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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

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Paper 1 Reading and Usage

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45 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

No additional materials are needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 42.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

This document has **12** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Part 1

Questions 1–8

Read the text below.

For each number **1–8**, circle the correct word on the next page.

Where is the rainiest city in the world?

Many people feel(0)..... that they live in the world's rainiest city. In the Colombian city of Quibdó, for example, rain falls every(1)..... day during some months, and most people get water for cooking, drinking and washing by(2)..... rain in buckets on their roofs. The(3)..... rainfall there is 7,328 mm every year.

It's(4)..... for people in the USA to say that Seattle is their rainiest city, but the data shows something different.(5)..... Seattle has many cloudy days, the actual(6)..... of rain that falls there is less than in many other US cities –(7)..... places we think of as hot and dry, such as Houston in Texas.

So, which city holds the world record for being the rainiest?(8)..... to the data, it's Mawsynram in India, where the annual rainfall is 11,871 mm.

Example:

0	certain	reliable	frequent	clear	
1	individual	single	particular	separate	[1]
2	holding	taking	containing	collecting	[1]
3	general	ordinary	average	middle	[1]
4	common	exact	regular	familiar	[1]
5	Except	Although	Whether	As	[1]
6	amount	figure	sum	total	[1]
7	within	besides	including	among	[1]
8	Agreeing	Belonging	Regarding	According	[1]

Part 2

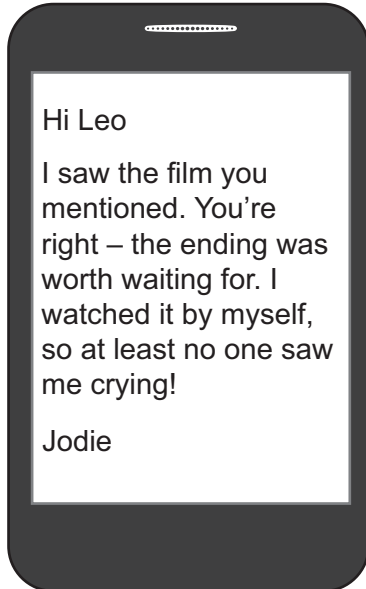
Questions 9–13

Read the text in each question.

What does it say?

For each question, circle the correct letter: **A**, **B** or **C**.

Example



A Jodie regrets not seeing the film with Leo.

B Jodie suggests that the film was too long.

C Jodie agrees with Leo's opinion of the film.

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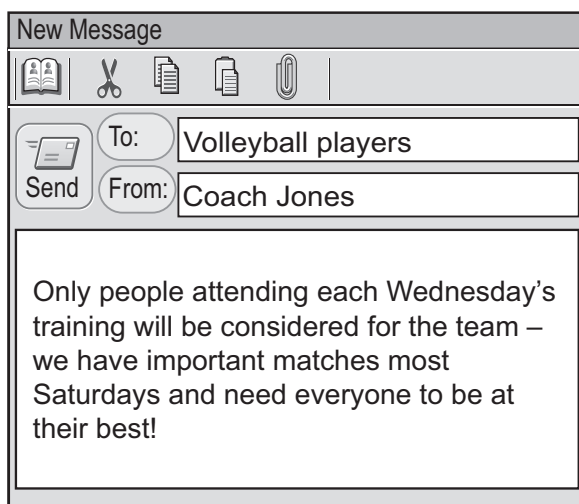
A If you have a big enough birthday party here, one person won't be charged entry.

B You can't have a birthday party here unless you invite at least ten people.

C If it's your birthday, you and your guests will each receive a special discount.

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A Anyone playing in the team is required to go to all Saturday training sessions.

B Players must show up for regular practice for a chance to play in games.

C The coach is thinking about entering the team in some big volleyball competitions.

[1]

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Sandi

I've taken the cat to the vet. Help yourself to pasta from the fridge if you're hungry, or if you can hang on, I'll cook steak later.

Dad

What is Sandi's dad telling her to do?

- A** make sure she saves him something to eat
- B** decide what she would prefer to eat
- C** start preparing the food he has left for her

[1]

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Tim






I got the wrong bus!
It's too late to get snacks so I'll go straight to the cinema. I should make it for the start but if not, save me a seat.

Jed

- A** It is Jed's fault that he is delayed.
- B** Jed is not expecting to see the beginning of the film.
- C** Jed will not have time to eat during the film.

[1]

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New Message	
	
	
	To: benjamin@mail.com
	From: toptrainers@mail.com
<p>Thanks for shopping on our website! Your trainers should arrive within two days. We'd love to hear your opinion on this product.</p>	

Why have Top Trainers sent Benjamin this message?

- A** to understand why he returned the trainers
- B** to find out how long the delivery of the trainers took
- C** to check if he is satisfied with the trainers he bought

[1]

Part 3

Questions 14–18

Complete the conversation between two friends.
What does Keira say to Max?

For questions 14–18, write the correct letter: **A–H**.

Example:

Max: I really enjoyed the song our group sang in yesterday's performance.

Keira: **0** **H**

Max: Oh dear, why was that?

Keira: **14** [1]

Max: Well, at least it was different from anything else we've done!

Keira: **15** [1]

Max: You'll be happy about the one we're learning next, then!

Keira: **16** [1]

Max: A pop song. It was written by someone from that group you like.

Keira: **17** [1]

Max: Do you think so? That's lucky because we're singing it at our next concert.

Keira: **18** [1]

Max: Me too. It's always really good fun, isn't it.

- A** That sounds much better!
- B** I haven't heard anything about it yet. What is it?
- C** I'm a bit worried about that performance.
- D** I know, but I prefer something more up to date.
- E** Oh great – I can't wait for that!
- F** I'm not very keen on that sort of music, I suppose.
- G** I can't choose a favourite song.
- H** Really? I didn't, I'm afraid!

Part 4

Questions 19–26

Complete the review below.

Write **one** word for each space.

There is an example at the beginning of the review.

Book Review: *The Island*

When I saw that a website wanted book reviews, I knew exactly which book I wanted
(0)^{to}..... review. *The Island* is (19) first book in a series. It's written
(20) the Canadian author Sally Daniels.

I really loved the main character – he's a boy called Ethan (21) has an
adventure. He meets a group (22) teenagers and they decide to explore an
island together. Then they try to solve an exciting mystery.

I liked that the characters learn a lot (23) friendship, and the story kept me
guessing. In fact, I (24) expecting a completely different ending!

(25) you want something exciting to read, this will definitely (26)
a great choice.

[Total: 8]

Part 5

Questions 27–36

You are going to read an article in which four teenagers talk about their experience of going to live in a new town.

For questions **27–36**, choose from the sections (**A–D**) and write the correct letter.

You may choose a letter more than once.

Which teenager...

still meets their friends from their old town? **27**

advises finding a new hobby as a way to make friends? **28**

prefers their bedroom in their new home? **29**

has a longer journey to school now? **30**

has made friends with their new neighbours? **31**

thinks there are more activities to do in their new town? **32**

helped their parents choose the family's new home? **33**

misses a hobby that they can't do anymore? **34**

spends more of their free time outside now? **35**

visited their new school before starting there as a student? **36**

[Total: 10]

Moving to a new town

A Victoria

As soon as my parents found a flat they liked in the town we were moving to, we started going to see schools. The one I'm at was our first choice. The only thing it doesn't have, which my old school did, is an after-school drama club. I'm quite upset about that. The other thing that's not great is my bedroom, but maybe it just needs decorating. The people next door are nice, though. The day after we moved in, the girls from the family invited me to go skateboarding with them and their mates. I go out with them a lot now and we always have fun.

B Kamal

In some ways, the place we live in now is better – we didn't have a sports centre or a cinema nearby until we moved. I miss my friends, though. That's why I go back and hang out with them at weekends sometimes. Luckily, it's only an hour on the train. My new school's not bad. I walk there, and it takes about the same amount of time as the journey to my old school used to take. I think I just need to find some people who share my interests. Doing hobbies with friends is more fun than doing them alone.

C Amber

This town's a lot smaller than the one we lived in before, so it's not easy to find stuff to do, but I've started horse riding. I've never had so much fresh air in my life! It's fun, and I'd definitely recommend taking up an activity you haven't done before if you want to meet new people. That's how I got to know my new best mate. I like our new flat, but if my parents had let me choose a place to live, I probably would've chosen one nearer to my school. My old school was only a few minutes' walk away. Now it takes ages to get there!

D Zhang

When my parents decided to move and were looking for a flat, I went with them and we made the decision together. They wanted to know about local schools and the neighbours, but I was more interested in making sure I got a better room than the one I used to have. The one I've got now's fantastic, so the move was definitely a good idea! I still talk to friends from my old school, but I haven't met up with them. We're too far away now. Luckily, I've made friends at my new school and I'm doing well there.

Part 6

Questions 37–42

Read the text and questions below.

For each question, circle the correct letter: **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**.

Young designer

17-year-old Martha Kohler tells us about designing and knitting jumpers.

I learned to knit when I was ten, during a visit to my aunt's. I was wondering what to get my mum for her birthday and my aunt suggested I make something. It was a cold winter, and we thought she'd appreciate a wool scarf. We got a book and started learning to knit together. Sadly, my aunt gave up pretty quickly, but I loved it and finished the scarf, and I've been knitting ever since!

Then, last year, a friend and I read about a competition to design a jumper that was organised by a company called 21-Century Knits. The best jumper would be sold on the company's website! That was amazing, but it was the fact that the judges were all designers I admired that persuaded me to enter. I'd be able to meet them and pick up some valuable tips! I knew the competition wouldn't be easy, as I'd probably be rather inexperienced compared to other people – but I sat down to think of ideas.

The company's website had a beautiful, exclusive clothing range, but the competition was for a jumper that wouldn't cost a lot. I spent ages on my design – I worked hard, using a mix of light and dark blue wool, and it had unusual sleeves. The jumper was definitely something I'd want if I saw it in a shop – which was what I was aiming for. So I submitted my entry, and after a couple of weeks, I heard I'd won!

I'll never forget the feeling when, just a few months later, my jumper was featured on the website. Naturally, I hoped to sell hundreds, and although that didn't happen, the company were happy anyway. I think the positive comments sent in by shoppers must've helped because they've asked me to design again for them! In fact, I've started getting some ideas ready. The company wrote something about me on the site for customers to read, which was nice, although it was a shock to see my picture there too. But knowing that my story could encourage others to take up knitting is fantastic. I'm certainly glad I did – it's changed my life!

37 Martha started to knit because she

- A** enjoyed finding out about it in a book.
- B** hoped to teach herself a new skill.
- C** decided to continue a family tradition.
- D** wanted to create something useful.

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38 Why did Martha enter the competition?

- A** She already had a design that was suitable for it.
- B** She wanted the chance to get advice from experts.
- C** She was looking for a new challenge.
- D** She was attracted by the prize money.

[1]

39 In the third paragraph, what does Martha say about her design?

- A She used ideas from the 21-Century Knits' website.
- B She wanted to make a fairly expensive item.
- C She decided to produce a style that she would buy.
- D She included a wide range of colours in her jumper.

[1]

40 How does Martha feel about her jumper appearing on the company's website?

- A pleased that she might inspire other people
- B excited that her photo was displayed with her design
- C nervous about reading customers' opinions
- D upset that only a few were bought

[1]

41 Martha is writing this article to

- A explain how to become more creative.
- B give advice about a way of selling clothes online.
- C describe how her interest gave her new opportunities.
- D show young designers the value of having professional support.

[1]

42 What would Martha write on her blog?

A

I'm pleased a friend told me about the competition she'd seen on a website – things might be very different now if she hadn't!

B

I found it hard to knit at first and gave up. It took a while before I tried again – but I'm glad I did!

C

I asked 21-Century Knits if I could write a note for the webpage about my design – I thought it would be interesting for people.

D

I'm already thinking about more clothes for the website – I hope the company will be impressed with my future designs!

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