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English B – Higher level – Paper 2 Anglais B – Niveau supérieur – Épreuve 2 Inglés B – Nivel superior – Prueba 2

Friday 8 November 2019 (morning) Vendredi 8 novembre 2019 (matin) Viernes 8 de noviembre de 2019 (mañana)

1 h 30 m

Instructions to candidates

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Section A: choose one task. Each task is worth [25 marks].
- Section B: write a personal response to the stimulus provided. The task is worth [20 marks].
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is [45 marks].

Instructions destinées aux candidats

- N'ouvrez pas cette épreuve avant d'y être autorisé(e).
- Section A: choisissez une tâche. Chaque tâche vaut [25 points].
- Section B : exprimez votre opinion personnelle sur la réflexion fournie. La tâche vaut [20 points].
- Le nombre maximum de points pour cette épreuve d'examen est de [45 points].

Instrucciones para los alumnos

- No abra esta prueba hasta que se lo autoricen.
- Sección A: elija una tarea. Cada tarea vale [25 puntos].
- Sección B: escriba una opinión personal al estímulo provisto. La tarea vale [20 puntos].
- La puntuación máxima para esta prueba de examen es [45 puntos].

Section A

Complete one of the following tasks. Write 250 to 400 words.

1. Cultural diversity

Next month, your school will celebrate diversity by holding a concert featuring students from different cultural backgrounds. Your task is to advertise the audition to select the performers. Write a leaflet in which you give information about the concert and the audition, and persuade students to audition.

2. Customs and traditions

Due to the growing demand for skill-based jobs, many business leaders have stated that the school curriculum should focus on developing practical skills rather than academic knowledge. You interviewed one such business leader about this topic and the reasons for his/her views. Write an article based on this interview to be published in your school newspaper. Do not simply write the exact words (transcript) of the interview.

3. Health

An international health charity is looking for teenagers willing to be interviewed in a documentary about teenage health issues. You want to take part in this project. Write a letter to the documentary makers describing the ideas or experiences you would like to share, and explaining why you would be a suitable candidate for the interview.

4. Leisure

The only cinema showing English language films in your local area has just closed down because of a decline in ticket sales. As a junior reporter for your local newspaper, write a news report giving details about the closure, including the reasons for this, and presenting the reactions of the local community.

5. Science and technology

A computer scientist has predicted that robots will begin replacing teachers in the classroom within the next ten years. Write a blog entry in which you discuss both potential benefits and drawbacks of such revolutionary technology, and stating whether you think this would be a positive change.

Section B

Based on the following stimulus, give a personal response and justify it. Choose any text type that you have studied in class. Write 150 to 250 words.

6. "Of all of our inventions for mass communication, pictures still speak the most universally understood language".

Walt Disney