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Written Test Of English General

Difficulty level: B2 /Upper Intermediate

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1. Choose the best word to fill the spaces.

A first time for everybody

Joe stepped onto the aeroplane and was met by one of the cabin crew who showed him to his seat. This was his first flight and he was feeling quite nervous. His hands were 1) _____ slightly and he was breathing deeply. He walked along the 2) _____ of the plane and found his seat. Joe had spent a lot of time on planning his holiday given this was the first time he had been abroad. Sitting next to him was an 8 year-old-boy who also 3) _____ to be quite nervous. Joe knew he was quite good with children, so he decided to try to calm the boy. After 4) _____ with the boy for a few minutes, Joe produced some chocolate and gave it to him. The 5) _____ then became quite cheerful as he explained that he loved chocolate so much. The man and the boy found that they 6) _____ well together as they chatted for the whole flight. Joe discovered that they were on the same return flight the following week, which pleased them both. When they 7) _____ at the terminal, Joe commented about what a very good flight he'd had. The young boy agreed, saying that he was looking forward to 8) _____ Joe again on the return flight.

1. a) moving b) trembling c) jumping d) rattling
2. a) corridor b) path c) lane d) aisle
3. a) was b) appeared c) set d) showed
4. a) conversing b) discussing c) debating d) negotiating
5. a) young b) youth c) juvenile d) youngster
6. a) got on b) were c) got to d) got so
7. a) disembarked b) took off c) left d) boarded
8. a) bumping into b) catching up with c) getting on with d) keeping up with

(8 marks)

2. 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**.

Agriculture in Australia

Traditionally, Australia was 9) _____ for producing wheat and wool, but times have changed in 10) _____ years, with many farmers 11) _____ to be more diverse in their crop and livestock range. It is now quite common to see farms with more exotic fruit and vegetables. Farmers are 12) _____ to sell their produce locally nowadays, but rather to the factories in

FAME

RECENTLY

ELECT

LIKE

the cities. As a result, farms are now large-scale¹³⁾ where thousands of tonnes of crops are cultivated.

PRODUCE

Another aspect that is different nowadays is ¹⁴⁾ . In the past, farmers would just flood the fields but now it is common to see sprinkler ¹⁵⁾ everywhere. It means that more water is conserved, which has been helpful with the drought that has severely impacted the ¹⁶⁾ of the farms in the southern states of the country.

IRRIGATE

SYSTEMATIC

MAJOR

(8 marks)

3. Answer all the questions

Social networks

Business applications

Social networks connect people at low cost; this can be beneficial for entrepreneurs and small businesses looking to expand their contact base. These networks often act as a customer relationship management tool for companies selling products and services. Companies can also use social networks for advertising in the form of banners and text ads. Since businesses operate globally, social networks can make it easier to keep in touch with contacts around the world.

Medical applications

Social networks are beginning to be adopted by healthcare professionals as a means to manage institutional knowledge, disseminate peer to peer knowledge and to highlight individual physicians and institutions. The advantage of using a dedicated medical social networking site is that all the members are screened against the state licensing board list of practitioners. The role of social networks is especially of interest to pharmaceutical companies who spend approximately "32 percent of their marketing dollars" attempting to influence the opinion leaders of social networks.

Languages, nationalities and academia

Various social networking sites have sprung up catering to different languages and countries. The popular site Facebook has been cloned for various countries and languages and some specializing in connecting students and faculty.

Social networks for social good

Several websites are beginning to tap into the power of the social networking model for social good. Such models may be highly successful for connecting otherwise fragmented industries and small organizations without the resources to reach a broader audience with interested and passionate users. Users benefit by interacting with a like-minded community and finding a channel for their energy and giving.

Business model

Few social networks currently charge money for membership. In part, this may be because social

networking is a relatively new service, and the value of using them has not been firmly established in customers' minds. Companies such as MySpace and Facebook sell online advertising on their site. Hence, they are seeking large memberships, and charging for membership would be counter productive. Some believe that the deeper information that the sites have on each user will allow much better targeted advertising than any other site can currently provide. Sites are also seeking other ways to make money, such as by creating an online marketplace or by selling professional information and social connections to businesses.

Privacy issues

On large social networking services, there have been growing concerns about users giving out too much personal information and the threat of sexual predators. Users of these services need to be aware of data theft or viruses. However, large services, such as MySpace, often work with law enforcement to try to prevent such incidents. In addition, there is a perceived privacy threat in relation to placing too much personal information in the hands of large corporations or governmental bodies, allowing a profile to be produced on an individual's behavior on which decisions, detrimental to an individual, may be taken.

Investigations

Social network services are increasingly being used in legal and criminal investigations. Information posted on sites such as MySpace and Facebook, has been used by police, probation, and university officials to prosecute users of said sites. In some situations, content posted on MySpace has been used in court.

17 According to the text, social networks

- A) are being used by businesses for marketing.
- B) are about friendships
- C) can damage business reputations
- D) advertise on business web sites

18 Why do advertisers like social network sites?

- A) They are cost-effective to advertise on
- B) Most users have high disposable income.
- C) They can influence consumer behavior
- D) Detailed information on each user allows targeted ads.

19 What does the word 'Few' at the beginning of paragraph 5 mean?

- A) not any
- B) hardly any
- C) some
- D) only

20. What should users not do on social networks?

- A) download viruses

- B) contact predators
- C) be too free with their personal information
- D) upload copyrighted music

21. Personal information on social network sites

- A) can be used in court
- B) gives a good description of the user's personality
- C) is sold to the government
- D) is translated into many languages

22. Social networking is great for

- A) groups of people separated over wide areas
- B) academic organizations
- C) people who write too much information about themselves
- D) the law enforcement agencies

(6 marks)



Read each text and put a cross (X) by the missing word or phrase, as in the example.

Example.

We are a long-established family business that provides a reliable upholstery service that repairs antique furniture. If you have..... please visit us at our shop to get an estimate and see our extensive range of fabrics.

- A ☒ an enquiry
B ☐ some work
C ☐ a suggestion

22.

"STELA" – taking you on a musical journey.

A group of four young multi-instrumentalists, keen to give you the
..... to discover the cultural heritage of their region of Poland.
Book now on 01564 788912.

- A ☐ tickets
B ☐ opportunity
C ☐ trip



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23.

The Scala Theatre re-opens this month with a star-studded adaption of Strindberg's work 'Miss Julie'. The opening follows the completion of its two-year £15.3 million redevelopment scheme.

- A ☐ classic
- B ☐ antique
- C ☐ old-fashioned

24.

Dancing can bring a wide range of physical and mental benefits:

- healthier heart and lungs
- stronger muscles
-
- improved balance

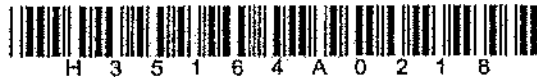
- A ☐ financial advantages
- B ☐ improved diet
- C ☐ better co-ordination

25.

Climate Institute

Our mission is to create partnerships among policymakers, scientists, the public and environmental institutions at local, national and international levels, to address the more effectively.

- A ☐ climate challenge
- B ☐ various organisations
- C ☐ specific audience



26.

Red Cross / Red Crescent Climate Centre – Please Give Generously.

We work to understand and address the humanitarian consequences of climate change and extreme weather events. The..... is to raise awareness.

- A ☐ underlying cause
B ☐ obvious outcome
C ☐ centre's main aim

(5 marks)

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Read the passage and answer the questions below.
Put a cross (X) in the box next to the correct answer, as in the example.

Henri Rousseau (1844–1910) was a self taught French painter. He had a strange, almost childlike primitive style of painting which is easily identifiable, even to the untrained eye. Perhaps this was one reason why art critics of the time poked fun at his work, although he regarded himself as a serious painter.

Rousseau also had a nickname, 'Le Douanier', which is French for customs officer. This came about because of his place of employment, although actually he was a tax collector who just happened to work in the customs department. It wasn't until Rousseau retired that he became a full-time professional painter.

He was born in a small French town and attended school first as a day student and later as a boarder, although living on the premises did little to help his educational development. Apart from his talent for drawing, he was a weak student. However, his school life ended dramatically when his father fell into serious debt. It wasn't just a matter of affording to keep Henri at school as a boarder, the Rousseaus' house was seized and everything was lost.

Henri got a job working as a lawyer with a plan to work and study at the same time. Unfortunately, this was not to be as he committed a crime, was caught and then dismissed from his job. To avoid going to prison, Rousseau opted to join the army where he served his country for four years. On leaving the military, Rousseau went to Paris to look after his mother as his father had died. It was here that he got married, started a family and began working as a tax collector.

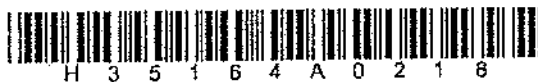
In his 40's he took up painting and many of his works focused on jungle scenes and wild animals. Rousseau made frequent visits to Paris' botanical gardens as well as reading about exotic wildlife and looking at stuffed specimens in museums. But was this enough to produce those brilliant pictures? Rumours that he had travelled to Mexico turned out to be unfounded, and we can only assume that he possessed the ability to picture those fantastic scenes in his mind.

Example. Which statement is true about Rousseau?

A ☒ He taught himself to paint.

B ☐ He acted like a child.

C ☐ He liked amusing subjects.



27. How did art critics regard Rousseau?

- A ☐ They mostly took his work seriously.
- B ☐ They trained themselves to understand him.
- C ☐ They laughed at his paintings.

28. From where did Rousseau obtain his nickname?

- A ☐ his daily work
- B ☐ his workplace
- C ☐ his colleagues

29. Why did Rousseau leave school?

- A ☐ His father owed money.
- B ☐ His school work was poor.
- C ☐ He hated boarding.

30. Why did Rousseau do military service?

- A ☐ It was his best option at the time.
- B ☐ He was given no choice.
- C ☐ He wanted to fight for France.

31. Which statement about Rousseau's jungle paintings is untrue?

- A ☐ He did a lot of local research.
- B ☐ He had a vivid imagination.
- C ☐ He was inspired in Mexico.

(5 marks)



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Read the article below and answer the questions.

Villages in Action (VIA)

If you live in the countryside, getting to see a live performance can be expensive and time-consuming. VIA is an organization which brings music and small-scale theatrical productions to village halls. VIA finds performing artists who are prepared to play in small venues on certain dates. They then publish a list of professional individual performers and groups that can be booked at subsidized prices.

The event is put on by a local promoter with VIA. VIA contacts performers, gives them their contracts and the venue details, as well as publicity, if required. The local promoter hires the venue and pays for it as well as organizing ticket sales and actually running the event on the day. Performers are usually hosted overnight by local families, which is a welcome alternative to corporate hotels or dreary guest houses.

Example. Which two factors prevent rural people from seeing live performers?
expense / time for travelling

32. What's the purpose of the VIA?

33. How can local people afford the performers?

34. Who actually hires the performers?

35. Where do the performers mostly stay at night?





Read the newspaper article below and answer the questions.

There is no consensus of opinion among reviewers for director Guy Ritchie's recent Sherlock Holmes film. Opinions are evenly divided and it seems you either love it or loathe it. Even those who are positive about the film think that it could have been made by anyone in Hollywood. Ritchie's direction was just boring. It's a standard Hollywood film made, one might say, merely to please the company's accountants. If it proves a box-office success, be prepared for more Holmes' films. It's good news for fans of the fictional detective inasmuch as their hero is in no way belittled. My problem, however, is with the genre. What's this supposed to be? Is it a satire? A thriller? A comedy?

Example. How do film critics feel about the film? *They (their opinions) are evenly divided.*

36. What does the reviewer say about Guy Ritchie's direction of the film?

37. What might happen if the film makes money?

38. Who will be pleased by the film?

39. What is the reviewer unsure about?

(8 marks)



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Read the web article and complete the notes. Write no more than three words in each gap from the article.

If, in a survey, you asked ten people to name in order the ten inventions which have most affected the world, you would most likely receive ten very different answers. Most would include the computer, television and telephone somewhere on their list. However, surprisingly, none of these were mentioned in a survey conducted among participants of a recent Science Association conference.

Their number one was GPS technology. Originally invented for military positioning purposes, Global Positioning Systems are extremely effective in transport such as cars, aircraft and boats and are utilized by geologists to show glacial movement and by biologists to track animal migration. Number two on the list, the Sony Walkman, surprised a lot of people. Indeed, many young people would not even know what it was. In 1979, the Sony Walkman was invented and this was the first type of personal stereo. Closely linked to the jogging culture at the time, the Walkman was a cultural icon of its day and grandfather of today's ipod.

The bar code was nominated third. Nowadays found on almost every product, it passes unnoticed by the general public, yet for the retail business world, it holds information on stock levels, prices and product detail. A controversial choice came next – the TV dinner, or, in other words, convenience foods, a product of our full and hectic lifestyles. However the heavy use of fat, salt and sugar in these types of foods, has had a negative effect on Western diets. That said, the original survey did not state whether the inventions that changed the world had changed it for better or worse.

In fifth place was the PlayStation. Games had existed before this, but the PlayStation took gaming from the teenager's bedroom into the adult living room. The most recent invention appeared at number six. This includes all social networking sites like Facebook, MySpace and Twitter which have caused a revolution in communication between people globally. As well as creating new friendships, it has been responsible for enabling those who have lost contact through time, to get back in touch again.

The next three inventions are text messaging, electronic money and microwaves. The first has given a whole generation a new vocabulary not to mention much stronger thumbs! The use of plastic money is everywhere and for scientists microwaves are more about radar than ovens. Finally, trainers. Army commanders report that many young people have never worn shoes and have feet which are too soft for army boots!



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Example. Ten people would name ten different inventions in a survey.

40. The Science Association survey results were surprising because certain obvious things were not.....

41. GPS technology is mainly used in different types of.....and to help other scientific observations.

42. Although the.....represents old-fashioned technology, it influenced the creation of its modern day version. Significance is what resulted from it.

43. The data shown by bar codes is of little importance to.....

44. People's busy lives resulted in the need for.....

45. The increased renewal of old friendships is directly attributed to.....

46. As a result of text messaging people are developing more powerful.....

(7 marks)



47. You are keen to study English in London. Read the school advertisement and the notes. Then write an email to Mr. Williams at the Big Ben Language School asking for details. (90-100 words)

Our well-equipped school offers English language courses in the heart of London. The school has a friendly atmosphere and organizes a full range of sporting and social activities as well as excursions out of London. The school is conveniently located near the museums and the river. Accommodation can be arranged with carefully selected British families. Contact Jim Williams by email (jw@bigbenschool.org.uk) for further details.

When you write to the school make sure you find out:

- how many students there will be in the school and in each class
- what qualifications the teachers have
- what resources the school has
- what is included in the price
- what amenities there are in the area

Email to a language school

(10 marks)

48. Choose one of the topics below and write your answer in 150 – 200 words.

A) Write a descriptive essay on the following:

Write about the career that you pursue or plan to pursue. Include information such as the preparation or training that you had, or would need to achieve this career, and how it will affect your life and the lives of those around you. Explain the responsibilities of your work and why this career is the ideal one for you.

Or

B) Write an essay agreeing or disagreeing with the following statement.

How citizens should be engaged in policy making and decision making process?

The theory and practice of public administration is increasingly concerned with placing the citizen at the centre of policymakers' considerations, not just as target, but also as agent. This is the mutual process that can be initiated by the government or by the citizens, what means engagement of different civil society groups on central and local levels in debates, in the decision-making process, in public policy formulating process, budgeting etc. It is a departure from more traditional approaches to public administration, which usually only occurred when the Government would already determined a course of action.