

LISTENING (18 points)

Time: 15 minutes

Task 1. Listen to the teenagers talking about their families and mark the statements (1-10) with “T” if they are true and “F” if they are false. You will hear the recording twice.

FAMILY LIFE

1. Angela has never visited John’s house.
2. John’s parents moved south to start a family.
3. Angela’s family lives far away from her.
4. John does not tell others much about his family.
5. John often sees his parents because they don’t work much.
6. Angela will see all her family soon.
7. Angela is excited about an upcoming family party.
8. John is eager to join his uncle’s firm after school.
9. Angela often seeks advice from her elder sister.
10. John’s brother has recently graduated from university.

Task 2. You will hear the text about Muhammad Ali, the first three-time boxing champion. For questions 11-18, choose the best answer (a, b or c). You will hear the recording twice.

BOXING CHAMPION

11. What unique skill did Muhammad Ali possess that set him apart from other boxers?
 - a) His ability to compose rhymes on the run.
 - b) His ability to run fast.
 - c) His TV show called ‘Tomorrow’s Champions’.

12. How did the local policeman, Joe Martin, contribute to Ali’s early boxing career?
 - a) He suggested that Ali should become a police officer.
 - b) He suggested that Ali should learn to fight.
 - c) He invited Ali to the TV show called ‘Tomorrow’s Champions’.

13. What was the initial motivation that led Ali to start boxing?

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- a) He wanted to beat up the thief who stole his bicycle.
- b) He was living in a poor black neighbourhood in Louisville.
- c) He wanted to win an Olympic gold medal.

14. How old was Ali when he became Olympic gold medalist?

- a) He was 17.
- b) He was 18.
- c) He was 19.

15. What was the main reason why Ali refused to serve in the American army during the Vietnam War?

- a) He was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.
- b) He lost his championship belt.
- c) He had religious reasons.

16. How did Ali's controversial opinion on the Vietnam War affect his boxing career?

- a) He was named Sportsman of the Century.
- b) He lost his championship belt and was sentenced to prison.
- c) It motivated him to start a successful business venture.

17. When was Ali named Sportsman of the Century?

- a) In 1899.
- b) In 1991.
- c) In 1999.

18. What did Ali's daughter do despite her father's comments on female boxing?

- a) She became a boxer.
- b) She protested against racism in America.
- c) She protested against female boxing.

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READING (17 points)

Time: 25 minutes

Task 1. Read the text about natural wonders of Russia and for questions (1-7) choose the best answer (a, b or c).

NATURAL WONDERS OF RUSSIA

Russia is the largest country in the world, sharing land borders with 14 countries. With its rich and exciting history, Russia boasts numerous historical buildings and ancient sites that attract tourists from around the globe. However, the country's attractions extend beyond its cultural heritage. Its vast territory and diverse climate have given rise to many breathtaking natural wonders that captivate every visitor. In fact, Russia is one of the premier destinations for nature tours.

Lake Baikal

Located in southern Siberia, Lake Baikal is the largest freshwater lake in the world, containing nearly a quarter of the world's fresh surface water. This massive high-altitude rift lake in Siberia is the oldest and deepest lake in the world – reaching a maximum depth of 1,642 meters and estimated to be about 25 million years old. Lake Baikal is also considered one of the world's clearest lakes. This is particularly noticeable in winter, when, in some areas, it's possible to see up to 40 meters down into the water – even though much of the lake's surface freezes over for up to five months a year. The lake was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1996.

The Valley of Geysers

The Valley of Geysers is a geyser field on the Kamchatka Peninsula that has the second largest concentration of geysers in the world (90 in total) and many hot springs. Thirty geysers from this collection have been named, and the biggest geyser, Giant Geyser, has a water jet that reaches 40 meters. The Valley of Geysers is part of the Kronotsky Nature Reserve, which is incorporated into the World Heritage Site known as the Volcanoes of Kamchatka. The area is not an easy-to-reach destination, as you can only access it by helicopter.

Mount Elbrus

Mount Elbrus is the highest mountain in Russia and Europe, and it is the tenth most prominent peak in the world. A dormant volcano, Elbrus is located in the Caucasus Mountains in Southern

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Russia, near the border with Georgia. Elbrus has two summits, both of which are dormant volcanic domes. The western summit is 5,642 metres high, while the eastern summit is 5,621 metres. A total area of 53 square miles (138 square km) of Elbrus is covered by 22 glaciers, which feed the Kuban River and some of the headwaters of the Terek. Elbrus is a major centre for mountaineering and tourism in the Caucasus region.

Manpupuner Rock Formations

The Manpupuner rock formations are also known as the Seven Strong Men Rock Formations or Poles of the Komi Republic. These are a set of seven gigantic, unusually shaped stone pillars located west of the Ural mountains in the Komi Republic. These monoliths, formed through the weathering effects of ice and wind stand between 30 and 42 meters high. According to the local legend, the stone pillars were once giants walking through the mountains to Siberia to defeat the Mansi people. However, upon seeing the holy Mansi mountains, the shaman of the giants dropped his drum, and the giants froze into stone pillars. The Manpupuner rock formations are a very popular attraction in Russia, though they are not well known internationally and therefore relatively unspoiled by tourism.

Kungur Cave

The historical and natural complex of Kungur Cave is located in Perm Territory, Russia. This ice cave lies 100 km from Perm on the right bank of the Sylva River. It is one of the largest karst caves in the European part of Russia and the seventh longest chalk cave (8,153 meters) in the world. This cave, which is between 10,000 and 12,000 years old, has been known since 1703 and it became a tourist attraction in 1914. Huge stalactites that hang like candles from the ceiling of its 58 caves with glacial blocks underfoot and 70 underground lakes have made this place one of the most popular attractions.

1. What approximate percentage of the world's fresh surface water does Lake Baikal contain?

- a) 10%.
- b) 25%.
- c) 50%.

2. Why is the Valley of Geysers considered a challenging destination to access?

- a) It is located in a remote area of the Kamchatka Peninsula.

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- b) It takes tourists a long time to reach.
 - c) It can only be reached by one means of transport.
3. What is the difference between the western summit and the eastern summit of Mount Elbrus?
- a) It is 121 metres.
 - b) It is 12 metres.
 - c) It is 21 metres.
4. According to the local legend, the Manpupuner rock formations
- a) appeared because a wizard dropped his musical instrument.
 - b) were the result of volcanic activity.
 - c) were created by the Mansi people.
5. What feature of the Kungur Cave is mentioned in the text?
- a) It is the longest cave in Russia.
 - b) It contains impressive stalactites.
 - c) It has been a popular tourist attraction since the beginning of the 19th century.
6. Which of the natural wonders described in the passage is located in Siberia?
- a) Lake Baikal.
 - b) Mount Elbrus.
 - c) The Valley of Geysers.
7. What is the main purpose of the passage?
- a) To highlight the natural diversity of Russia's landscapes.
 - b) To discourage tourism to Russia's most remote natural wonders.
 - c) To compare the natural wonders of Russia to those found in other countries.

Task 2. For items 8–12, read the text below and choose sentences a–g that fit into the numbered gaps in the text. There are two extra sentences, which you do not need to use.

MARS ONE MISSION

A one-way ticket to another planet where there is no air, no water or food – and certainly no return home – may not sound like a lot of fun. However, to 165,000 applicants, the opportunity to live

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permanently on Mars has been too tempting to ignore. 8._____. They will be the first courageous pioneers for a permanent space colony on the Red Planet.

The organisers of the Mars One mission said they were surprised by how many people had offered to become the first astronauts to land and live on Mars. 9._____. This is not because it would be impossible, but because of the technical difficulty and cost of equipping and fuelling the trip home.

Each applicant has had to pay on average about \$25, depending on their country, to cover the administrative fees of the selection process. Nevertheless, even this small financial penalty has failed to dissuade the tens of thousands who dream of going to Mars. 10._____. The quality of the applicants is very high, according to Bas Lansdorp, the Dutch businessman who dreamt up the scheme. Lansdorp's plan is to create a media event which is 'exciting, inspiring and beautiful', just like the Olympic Games that gave him the idea.

A selection committee will begin to sort applicants in the coming months, and shortlists will be drawn up in the coming year. 11._____. The list of 140 countries where the applicants live include such space nations as Russia, China, Brazil, India and the United States. The plan is to build teams of four people, each from a different continent, who will live and train together for seven years before the first manned launch.

Rockets carrying cargo, food and living modules will be sent to Mars a few years in advance of the manned landing. 12._____. Lansdorp insists that the mission will be successful, even though drinking water will have to be collected from the Martian soil by robotic explorers before the astronauts are able to land.

But perhaps the biggest obstacle of all will be the psychological anxiety of knowing there is no return journey no matter what happens. 'They will only step into the rocket if they really want to go. The risk is theirs and they can't change their mind once they are on the way,' Mr Lansdorp said.

- a) A further crew of four people will arrive two years after the first astronauts have landed.
- b) One would have to agree with their reaction, given that the privately financed plan does not involve a return journey.

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- c) The pioneers will also face lethal hazards such as high doses of cosmic radiation and potentially toxic Martian dust.
- d) They are looking for applicants who are healthy, smart enough to learn new skills and able to function in a small group.
- e) Applicants were expected to be slim enough.
- f) This is the number of people who have recently offered to join an ambitious private mission to send to Mars in the near future.
- g) And the final total could rise even higher before the deadline for applications is reached.

Task 3. Read the text “Mars One mission” again and mark each sentence below (13-17) T (true) or F (false) according to the text.

- 13. Many people were ready to apply for the Mars One mission despite the high cost of the trip.
- 14. The Mars One mission will send astronauts to Mars with the possibility of returning to Earth.
- 15. Applicants had to pay a fee to participate in the selection process for the Mars One mission.
- 16. The selection committee will create teams of four people from the same continent.
- 17. The psychological challenge of this one-way trip is considered a major obstacle for the mission.

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Time: 20 minutes

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

DOGS

Who is man's best friend? The dog, of course! The dog is the most popular domesticated animal in the world. Dogs and humans go 1. ____ back. It is believed that humans domesticated a wolf-like 2. ____ of the dog around 10,000 years ago. Throughout this time the dog has been a companion, a protector and 3. ____ all, a loyal friend to humans. Different civilisations and cultures have treated the dog in different ways. Today, in some countries dogs are used as guards, 4. ____ in others they pull sleds. In the 5. ____, ancient Greeks and ancient Mayans of Central America associated dogs with death and the afterlife. The domestic dog was found all over the world. Dog bones that have been discovered so far 6. ____ back to the period 10,000 - 7,000 BC. Throughout the centuries, many types of dogs have been bred for specific tasks such as hunting, herding, and guarding. Among their many talents, they provide companionship, assist the disabled and work in police departments. One must always keep in 7. ____ that dogs are a big responsibility. So before running to your local pet store to buy the first adorable puppy, 8. ____ sure that you can be a good dog owner first.

1	A	long	B	way	C	away	D	far
2	A	ancestor	B	pedigree	C	descendant	D	father
3	A	at	B	about	C	of	D	above
4	A	however	B	also	C	while	D	moreover
5	A	future	B	year	C	past	D	present
6	A	take	B	come	C	go	D	date
7	A	shape	B	mind	C	touch	D	check
8	A	for	B	do	C	come	D	make

Task 2. For items 9-15, find the parts of some idioms that are hidden in the word search below. Words can go across or down. There are two words in the word search that you do not need to use.

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9. Aha! I see you trying to look inside that Christmas present, you've been caught _____-handed.
10. There's a lot of work to do, so roll up your _____ and get busy.
11. Keep your _____ on, lieutenant! Your equipment will be here in the morning.
12. After years of hard work, his efforts finally bore _____ when he was promoted to a managerial position.
13. I've heard that new cafe downtown is the _____ of the month but, honestly, it's overpriced.
14. Jenny would like to have her own Ferrari car, but it costs a _____.
15. A lot of consumers _____ over the odds to get the newest smartphones. I always wait a few months until they become cheaper.

B	A	R	G	A	I	N	I	S	A
B	W	J	Z	B	U	C	P	Z	E
N	H	O	T	H	C	U	A	Q	J
F	L	A	V	O	U	R	Y	U	F
O	F	R	U	I	T	E	I	X	S
Y	Q	O	L	E	E	R	E	D	P
V	R	F	S	H	I	R	T	K	U
T	R	O	U	S	E	R	S	F	K
P	B	F	O	R	T	U	N	E	Y
V	C	S	L	E	E	V	E	S	L

Task 3. For questions 16-20, match the titles of the animated films (A-G) to the description of the plot (15-20). There are two titles you do not need to use.

description of the plot	titles of the animated films
16. It is a coming-of-age tale that follows a young deer as he navigates his way through the forest and learns valuable lessons about life. The animation's use of light and shadow creates a unique visual style that is both striking and emotional.	A. How to Train Your Dragon B. Bambi C. Raya and the Last Dragon

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17. It is a classic animated film that follows the journey of a young creature as he becomes the male ruler of the Pride Lands. The film's use of music is significant, with unforgettable songs like "Circle of Life" and "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" that help establish the film's unforgettable tone and mood. 18. This adventure-comedy film follows the story of a young Scandinavian named Hiccup who befriends a dragon. The animation style of the film is stunning, with a unique design that captures the beauty of the old Scandinavian world. 19. It is a delightful animated film that follows the story of a young Mexican determined to pursue his dreams. The powerful visuals and catchy soundtrack reflect an enchanting journey of the boy who wants to find his great-great-grandfather. Along the way, the main character learns a lot about family, culture and self-expression. 20. It is an adventure-comedy film that follows the story of the main character who sets out on a journey to fulfill his lifelong dream of exploring the wilds of South America. It highlights good things in life: family, love, companionship and - in this instance - the joy of sharing one's passion with another person. The animation style of the film is stunning, with a unique design that captures the beauty of nature.	D. The Lion King E. Up F. The Jungle Book G. Coco
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WRITING (20 points)

Time: 30 minutes

Read the advertisement.

Stories wanted!

We are looking for stories for our teenage online magazine. Are you a creative and imaginative person? Write an adventure story and take part in our contest! Your story must begin with

After Mia moved to a small town, she got a mysterious email.

We will put the best stories on our website next month.

Write an adventure story.

Remember to:

- give the title that is connected to the plot of your story;
- start with the sentence from the advertisement;
- include a family secret and a familiar-looking stranger in your story;
- use direct speech at least once;
- make the ending of your story happy.

Follow the plan and express your ideas in a clear and logical way.

Write 120-200 words.

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