both above and below the sea? | A (B) C D |
| 15 | a family-friendly hotel which is open all year round? | A B C D |
| 16 | tourists being fond of this destination due to its architecture? | A B C D |
| 17 | places where military items from historical battles are on display? | A B C D |
| 18 | a range of treatments to heal all body aches? | A B C D |
| 19 | listening to musicians while shopping for local craft souvenirs? | A B C D |
| 20 | the remains of past leaders on display at a popular museum? | A B C D |

[6 marks]

HOLIDAY RESORTS**A****Bulgaria (Rock Hotel)**

The waters of the Black Sea are calm with gentle tides, making them ideal for children and swimmers. This resort is situated by the sea and is open in the summer. Facilities include a health centre to cure your pains with the best therapies in town. Don't forget to take a tour to the Roman ruins and ancient sites.

B**Egypt (Skyline Hotel)**

Clear waters, boating adventures, sea life and coral gardens, make the Red Sea a diver's dream. To make the best out of your stay, check out our exhibition centre for events and fairs. Don't miss the opportunity to treat your body in our mineral baths. Take one of our great national museum tours to see ancient kings in their tombs.

C**Poland (Bulaski Hotel)**

This ancient hotel is open most of the year and is full of character. The medieval beauty and unique building designs of the city is the main attraction for visitors. Take a boat down the river, stop in town and listen to the traditional trumpets playing every hour. The town is famous for its war sites, army museum and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

D**Mexico (Meralda Hotel)**

This resort never closes and suits guests of all ages. Take a tour to the Spanish castle and see the magnificent walls built to defend the city in times of war. For some Spanish charm, visit the nearby market to purchase handmade goods as you watch local bands perform. And if you miss the beach, the coast is just a short bus ride away.

Part 4**Questions 21 – 25**

Read the article about designing your dream home.

Five sentences have been removed from the article.

Choose from the sentences **(A – F)** the one which fits each gap **(21 – 25)**.

There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

Write your answers **(A – F)** in each gap below.

There is an example **(0)** at the beginning.

Designing Your Dream Home**Example**

Finding a home that perfectly matches your design preferences is not likely.
(0) ____ **G** _____. All you need is a piece of paper and a few inspirational ideas to start your home building journey.

Before drawing a single line though, picture what kind of home you want to live in. Look through some home design magazines or websites. **(21)** _____. The early stages of the design process are not about building materials. They are about how you define your desires. You probably already have images in mind that just need to be adjusted.

Tour neighbourhoods with houses that capture your imagination. When you see a home that catches your eye, get your camera out and shoot it from as many angles as possible. **(22)** _____. You're searching for ideas that you can borrow when you begin designing your home.

Get a notebook to keep photos and notes in and record other details, such as project cost and time limit. **(23)** _____. Divide the contents of your notebook into sections by room. That way, you can easily jump between drawings for different parts of the house. Combining all your materials in one place lets you work more efficiently than digging through piles of loose paper to find what you're looking for.

Draw a rough plan of all your rooms. To make life easier for yourself, focus on completing one room at a time. While keeping your budget in mind, try to create an arrangement that encourages both comfort and convenience. Use 3D image software to finalise your plan before you present it to an architect. **(24)** _____. You'll then have a clear, precise model of your dream home.

Discuss your model with the architect and listen closely to the input. **(25)** _____. Once you and your architect have your plans looking the way you want them, your work is done. All you need now is a team of builders.

- A** Take notes on what you like about the appearance of each one, as well as what you dislike.
- B** Such programmes make it easy to bring your pen-and-paper designs to life on the screen.
- C** These will provide you with some good ideas of current trends and styles.
- D** At this stage, you will need to arrange a suitable payment plan.
- E** This professional advice will ensure that your goals for your home are met.
- F** This simple resource is where your design for your home will begin to form.
- G** However, you can make your vision a reality if you design your own.

[5 marks]

Part 5**Questions 26 – 30**

Read the story about Frederick who suffers from procrastination, which means delaying doing tasks.

Circle the correct answer **A, B, C** or **D**.

There is an example **(0)** at the beginning.

Keeping Up with Yesterday

My name is Frederick. I did quite well at school, but I could have done better. I suffer from procrastination which means delaying or postponing doing something. I tell myself it is not a disease, but a condition I suffer from, especially around exam times. I used to put off studying until the night before having to do an exam or submitting an essay. I promised myself I would start revising a week in advance, but then I would always find an excuse to check my phone, so I could avoid that difficult task.

I know when I am procrastinating, because I am not able to choose what to do until it's too late. 'It's like a struggle in my head,' I told Mum. 'One part of my brain wants to do the essential jobs, but the other part wants to delay them'. I try not to worry because I think I have lots of spare time. But then it gets too late, I panic and wish I'd started earlier. My mother used to tell me, 'Just try your best, I don't think you will fail your exams.'

My doctor believes that a lack of organisation can lead to procrastination, but it can be successfully overcome by giving priority to some jobs. However, I think my problem is that I can't decide what to do. I normally delay taking action in case I do the wrong thing. A few people believe the relationship between depression and procrastination is close; doing nothing and the resulting laziness might make you feel that your life is going nowhere.

Studies show that self-forgiveness of procrastination can help you feel more positive and motivated. 'You can learn to tackle procrastination and take control of your life,' people say. That is easier said than done, though. My doctor told me, 'Deal with tasks immediately, Frederick, rather than letting them build up. Avoid amusements by turning

off your phone and not sitting near the TV while you work. If you complete a difficult task on time, reward yourself with a treat, and make sure you notice how good it feels to finish things!

I started writing a book in 2016 and it's been a very long journey, but I'm close to completing it now. I wanted to report more on people's attitudes towards procrastination, but I need to do more research first. The book discusses the behaviour of procrastination in various cases. Some experts suggest that it is maybe the result of a negative thinking process. However, failure to manage emotions is the issue that I based my book on. Readers should find the topics in my book useful.

I would like to find more ways of avoiding procrastination. I volunteer at the local learning centre, and I am surprised by how many people have the same condition as me. Occasionally, there are workshops, and I would like to see more people attend because sharing information with others is helpful.

Example

0 What do we learn about Frederick at the beginning of the text?

- A** He studied a few days before exams.
- B** He became ill thinking about exams.
- C** He studied at the last minute for exams.
- D** He used his phone to revise for exams.

26 Frederick explains that his mother

- A** believed he would pass his exams.
- B** encouraged him to start necessary jobs.
- C** advised him to make better use of his free time.
- D** thought that he struggled to make correct choices.

27 According to Frederick, he procrastinates because he is a

- A** bad decision-maker.
- B** depressed person.
- C** poor organiser.
- D** lazy person.

28 Learning to overcome procrastination does NOT involve

- A** rewarding yourself.
- B** forgiving yourself.
- C** amusing yourself.
- D** controlling yourself.

- 29** The main focus of Frederick's book is on how people
- A** think about postponing their actions.
 - B** are unable to control their feelings.
 - C** are affected by bad thoughts.
 - D** act in different situations.
- 30** What is the main purpose of the text?
- A** advising people how to deal with procrastination
 - B** teaching people about the meaning of procrastination
 - C** informing people about the writer's book on procrastination
 - D** telling people about the writer's experience of procrastination

[5 marks]

Remember to copy your answers onto the answer sheet.

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