LISTENING (20 points)

Time: 20 min

Task 1. You will hear a man on the radio paying tribute to someone called Gerald Durrell. For questions 1-10, fill in the gaps with the words used in the story you are going to listen to. Use 1 word in each gap. You will hear the recording twice.

Gerald Durrell wrote more than (1) ... books about his life. Gerald thought other people didn't take risks because they didn't have enough (2) Although he was born in India, Gerald Durrell moved to Britain when his (3) ... died.

From an early age, Durrell was a keen (4) ... of animals and insects. *My Family and Other Animals* is a book about Gerald Durrell's (5) ... adventures on Corfu. This best-selling book was later made into a TV (6) He was the founder of Jersey (7) ... as well as the World Wildlife Fund.

His natural talent as a (8) ... and mimic helped his public speaking. It can be said that today's (9) ... movement is largely the result of Gerald Durrell's efforts.

One side of his character was the good (10) ... which can be found in his books.

- Task 2. You will hear an interview with a travel writer called Anna Bryant, who is talking about what to do when visiting other countries. For questions 11-20, choose the best answer ("T" if it is true, "F" if it is false and "NS" if the information is not given). You will hear the recording twice.
 - **11.** Before travelling to another country, Anna always tries to talk to someone from that country.
 - **12.** Anna used to pay a serious attention to learning foreign languages while studying at school.
 - 13. Anna is confident that she can communicate fairly easily.

- **14.** Anna says that when visiting someone in their home, it's fine to let them know you're anxious.
- **15.** Anna claims that talking to other people before visiting their country is always helpful because family traditions inside one country are similar enough.
- **16.** When Anna made a cultural mistake, she felt grateful that her host was sympathetic.
- **17.** One of Anna's cultural mistakes was to give a dozen of roses as a present, which occurred to be bad luck.
- **18.** To overcome culture shock when living abroad, Anna tried to establish a routine.
- **19.** When Anna was at the Lantern Festival, she was so eager to participate in it that she was not pleased with watching the process.
- **20.** After finishing a book about culture, Anna is keen to get feedback from people she knows.

TRANSFER YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET.

READING (20 points)

Time: 30 min

Task 1. You are going to read an article about fathers and sons. For questions 1-10, choose from the fathers (A-D). The fathers may be chosen more than once. They may be given in any order.

Which person's father...

always had faith in his son's abilities?	1.
• encouraged his son not to give up in the face of	2.
disappointment?	
• gave his son advice in a light-hearted way?	3.
made his son realise the need to try harder?	4.
• may not have succeeded in passing on certain ideas to his son?	5.
never blamed his son for mistakes that he made?	6.
• put no pressure on his son to follow in his footsteps?	7.
comforted his son when equipment let him down?	8.
showed his son how to perform practical tasks?	9.
was willing to listen to his son's suggestions?	10.

What's the best advice your father ever gave you?

We asked four successful young men.

A Tony: Racing driver

'Drive it like you stole it and keep it on the black stuff!' I was quite nervous when I first started racing, but those were my dad's jokey words of wisdom and they made me feel better at the time. In the beginning, I had quite a few spins on the

circuits - the very first one was particularly scary because the car left the track, but he never said it was my fault. I used to drive a Porsche 924 and pretty much every single race something would break, but Dad would just say: 'Don't worry about the car, we can always fix it.' I didn't like people behind me when I went round corners, but Dad was always telling me not to take any notice, to focus on what I was doing. I've got a long way to go, but Dad's really good - he's hardly the most polite person to have around if things don't go well, but he's my role model.

B David: Record producer

Because Dad and I have always been close, there was no moment when he imparted some big philosophical piece of advice. I think his greatest gift has been his general unwavering belief in me. Since I was about fourteen, he's given me the opportunity to input ideas and have my say about the bands we work with or the equipment we use, which is amazing. When you're part of a family business, it can sometimes feel as if you have to be there, but my brother and I have done other things, and we're back with Dad again because we want to be. He left the decision to us. Dad's also been good at giving career advice because he's done it and he's got the experience. He's given me that drive and ambition to succeed.

C Andy: Buyer for a department store

I was probably Dad's most unruly son. He tried to teach me a lot of things – how much I've taken on board is another matter. But I don't think I'm such a disappointment to him! He's a very cool dad, but he's quite traditional in some ways. He's always said that if you want to succeed, then get on with it. If you're going to do something, do it right away or at least write it down so you don't forget! I'm proud of my dad and how hard he worked for us to have a lovely childhood and good lifestyle. Dad also taught me valuable skills like how to change the oil in my car, how to play tennis and ski – although the last time he saw me doing that he said he feared for his life

D Simon: Rugby player

He had this catchphrase: 'Under-prepare, and you prepare to fail.' I heard it time and again. A typical teenager when things went wrong, I was always trying to blame everything and everyone but myself. He used his catchphrase and explained that if you don't put sufficient effort in, you'll never get anything out of whatever it is you're doing. That's stayed with me ever since, even now when I'm playing professionally. He's always given a fair amount of advice. He made me realise that if you just stick at something, no matter how hard things get, then your time will come. It's the hardest thing to hear when things aren't going well. At the beginning of the season, I wasn't getting picked for many matches. Then when the chance came to play, I really took it.

Task 2. Read the text below about a vacation in Costa Rica and answer the questions (11-20). Choose the best answer, A, B, C or D.

Eco-Adventure in Costa-Rica!

Join *Broadreach summer Adventures* this summer and experience Costa Rica for the vacation of a lifetime in this rainforest paradise. Your three-week adventure will include outdoor activities such as surfing, scuba diving, sailing, ski-kayaking, horseback riding and backcountry hiking. You will also participate in a programme to rescue Costa Rica's endangered sea turtles and learn from experts about these rare and beautiful creatures and their environment. In the final week, you will board the Olive Ridley, a 40-foot sailing vessel, for a cruise along the coast. Many surprises await you, but we can promise this: you will learn skills and leave with memories that will last a lifetime.

Group Life

We maintain a group size of 10-14 individuals, plus two full-time group leaders. The small group size promotes teamwork, cooperation, leadership and compromise. Our trained staff and the participants come together to make decisions about activities

that suit the goals and abilities of the group. You will be able to relax, be yourself and get to know and appreciate others for who they are. In addition, experts in various areas will often join your group to offer training in the new activities and share knowledge about the natural environment and local cultures we explore.

Week 1

The first week is for getting acquainted with your group and group leaders. There will be lessons in 'survival Spanish' and local customs. We will then spend a week hiking through the rainforest, exploring the rivers on white-water rafting trips and soaring through the rainforest canopy on Costa Rica's famous zip lines. On many excursions, naturalists will join the group to talk about the many amazing plants and animals of Costa Rica. Evenings will be spent relaxing in a campground, where you will have a chance to learn some local recipes.

Week 2

In our second week, we travel to the island of Parismina to learn about Costa Rica's amazing sea turtles. While on the island, you will live with a host family in a local village and be immersed in the culture. Professional ecologists will introduce you to the turtle conservation programme. Volunteers take short night shifts, where they monitor turtles and collect eggs, which are then taken to a safe hatching location. A highlight of the experience is watching baby turtles hatch and make their way to the ocean. During the day, you will experience the local village culture through music, crafts and storytelling.

Week 3

For the third and final week, we will board the Olive Ridley for a sailing adventure along the coast. We will land in various locations to explore and spot some

of the wildlife, which includes monkeys, sloths and some of the world's most brilliantly-coloured frogs and birds.

Requirements

Anyone in good health and moderately good shape can join this trip. We require that you take a physical exam before registering. If you have a condition such as asthma, please let us know in advance. Experience in any of the activities on the trip is not necessary; instruction will be given to the group by our leaders who are fully trained in safety procedures.

Travel requirements

In order to participate in Broadreach Summer Adventures, you must own a valid passport and purchase health and travel insurance in advance. You are responsible for all flights to the location. We suggest leaving lots of layover time in case flights are delayed. A representative will meet you at the airport.

How to apply

You can visit our website at: http://gobroadreach.com and download a form or apply online. Call ahead and check availability as trips fill up fast! You can choose one of two trips available in July and August. Depending on the timetable, some activities may vary. The deadline for payment is March 1st; payments received after that date are considered late and an extra fee will apply. Please e-mail: questions@gobroadreach.com for answers to further questions.

11. What is required in order to participate?

- **A.** Participants must be trained in safety procedures.
- **B.** Participants must not suffer from asthma.
- **C.** Participants must have previous experience in activities.
- **D.** Participants must take a physical test.

- **12.** What travel precaution is not mentioned in the text?
 - **A.** buying travel insurance
 - **B.** bringing appropriate clothing
 - **C.** having an up-to-date passport
 - **D.** leaving layover time between flights
- **13.** What activities are participants able to do during the first week?
 - **A.** try their hand at cooking
 - **B.** learn some useful phrases in a foreign language
 - **C.** glide along without engine power
 - **D.** all of the above
- **14.** What is the main focus of Week 2 of the adventure?
 - **A.** participating in the sea turtle conservation programme
 - **B.** learning about village foods and customs
 - C. practising survival Spanish
 - **D.** exploring the rainforest and learning about different animals
- **15.** Which activities are participants able to do during the third week?
 - **A.** white-water rafting and hiking in the rainforests
 - **B.** meeting local people and learning about the wildlife
 - **C.** sailing and exploring the coastal areas
 - **D.** none of the above
- **16.** Which type of accommodation is not mentioned in the text?
 - **A.** on a sailing yacht
 - **B.** in a tree house in the rainforest
 - **C.** camping in the wilderness
 - **D.** living with a family
- **17.** In what way do participants help conserve the environment on this vacation package?

- **A.** by supporting Broadreach Summer Adventures
- **B.** by helping save and preserve endangered species
- **C.** by donating money to local communities
- **D.** by buying local crafts
- **18.** What is true about the text?
 - **A.** All participants of the trip will work at night.
 - **B.** Participants will carry newly born animals to the sea.
 - **C.** Participants will join the organisers to pick the activities for the group.
 - **D.** Participants will encounter one of the slowest mammals in the world.
- **19.** Why is experience in activities such as sailing and rafting not required?
 - **A.** All the work is done by experts and group leaders.
 - **B.** Skill development is not a focus of the programme.
 - **C.** Participation in adventure activities is optional.
 - **D.** Group leaders provide any necessary instruction.
- **20.** According to the text, what is the consequence of registering late?
 - **A.** You will pay more.
 - **B.** You cannot participate in the programme.
 - **C.** You may not get the departure date of your choice.
 - **D.** You will not be met at the airport.

TRANSFER YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET.

USE OF ENGLISH (40 points)

Time: 30 min

Task 1. You are going to read an article about 'Cinco De Mayo', an important Mexican holiday. Ten words are missing. Think of the word that matches the definition and solve the crosswords.

Cinco De Mayo

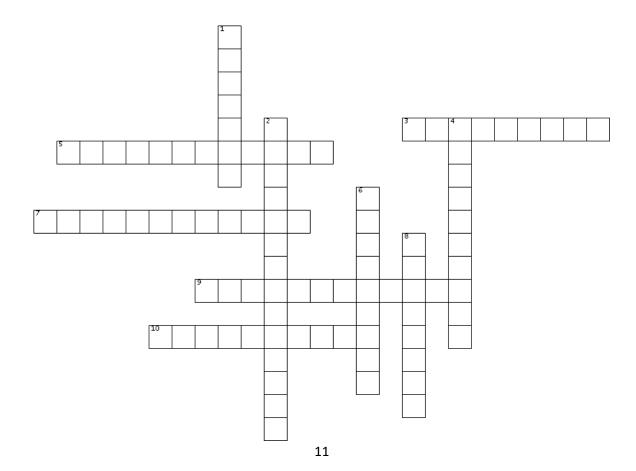
Cinco De Mayo, the 5th of May, is a celebration of Mexican heritage and pride. The holiday (7) ... the victory of Mexican forces over French forces in the Battle of Puebla, which took place on 5 May, 1862. It is primarily a regional holiday celebrated in the Mexican state of Puebla, with some limited recognition in other parts of Mexico. Cinco De Mayo is also widely celebrated in US cities with a significant Mexican population, as well as other locations around the world.

The people of Puebla, Mexico, celebrate Cinco De Mayo in a colourful, vibrant display of power and colours. In fact, the city of Puebla considers the Cinco De Mayo celebrations to be the most important ones of the year and both the (4) ... and visitors make the most of it with lots of food, music and drinks. At the centre of the Cinco De Mayo celebrations is the parade, as it (6) ... not only cultural icons, but also a great display of power, as the Mexican army marches through the streets. After the parade, food is the main attraction during the celebrations. There are numerous booths set up around the city displaying a variety of (10) ... Many of them offer the most (2) ... of Mexican cuisine: Mole Poblano. Mole Poblano is a thick spicy sauce that comes from blending more than 40 ingredients and is spread on top of turkey or chicken and Mexican style red rice.

Visitors can also enjoy fresh watermelon and orange juice, tacos and burritos, snow cones, and even candyfloss. Traditional fruit punch or lemonade is also served, as both are a classical part of Mexican cuisine.

In the United States, Cinco De Mayo has taken on (9) ... beyond that in Mexico. The date is perhaps best recognised in the US as a date to celebrate the culture and experiences of Americans of Mexican ancestry, much as St. Patrick's Day, Oktoberfest and the Chinese New Year are used to celebrate those of Irish, German and Chinese ancestry (5) ... Similar to those holidays, Cinco de Mayo is observed by many Americans, regardless of their ethnic origin. To celebrate, many people display Cinco De Mayo banners while school districts hold special events to educate students about its historical significance. Special events and celebrations (3) ... aspects of Mexican culture, especially its music and regional dancing. Examples include ballet *folklorico* and *mariachi* demonstrations held (8) ... at the Plaza del Pueblo de Los Angeles, near Olvera Street.

Commercial interests in the United States also (1) ... from the celebration, as the sale of Mexican products and services increases, particularly beverages, food and music.



ACROSS

- 3. to describe something in a way that makes people notice it and think about it
- **5.** in a way that relates or belongs to each of the separate people or things you have just mentioned
- 7. serves as a memorial of
- 9. the importance that something has because it affects other things
- 10. something especially rare or expensive that is good to eat

DOWN

- 1. to get help or an advantage from something
- 2. typical of, or the same as, others in a larger group of people or things
- **4.** the offices, departments, and groups of people that control a country, state, city, or other political unit
- 6. shows the best qualities or parts of something
- **8.** happening every year

Task 2. For items 11-20, read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

The joy of photography

Photography (0) ... us to express ourselves. We all enjoy taking pictures and putting these in our albums as wonderful memories.

Photography is a hobby with wide (11) ... And I don't mean shooting photos on your mobile phone, though it cannot be (12) ... that such pictures can be surprisingly good these days. Serious photography means taking the (13) ... to do some research, exploring the technical (14) ... of the subject and investing in what might be quite expensive equipment. So why take up photography? Firstly, it allows you to (15) ...

special moments that you want to remember forever. In addition, it (16) ... your imagination because you are always in search of ideas for original and out of the ordinary photos.

However, a lot of practice is required before you (17) ... to take really good pictures on a regular basis. When you finally do it, it will be a (18) ... of great satisfaction for you. Photography can also transform the way you (19) ... at the world. You start to see details that in the past you used to miss (20) All in all, it's a highly absorbing hobby.

0	a) lets	b) allows	c) makes	d) gives
11.	a) appeal	b) taste	c) interest	d) attraction
12.	a) rejected	b) contradicted	c) denied	d) refused
13.	a) trouble	b) care	c) effort	d) concern
14.	a) characteristics	b) forms	c) qualities	d) aspects
15.	a) seize	b) capture	c) grab	d) catch
16.	a) motivates	b) renews	c) stimulates	d) reacts
17.	a) manage	b) succeed	c) achieve	d) reach
18.	a) reason	b) cause	c) source	d) means
19.	a) glance	b) see	c) stare	d) look
20.	a) utterly	b) completely	c) fully	d) absolutely

Task 3. For questions (21-30) mark the statements below with "T" if they are true or "F" if they are false.

- **21.** The British Parliament consists of the House of Lords and the House of Representatives.
- **22.** Australia Day, the national day of the country is celebrated on 26th January, in winter.

- **23.** King Charles III is Australia's Head of State.
- **24.** The Lake District contains the principal English lakes and the highest English mountains.
- 25. There are two mottos in the Coat of Arms of the UK.
- **26.** The Australian Coat of Arms features a red kangaroo and a kiwi.
- **27.** Golf and basketball were invented in the UK and are considered national sports today.
- **28.** Two nicknames for British police, 'bobbies' and 'Peelers' come from the founder of the police, Robert Burns.
- **29.** The London Eye was constructed to commemorate the millennium.
- **30.** The first postage stamp was created in the UK. It was designed in May 1840, and it featured Queen Elizabeth II.

Task 4. Each idiom listed below contains the name of food. For items 31-40 fill in the words missing in the idioms.

cream	nut	beans		salt c		cookie
	apple	cucumber	cake		tea	eggs

- **31.** Baby Jessica is the of her father's eye.
- **32.** Angelo is a hard to crack when something is bothering him like this.
- **33.** Working at the university library lets me have my and eat it too—I can study and make money at the same time.
- **34.** 'That's the way the crumbles,' I thought when I understood that I would not be able to afford to buy a new car.
- **35.** I thought I was afraid of flying, but I was as cool as a all the way to England.
- **36.** My Granny, who is seventy, is always full of I never get bored with her.
- **37.** Opera isn't exactly my cup of

38.	We need to draft this	player-	-he's definitely	y the	of the crop
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- **39.** Even though I'm keen on Art, I'm taking a Maths course because my dad says I shouldn't put all of my in one basket.
- **40.** Any teacher worth his is able to inspire his students.

TRANSFER YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET.

WRITING (20 points)

Time: 40 min

You see the following notice in an online English magazine for teenagers.

Reviews wanted

A Fantastic Book/Movie/TV Series!

Have you ever read a book or watched a movie/a TV series which you really loved? If so, write a review including some general information about the book/movie/TV series, the plot, the main character(s), what you liked about it and explain why you would recommend it to other teenagers. Don't forget to send the review to us by the end of November! We will put the best reviews on our website next month.

Remember to:

- give a headline to your review and use one phrasal verb of your choice in the correct form in your review;
- write some general information (genre, time of action, main themes) about the book/movie/TV series;
- introduce the plot and the main character(s);
- outline no fewer than 2 things that you liked about the book/movie/series;
- give at least 2 reasons why people of your age should read/watch it.

Underline the required phrasal verb in your review.

Write 220—250 words (the title is included in the word count).