

LISTENING

Time: 15 minutes
(10 points)

TASK 1.

Listen to the text. For statements 1–5, choose T if the statement is true according to the text, F if it is false. You will hear the recording TWICE.

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| 1. Charlie was homesick when he started boarding school. | ___ | ___ |
| 2. Students have breakfast in their rooms at 7.30 a.m. | ___ | ___ |
| 3. Some teachers are available to help students with their homework. | ___ | ___ |
| 4. The school organizes a lot of social events. | ___ | ___ |
| 5. Charlie dislikes sharing a room. | ___ | ___ |

TASK 2.

In 1988 Isaac Asimov, a novelist, predicted how education would change in the future. Listen to two people discussing his ideas. For questions 1–5 choose the correct answer A, B or C. You will hear the recording TWICE.

1. What did Isaac Asimov say about education 30 years ago?
 - A. It was not varied enough to be interesting for all students.
 - B. It did not use technology in the best way.
 - C. There were not enough televisions or video recorders.
2. Isaac Asimov predicted that access to computers and the Internet in schools would
 - A. allow students to explore their own interests.
 - B. give students more free time to enjoy themselves.
 - C. make students more interested in school subjects.
3. Nikola mentions baseball statistics as an example of
 - A. Asimov's varied interests.
 - B. a subject that Asimov thought should be taught in schools.
 - C. a topic that students might choose to explore online.

4. Why hasn't Asimov's vision come true so far?
- A. Many teachers don't know how to use technology.
 - B. The big change in education hasn't happened.
 - C. The right equipment has not been designed.
5. What is Nikola's opinion about Asimov's predictions?
- A. They will probably never be fulfilled.
 - B. It may take a long time to fulfill them.
 - C. They will be fulfilled very soon.

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READING

Time: 15 minutes
(10 points)

Read the text. For Questions 1–5 choose the correct answer A, B, C, or D.

LEARNING AT HOME

Have you ever thought about leaving school and learning at home? Thousands of young people do exactly that. It's called 'home-schooling' or 'home education'. So why do parents make the decision to do this? Some parents take their children out of school due to **bullying** or other serious problems, but there is a growing number of British parents who choose to home-educate their children from the start.

We spoke to Leona Griffin, who chose home-schooling for her children. 'We took our children out of school when my daughter Cindy was six and son Liam was eight. There were no problems with teachers and neither of the children was being bullied – in fact they were quite popular – but they were simply bored. With large class sizes, little money and other problems, it's difficult for teachers to give some children the individual attention they need.'

'When we started home-schooling, I was worried the children wouldn't **fit in** socially, so they have a few organized activities a week. Liam is learning the drums and plays in the band. Cindy goes to ballet classes and they both have swimming lessons. **This** means they learn skills and enjoy the company of other children at the same time. In addition, I belong to a home-schooling network so we often get together for trips with other home-schoolers.'

'We don't have a set **timetable**, but negotiate what we're going to do every day. Morning activities include using the computer, writing, spelling, reading, maths and science. After lunch, we generally choose something more creative like art, sewing or gardening. I have to admit that some activities are more popular than others, but in my view, it's important to get through every subject in order to get a good general education.'

'People ask what happens when home-schoolers get to secondary school age. I have friends with teenage children and most of them have decided to follow a syllabus and take GCSE exams. This has meant a more organized day, but the young people still take a great deal of responsibility for their own learning. One girl I know is planning to stop home-schooling when she is 16, do a part-time college course and then go on to university.'

Whatever the age of your children, home-schooling is a challenge, but in my opinion the worst thing to do is turn the home into a **formal** school learning should be fun, and children and young people need to feel happy in order to achieve.'

1. The writer says that home-schooling in Britain ...
 - A. is a serious problem.
 - B. only happens when children are unhappy.
 - C. is becoming more common.
 - D. must start at a very young age.

 2. Which of the following is NOT a reason why Leona decided to home-school her children?
 - A. Her children didn't get on with other students.
 - B. The classes had too many students.
 - C. The teachers couldn't give the students enough attention.
 - D. Her children were not interested in the material.

 3. What does the word '*This*' in paragraph 3 refer to?
 - A. The parents' meeting with other home-schoolers.
 - B. Cindy's and Liam's after-school activities.
 - C. Liam's music classes.
 - D. Cindy's swimming lessons.

 4. According to Leona, Cindy and Liam ...
 - A. especially enjoy the creative activities.
 - B. will not take GCSE exams.
 - C. can decide what activities to do each day.
 - D. will go to a regular school when they're 16.

 5. Why did the author write the article?
 - A. To convince parents to do home-schooling.
 - B. To describe home-schooling and the reasons for choosing it.
 - C. To warn parents about the problems with home-schooling.
 - D. To point out the need for improvements to local schools.
6. Find the highlighted words in the article. Match them to the words with their definitions (A–E).
- A. written outline of what needs to be studied. _____
 - B. organized in a strict manner. _____
 - C. schedule which gives times for doing things. _____
 - D. using cruelty to frighten someone who is weaker. _____
 - E. become an accepted part of a group. _____

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USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 15 minutes
(18 points)

TASK 1.

Read the text below and choose the correct word, A, B, C or D, for each space (1–10).

THE RECIPE FOR GOOD COMMUNICATION

How many people do you communicate with in a day? Probably a lot more (1)_____ you did ten years ago. With a few pieces of equipment, we can ‘talk’ to people in more and more ways, not 2)_____ face-to-face and on the phone, but also via the Internet. It is very important, therefore, (3)_____ everyone to try and improve their communication skills. Despite all the technological advances of (4) _____ years, the art of good conversation is still at the heart of successful communication. (5) _____ it’s a good idea to remember the four golden rules of good communication. Firstly, be as clear as you can. Misunderstandings arise if we don’t say exactly (6) _____ we mean. Secondly, we have to work (7) _____ at listening. Pay attention to what the other person is saying. Thirdly, ask (8) _____ people what they think, don’t only tell them what you think. And finally show respect for people, give them time to say what they want, and (9) _____ interest in what they say.

If you (10) _____ these rules, you will be a good communicator.

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| 1. | A like | B than | C as | D that |
| 2. | A yet | B even | C just | D still |
| 3. | A if | B from | C for | D by |
| 4. | A late | B close | C recent | D last |
| 5. | A So | B There | C Or | D Such |
| 6. | A what | B whom | C when | D which |
| 7. | A much | B hard | C very | D great |
| 8. | A each | B every | C another | D other |
| 9. | A show | B be | C put | D get |
| 10. | A act | B follow | C go | D move |

TASK 2.

For Questions 11–20, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

INTERNATIONAL PEN PAL CLUB

International Pen Pals (IPP) started off as a small (11)_____ **OPERATE**
in 1967. The organisation now has 440,000 members in 240
countries (12)_____; its youngest member is seven and its **WORLD**
oldest is 95. IPP (13)_____ come from all walks of **APPLY**
life to join this guaranteed pen pal (14) _____. **SERVE**
Members are given a list of fifteen names and addresses for
(15)_____ with people around the world. Exchanging **CORRESPOND**
emails is an (16)_____ to learn more about geography, **OPPORTUNE**
travel and foreign languages. And once the (17)_____ has **FRIEND**
developed, people can explore the (18)_____ of **POSSIBLE**
exchange holidays. Because emailing is very easy, some
(19)_____ are bound to develop, and IPP is keen **RELATE**
that the club is seen as an (20)_____ to social **EXTEND**
networks but a different way of meeting people.

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WRITING

Time: 45 minutes
(30 points)

You are feeling stressed by the amount of homework you have to do every evening. Write a forum post, in which you:

- write how much homework you do each week,
- describe the benefits and disadvantages of homework,
- give your personal opinion.

Write a forum post of at least **150 words**. Start your post in an appropriate way.

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