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**LISTENING (10 points)**

*Time: 10 minutes*

You are going to hear a student asking about accommodation at a university. Complete the notes below. Write no more than **THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** for each answer. You will hear the text twice.

<i>Ridgeway House</i>	\$230 or \$270 a week: including <b>1</b> .....
	Time taken to campus on foot: <b>2</b> .....
	Not open: in <b>3</b> .....
<i>International House</i>	Cost of private room: <b>4</b> \$.....
	Situated on ground floor: <b>5</b> .....
<i>Address:</i>	<b>6</b> ..... Place.
	Possible to take part in <b>7</b> ..... all year round.
<i>Computer lab:</i>	in <b>8</b> ..... of the building.
<i>Main rule:</i>	<b>9</b> ..... in the building.
<i>Application fee:</i>	<b>10</b> \$.....

**Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.**

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**READING (15 points)**

*Time: 20 minutes*

**Part 1.** The four paragraphs below describe the cities shown in the photographs.  
For items 1-3, read the texts and identify each city. Write down its name in the answer sheet.  
For items 4-6, match each photo to the paragraph (A-C).



**Example:**

	City		Text
0.	<i>Istanbul</i>	00.	<i>C</i>
1.		4.	
2.		5.	
3.		6.	

**A.** Founded on once densely forested islands, this city has become the Concrete Jungle. This most populated city in the United States is often mistakenly considered the capital of the country. The Big Apple is often described as The City That Never Sleeps. The subway system operates on a 24-hour basis. Even at night the city is alive, buzzing and ready to party. It is here that the main symbol of the United States – the Statue of Liberty is located.

**B.** The city was founded in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century to increase trade by sea with Western Europe. A lot of canals were excavated, which made it resemble the city of Venice. Between 1712 and 1918, it was the country's capital. Although its name was changed to Petrograd and Leningrad in the past, it is again known by its original name. One of the famous attractions in this city is the Hermitage, an art gallery largely located in the Winter Palace.

**C.** This ancient historic city is over 2600 years old. It was first called Byzantium and then Constantinople before adopting its present name. It's on both sides of a narrow stretch of water separating the two continents of Europe and Asia. There's plenty to interest and amuse tourists. Hagia Sophia, once a church, later a mosque, and now a museum, was added to the list of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites in 1985. The Grand Bazaar, the largest indoor

market in the country, with more than 3,000 shops and restaurants, is usually crowded with both tourists and local people.

**D.** This capital city is situated on the river Seine and has the reputation of being the most beautiful and romantic of all cities, brimming with historic associations and remaining very influential in the realms of culture, art, fashion, food and design. Nicknamed the City of Light and the Capital of Fashion, it is home to some of the world's most luxurious fashion designers and cosmetics, such as Chanel, Christian Dior, Lancôme, etc. The city contains numerous iconic landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, Notre-Dame de Paris, the Louvre, and the Moulin Rouge.

**Part 2.** For items **7-15**, match the statements with the texts:

7. The two parts of the city are located on different continents.
8. The city's subway system never closes.
9. The city could get another nickname – the City of Love.
10. There are three nicknames of the city in the text.
11. This city used to be the country's capital.
12. One of the city's attractions is the world's largest and oldest covered market.
13. The city now bears its original name.
14. The city can boast shops selling fashionable and very expensive clothes and make-up.
15. The city's iconic landmark is symbolic of Christian and Muslim cultures.

**Part 3.** For items **16-20** Read the text and questions below. For each question, mark the correct letter **A, B, C** or **D** on your answer sheet.

### **Little Chefs**

For one group of children aged between ten and fifteen, Saturdays are spent learning the art of serious cooking. Their weekly lessons in small classes are so popular that there is a waiting list of 30 children who want to do the course. Parents pay £280 for the course where their children can have fun and learn how to make good food.

Class member Bill, aged ten, says, 'I love my mum's cooking and now I can do it better than her. The teachers make us laugh, especially when we sit down with them to share the food we've made.'

Flora is twelve, and she's having problems preparing onions. 'I love cooking. I did a meal for ten friends which they really enjoyed. Then my mum suggested I take up a hobby, instead of doing nothing at weekends. I was happy staying at home, so I wasn't too keen at first. I'm really glad I decided to come, though.'

Their teacher, Philippe, says, 'It's great fun. Children pay attention and remember things better than adults, although the kitchen isn't always as tidy when they're cooking! As adults, we're always learning more about food. If parents interest their children in cooking while they are young, they'll have enough skill to make food for themselves when they leave home.'

**16. What is the writer trying to do in the text?**

- A** warn parents not to expect too much from their children
- B** advertise schools that teach people how to cook
- C** describe how some children spend their spare time
- D** explain why parents want to learn more about cooking

**17. What can a reader find out from this text?**

- A which dishes students prefer to cook on the course
- B why the classes are so successful
- C how much one lesson costs
- D when the next classes begin

**18. Why did Flora join the course?**

- A Her friends persuaded her to do it.
- B She wanted to learn to cook a big meal.
- C She felt bored at weekends, with nothing to do.
- D Her mother wanted her to develop an interest.

**19. What does Philippe say about his young students?**

- A They will be confident about cooking in the future
- B They have a good memory but don't always listen.
- C They keep the kitchen cleaner than adults do.
- D They teach their parents what they have learnt in class.

**20. What would one of Philippe's students say to a friend?**

A

C

*We made onion soup yesterday. The course is great, although there are 30 people in my class.*

*It's great. No one's over 15 and the food looks delicious. I just wish we could eat it together instead of taking it home.*

B

D

*I go every Saturday, and now I can cook as well as my mom. I'm ten, and I'm the oldest.*

*I was on a waiting list for ages, but now I'm on the course. Last week I cut up some onions – it was hard!*

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**USE OF ENGLISH (20 points)**

*Time: 20 minutes*

**Part 1.** For questions **1-15**, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. Choose the words from the box below. There are **three extra words** in the box. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

<i>does</i>	<i>fun</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>enough</i>	<i>world</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>to</i>
	<i>have</i>	<i>safe</i>	<i>up</i>	<i>as</i>	<i>mess</i>	<i>too</i>	<i>has</i>	<i>do</i>	

**INTERNATIONAL PILLOW FIGHT DAY**

Do you think that pillows are just things you rest your head on (1)..... night? It may or may not come (2)..... a surprise to you to hear that (3) ..... several years now, in parks and squares around the (4)....., large groups of people (5)..... been meeting on the same day to take part (6)..... a massive pillow fight. To make sure everyone stays (7)....., the rules are that people should use soft pillows and never hit anyone (8)..... hard, nor should they swing their pillows at anyone with a camera, (9)..... anyone not carrying a pillow themselves.

At some pillow-fighting events, the organizers ask participants not (10)..... use any pillows stuffed with feathers, because they make too much (11)..... . Groups of volunteers usually help clear (12)..... after the fight, and (13)..... pillows are often donated to charities that help homeless people. And why (14)..... so many people take part? Well, it really is just for (15).....!

**Part 2.** For questions **16 – 20** read the trick questions about numbers and match them to the answers (**A-F**). There's **one** extra letter which you do not need to use.

16. How do you make the number 1 disappear? 17. What did the 0 say to the 8? 18. Why was 6 afraid of 7? 19. What does one math book say to another? 20. Why did the two 4s skip lunch?	A. I have so many problems. B. Because seven, eight, nine. C. Because they already eight. D. Nice belt! E. Because six, seven, eight. F. Add a 'G' and it's gone!
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**WRITING (10 points)**  
*Time: 40 minutes*

Your school magazine is running a writing competition. Students are invited to submit short stories based on the pictures below.

You decide to take part in the competition. Your short story must have a title, a description of all the events in pictures 1-9, and the following words:

- *salmon*
- *lay the table*
- *horrified*
- *rush out*

Write 180-220 words.

