

Listening (16 points)

Time: 15 minutes

For questions 1-8, fill in the gaps with the words used in the talk you are going to listen to (1-2 words in each gap). You will hear the recording twice.

Can't live without

1. The gadget that British people spend the second most considerable amount of time using is _____.
2. British people think the ability to speak (a) _____ is not very important.
3. Despite the difficult _____ situation, people are happy to pay for the latest gadget.
4. Some previously popular gadgets, such as _____ machines, are rarely used any more.
5. A historic televised event was sometimes shared with _____.
6. A 1950s housewife spent the majority of her day doing a variety of household _____.
7. The introduction of household gadgets into many homes in the 1950s meant more _____ for women than they had previously had.
8. If a woman is given a household gadget as a present nowadays, she will not be _____.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

Reading (15 points)

Time: 25 minutes

Task 1

For items 1–7, read the text below and choose sentences A–I that fit into the numbered gaps in the text. There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Police and buses

In one part of England, police officers are exchanging their cars for the bus to cut down on expense and to improve efficiency. **1.**_____.

Most of the buses are double-deckers and police officers will be encouraged to sit on the top deck. **2.**_____.

Officers have been issued with timetables so that they can avoid long waits at bus stops. A police inspector said he did not want them waiting around thirty to forty minutes for a bus as this would clearly be a waste of police time. **3.**_____. "If a bus is full, we will have to stand or wait for another one," he said.

Officers in uniform, detectives and traffic wardens will all use buses during a six-month trial of the scheme. **4.**_____. However, buses would be used when officers are involved in non-urgent routine business such as going to take statements or when returning from court appointments.

Senior police officers believe that the scheme will be effective in cutting down crime on public transport and will lead to a reduction in spending by the police force. **5.**_____.

A policewoman said, "I am all in favour of the idea. **6.**_____.
If it's good enough for them, it's good enough for us."

The transport manager for the local bus company which is sponsoring the scheme said, "This scheme will help the police and give peace of mind to the

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travelling public. 7._____. We are hoping that the scheme will become permanent."

- A. It is thought that if they sit here, this will help to discourage crime as they will be able to see and to be seen clearly.
- B. The scheme will make life safer not only for passengers but also for our bus drivers.
- C. Certainly, buses will not be used when officers are responding to emergency calls.
- D. We have always found the scheme very successful in the past.
- E. However, he did not expect the police to be treated differently from the rest of the public.
- F. It is good for the public, who will be able to see us and talk to us on the buses.
- G. They are to be allowed to travel free on buses in Northampton upon production of their identity card.
- H. Having police officers travel free on buses is cheaper than sending patrol cars to pick them up in order to return them to the police station.
- I. But it's not about stopping people doing things: it's about doing the same things differently.

Task 2

Read this text. For questions 8-15, choose from holidays A-E. Holidays may be chosen more than once.

Which holiday ...

8.	lasts longer than a weekend?	
9.	provides activities to occupy children?	
10.	takes place on a historic site?	

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11.	involves taking care of animals?	
12.	aims to improve people's appearance?	
13.	teaches participants how to make a particular kind of food?	
14.	provides private lessons?	
15.	teaches participants something about sculpture?	

Holidays with a difference

Fancy a holiday with a difference? Take a look at these five breaks, where you can get away from it all and learn to do something really useful.

A Dublin, Ireland.

“Have your own image carved in stone!” The organisers of this creative course have both trained in stone work and have worked on several major European projects. On their courses near Dublin in Ireland, all the stone and tools are provided and they guarantee that after a bit of hammering, you'll be returning home with a finished piece for your home or garden. The courses run once a month from April to October. The price includes lunch and refreshments. Accommodation isn't included, but there is plenty available locally.

B The Welsh mountains.

Living with farm animals can be a test of character. This might not quite be co-habiting, but at Caecrwn Farmhouse in Brecon, you can definitely find out how to rear and market them. This introductory course is set on a small farm with views of the Welsh mountains. Weekends are filled with the fun of the farm, and appetites are satisfied with delicious home-cooked local food. Accommodation is in a converted barn and, for added charm, the farm also has a range of animals including chickens, ducks, geese, sheep and goats to keep little kids entertained. Residential weekends, all meals included, are held throughout the year.

C Barcelona, Spain.

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In the heart of Barcelona's gothic quarter, not far from the world-famous street - Las Ramblas, you can take part in a farmhouse cheese-making course on the site of one of the city's first butter-making factories. The course runs twice a month and never caters for more than twelve people. You will be instructed on how to produce fresh cheese and analyse what makes it delicious. Finish off with a meal of fruit, wine and, of course, cheese.

D Edinburgh, Scotland.

A little bit of elbow grease, plenty of oil and a spot of common sense: this cycle maintenance course is the equivalent of getting a degree in bicycle mechanics. The Edinburgh Bicycle Cooperative runs courses most weekends, and you can choose between an intensive course on the complete bike or, if you prefer, learn how to build a wheel which you can take away at the end. Alternatively, if you want to do it alone, one-on-one training is also available.

E Abano Terme, Italy.

Ancient emperors loved it, even Mozart took a fancy to it. And what better way to experience the thrill of being caked in mud than when it's helping you to lose weight while detoxifying, toning and revitalising the skin on your face and body? It might look ridiculous, but it's all in a good cause. The Italian resort of Abano Terme, near Mottegrotto, specialises in such delights, and combines it with soothing thermal bathing to wash all the mud away. Many of the mud therapy sessions are held in special rooms where guests must arrive with an empty stomach. The mud therapy cycle lasts an average of one to two weeks, with six to twelve mud packs applied daily.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

Use of English (24 points)

Time: 20 minutes

Task 1

For questions 1-8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Near-misses

As the skies around the world's airports get more and more crowded, the number of potentially dangerous incidents is **1.** ____.

Officials are **2.** ____ studying a recent incident where a jumbo jet flew so low over nearby houses that everyone thought a crash was **3.** _____. One of the four plane's engines had failed just after take-off. The pilot put the other engines **4.** ____ full speed to enable him to get high enough to drop most of the plane's fuel. His calmness and experience helped him to **5.** ____ a terrible disaster. Somewhat surprisingly, however, it was a further thirty minutes before the pilot received **6.** ____ to land due to other incoming flights.

Although this sort of incidents is becoming more and more **7.** _____, it still remains a/an **8.** _____ that it is safer to fly than to cross the road.

1.	A	spreading	B	raising	C	developing	D	increasing
2.	A	momentarily	B	currently	C	nowadays	D	actually
3.	A	definite	B	positive	C	inevitable	D	sure
4.	A	in	B	on	C	off	D	up
5.	A	escape	B	pass	C	miss	D	avoid
6.	A	permission	B	permit	C	allowance	D	approval
7.	A	common	B	normal	C	ordinary	D	general

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8.	A	proof	B	fact	C	evidence	D	truth
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Task 2

For questions 9-17, find the words which are hidden in the word search below to fill in the gaps in the sentences. Words can go across or down. There are more words in the word search than you need.

9. Someone who cares about others is kind-_____.
10. Artists, writers and poets are all _____ people.
11. Another word for “attractive” is good-_____.
12. The largest bed there is king-_____.
13. If something doesn’t contain sugar, it is sugar -_____.
14. Material which can become longer or wider when pulled is _____.
15. Shoes, which last a long time, are _____-wearing.
16. The opposite of “sensitive” for a person is _____ - skinned.
17. Cakes, which are not bought in a shop but made in someone’s house, are called _____-made.

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C	J	I	E	S	T	R	E	T	C	H	Y	F
W	C	G	A	T	I	E	K	H	R	A	C	M
I	M	I	B	R	Y	E	T	I	O	R	O	E
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Task 3

Complete idiomatic phrases 18-24 with the correct part of the body. In the box there are two extra words you do not need to use.

arm hair legs nose back finger head neck tongue

18. Her father says 'Yes' to everything she asks for. She can **twist him round her little** _____.
19. If I were you, I wouldn't get too friendly with Mike. He's quite likely to **stab you in the** _____.
20. I stayed up and watched a late horror film on TV last night. It was really frightening. It **made my** _____ **stand on end**.
21. I would **give my right** _____ for a ticket to the Olympic Games.
22. As usual, I've got too much work to do, but I'm just about **managing to keep my** _____ **above water**.
23. The person sitting behind me was **a real pain in the** _____. He talked all the way through the film.
24. I can't remember her name - it's driving me mad - **it's on the tip of my** _____.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet!

Writing (20 points)

Time: 30 minutes

Read the advertisement.

Stories wanted!

We are looking for stories for our teenage English-speaking on-line magazine. Do you have a blog? Are you fond of storytelling? If your days are eventful and thrilling, turn them into an exciting adventure story for the Best Blog Story Contest! Your story must begin with:

Dear readers,

I experienced an amazing adventure today.

Write a story about one day of your life.

Remember to:

- start with the sentence from the advertisement;
- describe time, place, characters, weather and events in an entertaining way;
- include the scene, depicted in the photo;
- include description of emotions, direct and indirect speech;
- in conclusion, write about the role of incidents in people's lives.



In your story, do not forget to follow the plan, use vivid language and express your ideas in a clear and logical way.

Write 120-200 words.

Transfer your answer to the answer sheet!