

LISTENING (10 points)

Time: 15 minutes

Task 1. *You will hear Hazel's speech about her favorite sport. Complete the gaps 1-5 with one word. There will be a short pause (15 seconds) between the first and the second listening.*

1. I like _____ team sports.
2. I kind of prefer _____ in a team sport.
3. It's nice to _____ with a team.
4. That's why I like playing _____.
5. I found it quite difficult to _____ myself to go.

Now you have 20 seconds to look at task 2.

Task 2. *Listen to the conversation between Graham and Nikki. Graham starts the conversation by talking about his musical preferences. For items 6-10, choose the best variant (A, B or C). You will hear the text twice. There will be a short pause (15 seconds) between the first and the second listening.*

6. What music is Graham listening to at the moment?
 - A. swing music
 - B. dance music
 - C. jazz music

7. Which one of these musicians played in small band?
 - A. Benny Goodman
 - B. Glenn Miller
 - C. Louis Jordan

8. How many horn-players did the big bands have?
 - A. 3 or 4
 - B. 5
 - C. maybe 10

9. Why does Graham think people liked the smaller clubs?

A. they liked to drink

B. they were cheaper

C. they liked to dance

10. What style of music was played in the smaller clubs?

A. underground

B. jump blues

C. rock 'n' roll

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet

USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 20 minutes

Task 1. For items 1-10, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

When I was a little boy, I really **(1)** ... to enjoy digging around in our back garden and at the beach, looking for anything **(2)** ... interest. So it's hardly surprising that I grew **(3)** ... to become an archaeologist. I wouldn't say it was easy getting to the top of the profession, and it **(4)** ... me many years to become a respected leader in my field. It's usually hot, hard work on **(5)** ... archaeological dig, sifting carefully through layers of ancient dirt under the sun all day **(6)** It is very rewarding, **(7)** I'm very proud of the priceless objects that have been uncovered at the sites I'm in **(8)** ... of. I believe that I have helped to give the world some beautiful ancient

artefacts that we would never **(9)** ... found otherwise, and that this has contributed **(10)** ... to our world heritage and to our knowledge of the past.

Task 2. For items 11-20, read the text below and decide which option (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Your big exams are just **(11)** ... the corner and you have only two or three days left to do some serious revision. You have to **(12)** ... to memory the history of the Industrial **(13)** ... — **(14)** ... what are you doing organising the kitchen cupboards? Ordinarily, it is not a task that you would choose to do unless you really had to, but suddenly you feel the time is right to pay particular attention to this area of the house and **(15)** ... it looking spotless. The books upstairs can wait.

Such behaviour is known as procrastination — a **(16)** ... attempt to avoid something which really needs to be done, but which you can't be **(17)** ... to do. Other examples of this sort of behaviour include browsing the Internet or watching television when the kitchen **(18)** ... is full of dirty dishes, or going off to get tea and coffee at the office instead of finishing the work you've been given.

In short, procrastination is the art of **(19)** ... till tomorrow what should be done today. More often than not, the real reason why a procrastinator delays a job is that they have a vague hope that someone else **(20)** ... just do it for them.

11.	A at	B on	C around	D about
12.	A commit	B complete	C execute	D enact
13.	A Revolt	B Upheaval	C Rebellion	D Revolution
14.	A and	B therefore	C so	D thus
15.	A make	B get	C cause	D turn
16.	A determined	B planned	C deliberate	D calculated
17.	A burdened	B troubled	C bothered	D made

18.	A basin	B sink	C bowl	D tub
19.	A taking off	B putting away	C getting ahead	D putting off
20.	A might	B should	C has to	D must

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

READING (15 points)

Time: 30 minutes

Task 1. Read an encyclopedia entry on the Taj Mahal. Then match headings (A-H) to paragraphs (1-5). There are three extra headings you will not need to use.

Reading text: An encyclopedia entry

The Taj Mahal (pronounced /tɑːdʒ m'hɑːl/) is a famous mausoleum next to the river Yamuna in the Indian city of Agra. A mausoleum is a building where people bury the dead. The name Taj Mahal means 'the crown of palaces'.

1.

The most famous part of the Taj Mahal is the large white dome in the centre. It is 35 metres high and is surrounded by four smaller domes. The rooms inside the building are decorated with beautiful archways and precious stones in the walls. The buildings are surrounded by gardens with pathways, pools, fountains and green gardens.

2.

The construction of the Taj Mahal began in 1632 and finished in 1653. It was built with materials from all over India and Asia, but the main material is white marble. Historians believe that the materials were transported by over 1,000 elephants for the construction.

3.

The emperor Shah Jahan built the Taj Mahal as a burial place for his wife, Mumtaz Mahal. According to legend, he wanted to build another Taj Mahal in black on the other side of the river, but this never happened. During the Indian Rebellion of 1857, many parts of the Taj Mahal were damaged by British soldiers, who took some of the precious stones from its walls. Over the years, the Taj Mahal has suffered from environmental damage, and there have been many government attempts to conserve its beauty.

4.

The Taj Mahal is one of India's most famous landmarks. There are millions of visitors to the mausoleum every year. The Taj Mahal is almost always included in lists of famous buildings to visit and is considered one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

5.

- Encyclopedia Britannica article on the Taj Mahal:
<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Taj-Mahal>

- Official site of the Taj Mahal: <https://www.tajmahal.gov.in/>
- UNESCO Profile of the Taj Mahal: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/252>

Headings:

- a. Gallery
- b. History
- c. Tourism
- d. Challenge
- e. Architecture
- f. References
- g. Construction
- h. Legend

Task 2. Do you like eating out? Check out these reviews of the trendiest places to eat and then choose all restaurants that answer the questions 6-10.

Food and restaurants

Are you looking for somewhere special to go this weekend? Do you want to try something new? Check out one of these hot new restaurants.

Last Days of the Raj

A centrally located Indian restaurant, perfect for eating before or after the cinema or a show. In summer enjoy your meal in the beautiful garden. The most popular dishes are lamb and chicken cooked with mild, medium or hot spices. For brave customers there is extra hot!

A Taste of Tuscany

Whether you'd like a great value-for-money lunch or a relaxed evening meal in stylish surroundings, this is the place for you. The chefs have all been trained in Italy and they make both traditional and contemporary dishes. We recommend the pasta and seafood.

Your Local Caff

Remember when cafés served full English breakfasts – sausages, beans, fried bread, bacon and eggs – with a strong cup of tea? Well, this place still does and you can have your breakfast at any time you like during the day while you listen to your favourite tunes from the 1980s.

The Lemon Tree

This pretty restaurant serves healthy food that's tasty too. Come in for a vegetarian snack at lunchtime or a great fruit smoothie or a cappuccino and a delicious piece of cake in the afternoon. Food is bought from local producers whenever possible.

Cheesy Bites

A restaurant that only serves cheese, but hundreds of cheeses from many countries and in lots of different forms. They serve reasonably priced lunches but dinner can be expensive. Lovely food and a very elegant dining room, looking onto an amazing flower garden.

The Chocolate Box

The owner of this small café used to cook all kinds of food, but then she realised she preferred desserts to anything else. If you want meat or fish, don't come here. They only do desserts! Lots of different kinds of sweets. Chocolate lovers will be excited by the range of chocolate cakes.

Musical Chairs

Have you noticed how music improves the taste of your food? This new restaurant has different types of live music every night except Sundays, and excellent food to go with it. Great fish dishes, steak and pizza. Monday is classic rock night, so see you there!

Choose **a restaurant** that best answers the question:

(6). Which restaurant serves hot and spicy food?

A. The Chocolate Box B. Musical Chairs C. Your Local Caff D. Cheesy Bites
E. Last Days of the Raj F. A Taste of Tuscany. G. The Lemon Tree

(7). Which restaurant is good for people who don't eat meat?

A. The Chocolate Box B. Musical Chairs C. Your Local Caff D. Cheesy Bites
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(8). Which restaurant employs staff trained in Europe?

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(9). Which restaurant serves an all-day breakfast including sausages, bacon and eggs?

A. The Chocolate Box B. Musical Chairs C. Your Local Caff D. Cheesy Bites
E. Last Days of the Raj F. A Taste of Tuscany. G. The Lemon Tree

(10). Which restaurant only has desserts and sweets?

A. The Chocolate Box B. Musical Chairs C. Your Local Caff D. Cheesy Bites
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Task 3. Read the text and decide if the statements below (11-15) are true or false **Skills for the 21st-century workplace**

Have you got the skills you need for the 21st-century workplace?

We need to develop all kinds of skills to survive in the 21st century. Some, like ICT skills and knowledge of the digital world, are taught explicitly in schools in the UK. Here are five less obvious ones for you to think about. These are the sorts of skills that employers may ask you questions about in interviews, so it's a good idea to think about how good you are in these areas. What are your strengths and weaknesses?

Imagination

In the age of technology that we are living in now, it is no longer enough to keep on making the same products. Employers need people who can imagine new approaches and new ideas.

Think: Think of an object or gadget you use every day. How could it be improved? Can you think of three improvements?

Problem solving

Employers will value workers who are able to see problems before they happen and come up with creative solutions.

Think: Imagine you are organising an end-of-term social event at school. Think of some problems that you could face. Can you think of any solutions?

Communication skills

Workers will have to be good communicators. They will have to be able to negotiate and discuss key issues and also write in a clear way without using too many words.

Think: How do people communicate with each other in the 21st century?

Critical analysis

Employers want workers who are able to recognise the difference between information that can be believed and false information.

Think: Use the internet to find out three facts about a celebrity or famous figure. Can you verify the information by checking other websites?

Decision making

Individual workers have a growing amount of responsibility. It is important to be able to evaluate a situation and be confident in making a decision.

Think: Which three things could you do to (a) be healthier (b) do better at school and (c) help others? Make a decision now to do at least one of these things. Then ... just do it!

Are statements 11-15 True or False?

11. 21st-century skills are not taught in schools in the UK.

A. True

B. False

12. Employers want workers to think about possible problems.

A. True

B. False

13. Future workers will need to be able to write concisely.

A. True

B. False

14. Employers believe it is useful to know a lot of information about celebrities.

A. True

B. False

15. Employers don't want workers to make decisions without asking them.

A. True

B. False

WRITING

Time: 25 minutes

You have seen this advertisement about adventure holidays organized by a travel agency.

Exciting Adventure Holidays in Wales!

Climbing, mountain biking and white-water kayaking

To find the best holiday for you, tell us:

- how fit you are
- how long you want to stay
- any previous experience of the activities
- accommodation you prefer: hotel or cabin?

Email Chris Barnes for a quote.

Write your e-mail in 140 -160 words

Transfer your e-mail to the answer sheet.