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SECTION 1

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LISTENING

You will hear five different people talking about their use of modern communications technology. For Questions 1–5 choose from the list (A–F) the opinion each person expresses. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use. You will hear the recording twice.

Speaker 1	<input type="text" value="1"/>	A spends a lot more money on text messages than on voice calls
Speaker 2	<input type="text" value="2"/>	B feels that people should write more letters
Speaker 3	<input type="text" value="3"/>	C doesn't think text messages are fast enough
Speaker 4	<input type="text" value="4"/>	D feels more at ease communicating with people online
Speaker 5	<input type="text" value="5"/>	E thinks the fact that you can be contacted at all times is stressful
		F thinks that sending one personal email to lots of different people is lazy

SECTION 2

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READING

Questions 1-10

For Questions 1-10, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text. Write the appropriate letters A-D in boxes 1–10 on your answer sheet.

From the dawn of civilization, the gaze of humanity has been drawn to the stars. The stars have been relied upon to direct travelers, to make agricultural predictions, to win wars, and to awaken love in the hearts of men and women.

Ancient stargazers pondering the nighttime sky saw definite star patterns emerge. The names for many of these star patterns retain the names given to them by the Greeks which were most often derived from mythology. The Greeks only knew 48 star patterns. Today's astronomers have charted 88 of these patterns, or constellations, which may be viewed from different parts of the world at different times of the year.

1

Stars have been relied upon for all of the following except **A** as directional aids.

- B** for crop predictions.
- C** as medical cures.
- D** as war omens.

2

In line 5, "retain" most nearly means

- A** keep.
- B** eliminate.
- C** know.
- D** view.

3

Approximately how many new patterns have been discovered since the time of the ancient Greeks?

- A** 40
- B** 48
- C** 88
- D** 136

4

In line 6, "derived" most nearly means

- A** written.
- B** gazed.
- C** drawn.
- D** learned.

5

Which of the following might share a name with a constellation?

- A** A U.S. president
- B** A country in the Middle East
- C** An ancient Greek hero
- D** A farmer

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The text states that

- A** man never depends on the stars.
- B** stars are only for beautifying our skies.
- C** man has depended on stars at times.
- D** moons are the same as stars.

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The author states that

- A** only adults are intrigued with the stars and constellations
- B** stars have scientific significance only.
- C** only children are intrigued with the stars and constellations.
- D** people have been intrigued with the stars and constellations since ancient times.

8

"Predictions" in this text refer to

- A** crop fertility.
- B** war success.

- C Cupid's progress.
- D travel directions.

9

The word "charted" in this text means

- A admired.
- B identified according to composition and location.
- C illustrated.
- D named.

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Which two words are used synonymously in the passage?

- A Humanity-astronomers
- B Different parts-different times
- C Stargazers-travelers
- D Patterns-constellations

Questions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Letters										

SECTION 3

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USE OF ENGLISH

Task 1

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For questions 1 -12, read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D fits best each space.

BRAVE NURSE SAVES PENSIONER FROM FIRE

A nurse who saved a man from a (0) **B** house while on her (1) to work has been awarded a medal for bravery. Sheila McDonald (2) clouds of black smoke (3) from the roof of a house in Manchester. She went to investigate and quickly (4) that the house was (5) fire.

She knocked on the front door but there was no reply. Then she walked around the house looking in all of the windows. When she (6) into the living-room window, she saw disabled pensioner Graham Summers asleep in an armchair. She tapped on the window but couldn't (7) him up. So she smashed her way (8) the window, (9)..... Mr Summers into his wheelchair and pushed him to safety through the (10)..... black smoke.

At the award ceremony Mr Summers was (11)..... of praise for Ms McDonald, but she said, 'I don't really (12)..... it an act of bravery – I just did what anyone would have done.'

0	A	burnt	B	burning	C	fiery	D	ignited
1	A	route	B	way	C	passage	D	path
2	A	distinguished	B	detected	C	remarked	D	noticed
3	A	running	B	pouring	C	flowing	D	trickling
4	A	realised	B	recognised	C	identified	D	knew
5	A	in	B	under	C	on	D	to
6	A	gazed	B	stared	C	spied	D	peered

7	A	raise	B	get	C	wake	D	bring
8	A	into	B	through	C	via	D	by
9	A	lifted	B	raised	C	set	D	took
10	A	great	B	big	C	thick	D	deep
11	A	full	B	packed	C	stuffed	D	filled
12	A	view	B	hold	C	see	D	consider

Task 2

6

For Questions 13-24, supply the required form for the verb in brackets.

Example: 0 was

MONSTERS FROM THE DEEP

Until comparatively recently there (0) **(BE)** no firm evidence for the existence of giant sea monsters. However, tales of such creatures (13) **(BE)** common for many centuries, inspiring fear and fascination among sailors. Towards the end of the nineteenth century, a number of dead giant squid (14) **(WASH)** up on the shores of Newfoundland, which (15) **(FORCE)** scientists to rethink their opinion. However, all their attempts to capture a live specimen (16) **(END)** in failure. Then, in 2004 two Japanese researchers (17) **(BE)** successful in taking the first ever photos of a giant squid in its natural habitat. They were astonished by what they (18) **(SEE)**. Up until that point, the scientists (19) **(THINK)** that squids rarely (20) **(MOVE)** and simply (21) **(EAT)** whatever drifted by, but the photos (22) **(REVEAL)** that they (23) **(MISUNDERSTAND)** the nature of these enormous creatures. Taken at a depth of 900 meters off Japan's Ogasawara Islands, the pictures show the squid aggressively attacking bait on a line. Now marine scientists worldwide (24) **(BE)** eager to discover more about the nature and behaviour of giant squid.

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Task 3

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For Questions 25-31, read the text and then write the correct form of the word in CAPITALS to complete the gaps.

Example: 0 risky

Skiing

Nowadays, skiing is much less (0)..... than it used to be. Many people get a lot of (25)..... from skiing. It is popular as a leisure (26)..... for people of all ages and also as a (27)..... competitive sport which can be practised up to Olympic standard. The spectacular mountain (28)....., bright sunshine, fresh air and the sheer (29).....

RISK
ENJOY
ACT
HIGH

SCENE
EXCITE

of moving at high speed attract thousands of (30).....
to the snowy (31)..... regions of the world.

**TOUR
MOUNTAIN**

**Task 4
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For Questions 32 – 37, translate the following sentences from Russian into English:

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33. _____

34. _____

35. _____ 15 _____

36. _____

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**SECTION 4
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SOCIO-CULTURAL COMPETENCE

Answer the following questions about the culture of Great Britain and Ireland:

1. What do you know about Madame Tussaud's museum?
2. Was Sherlock Holmes a real person?
3. What is Whitehall?
4. Where is the Poets' Corner situated?
5. What do you know about the traffic in Britain?

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- 2 _____
- 3 _____
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SECTION 5

WRITING

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Personal letter

You have 20 minutes to do this task.

You have received a letter from your English pen-friend Jane who writes:

Dear N...
...Thanks for your kind invitation to come and stay with you. I'll be coming over in January for two weeks. Is there a lot to do in January? I'd like to bring a little present for your parents. What do they like? Anyway, I'm arriving on the 4th of January at 19:10. What's the best way to get to your house? Write back soon.
Best wishes,
Jane

Write a letter to Jane. Answer her questions.

Write 100-140 words.

Remember the rules of letter-writing.

YOU CAN USE THE OPPOSITE SIDE

ANSWER KEYS

SECTION 1. LISTENING

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2 A
3 B
4 D
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SECTION 2. READING

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SECTION 3. USE OF ENGLISH

Task 1

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Task 3

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<i>29 excitement</i>
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<i>31 mountainous</i>

Task 4

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32 When I left the shop, I found out that my car had been stolen.
33 There are millions of species of plants and animals on our planet.
34 The prices have increased twice this year.
35 When John entered the classroom, the lesson had lasted 15 minutes already.
36 I have always wanted to go to the capital of Great Britain.
37 I can't wait for you any longer.

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- 1** _____ Madame Tussaud's has one of the largest collections of wax models of famous people in the world.
- 2** _____ He was a fictional Victorian detective created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in the early 1900s.
- 3** _____ Whitehall is the street where the main government offices are situated.
- 4** _____ In Westminster Abbey. Poets and writers are buried there.
- 5** _____ It keeps to the left.

LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

1

Can you believe that I didn't even have an email address before I started my latest job a few months ago? I suppose I'm suspicious of technology in general – and I've never owned a computer. Now that I've got email at work, I'm just starting to get a few personal emails from friends that I've given my address to. I really don't like it when I get a message that's been copied to lots of other friends – it seems as if they're saying 'this is important information, but I can't be bothered to contact you all personally'. It's like sending a photocopied letter to lots of different friends at the same time – who would ever do that? Sure, it would be easier – but so impersonal.

2

Sending text messages can be really addictive – especially if, like me, you always want to have the last word. Now that we use text, my friends and I hardly ever send emails to each other. What's the point? They just sit there, waiting for you to access your email account. Text messages are instant, and you can receive them anywhere. They aren't too expensive either – mind you, if you send enough messages, the bill really starts to add up. I reckon I spent about £on my mobile last month, and only about £0f that was on voice calls. The rest went on text messages.

3

I know it isn't fashionable these days, but I really like sending letters. Emails are great for work, or for keeping in touch with people, but they don't have the same personal feel as letters. Which would you rather receive: a love letter or a love email? If you get a letter, you know that somebody has taken the trouble to write it by hand, address the envelope, buy a stamp and then post it. You can type a quick email in a few seconds and click 'send' without any effort at all. These days, most people never write anything longer than a postcard – and you're lucky if you get one of those rather than just a text message saying 'I'm on holiday'.

4

I like to visit chat rooms whenever I'm on the Internet. It's a great way to find people who have similar tastes in music and who want to swap tracks. I tend to come across the same people quite often, and I suppose I think of them as my friends now, even though we've never actually met face to face. And in some ways, I'm more open and honest in a chat room than I am when, for example, I send an email. I reckon it's easier to really be yourself when you don't know the other person, and you don't have to worry about what they'll think of you. So whatever I'm worried about, I share it with other people in that chat room. It's reassuring.

5

I used to send a lot of text messages, but recently, I've completely switched to instant messaging. My friends and I have all got the same software on our mobiles, and it lets us swap messages with each other instantly, and not just two people at once\$ three or four of us can all take part in the same conversation. Whenever I have to use text messages now – if I want to get in touch with somebody who hasn't got the instant messaging software – it seems so slow! I don't know how we used to put up with it! Maybe something even faster than instant messaging will come along soon, and then the software we've got now will seem really old-fashioned.

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