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مدة الامتحان: ٧٥ دقيقة

Read the following instructions:

Answer **all** the questions on the answer sheet.

Read the instructions on the answer sheet.

Use **pencil** only.

The use of dictionaries is NOT permitted during the exam.

You must complete the answer sheet within the time limit.

At the end of the test, hand in your answer sheet.

This document consists of **12** printed pages and **2** blank pages.

Listening

Part 1

Questions 1 – 5

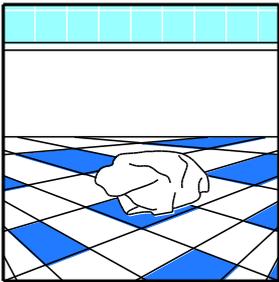
You will hear five short recordings.

For each recording there is a question and three pictures **A**, **B** and **C**.

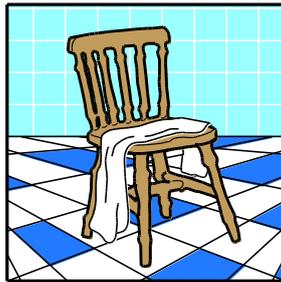
Circle the correct letter.

Example

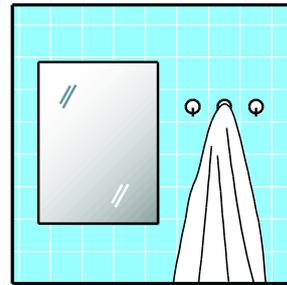
0 Where can the boys leave their towels?



A



B

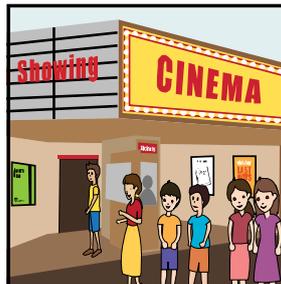


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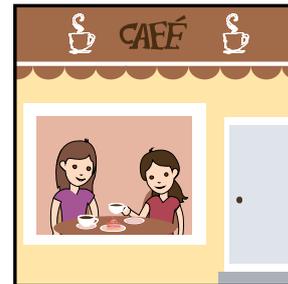
1 What is the woman going to do in Brighton?



A



B



C

2 What has the boy lost?



A



B



C

3 What does the man decide to buy?



A



B



C

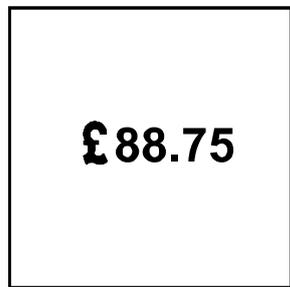
4 How much does the woman have to pay today?



A

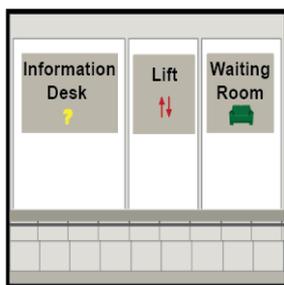


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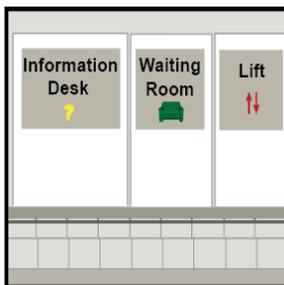


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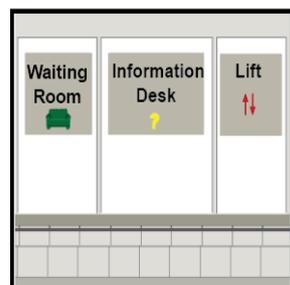
5 Where is the waiting room the woman will go to?



A



B



C

[5 marks]

Part 2**Questions 6 – 10**

You will hear a health expert giving a talk to a science class about the harmful effects that litter has on the environment.

Circle the correct letter **A**, **B** or **C**.

Example

0 What is the purpose of Ronald's talk today?

- A** to advertise the world's action on litter
- B** to advertise the national project on litter
- C** to advertise the environmental dangers of litter

6 Ronald says that the people who create the most harmful litter are

- A** careless eaters.
- B** careless drivers.
- C** careless smokers.

7 Animals are attracted to litter because

- A** they think it is something to eat.
- B** they use it to build their places.
- C** they find it so easily.

8 Ronald's advice about rubbish bins is to

- A** increase them.
- B** cover them.
- C** wash them.

- 9 What is the best way to stop people from littering?
- A to put up signs
 - B to use larger bins
 - C to keep the area clean
- 10 People joining 'Keep Bahrain Beautiful' should bring
- A hats.
 - B shoes.
 - C gloves.

[5 marks]

Remember to copy your answers onto the answer sheet.

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Reading

Part 3

Questions 11 – 15

Read the text about frozen food.

Circle the correct answer **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**.

The frozen food industry is not _____ **(0)** _____ new to us. In fact, it started in 1925, _____ **(11)** _____ Clarence Birdseye, an American businessman saw how people in Canada used ice to freeze fish. As a business idea, he _____ **(12)** _____ the double belt freezer for fish. Now frozen food has covered the _____ **(13)** _____ world. However, is all frozen food healthy? People buying only high-quality food products are familiar with dangers of frozen food. Most of which contains ingredients that are bad for us or simply unnecessary. For these reasons, any person following a healthy diet avoids it as _____ **(14)** _____ as possible. But frozen food is not all negative. Simply freezing it does not in _____ **(15)** _____ destroy its nutritional value or make it unnatural; it is all the things that are done to it in addition to being frozen.

Example

- | | | | | |
|-----------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 0 | A sometimes | (B) something | C somewhere | D somebody |
| 11 | A when | B since | C so | D while |
| 12 | A collected | B developed | C decided | D noticed |
| 13 | A whole | B complete | C full | D total |
| 14 | A many | B little | C more | D much |
| 15 | A herself | B himself | C itself | D yourself |

[5 marks]

Part 4

Questions 16 – 20

The people below all want to spend their holiday in a park.

Read about the people and their interests (16 – 20).

On the opposite page there are descriptions of parks (A – G).

Decide which park would be the most suitable for each person(s).

For Questions (16 – 20), write the correct letter (A – G) in each box.

There are two extra letters that you do not need to use.

Example

- | | | | |
|----|---|---|---|
| 0 |  | Sawsan is a 21-year-old student. She wants to be a vet. She is interested in all types of birds. She loves touching and feeding animals. She loves riding horses. | H |
| 16 |  | Jane and Janet are twins. They love sports and adventure. They want to keep fit and healthy. They are interested in all types of sports. They want to try homemade food. | |
| 17 |  | Lisa and Frank are a busy couple from the city. All they want is peace. They like to keep away from the noise and pollution. They want to picnic and breathe fresh air. | |
| 18 |  | Jim and Tom are cousins. They are really active and love adventure. They are interested in the undersea world. They want to discover new things in the sea, but they don't want to swim. They want to buy presents for their friends. | |
| 19 |  | Mary and Peter want their children to have an interesting holiday. Their children love farm animals because they live in the city. They want them to eat fresh and healthy food and want to buy them toys. | |
| 20 |  | Paul loves sea life. He wants to be a diver and discover treasures. He wants to have fun and swim too. He also wants to try tasty food. | |

- A New Park.** Welcome to our dairy farm, meet all your kids' farmyard favourites and watch the cows being milked. Visit our Farm Shop for the local products such as beef, milk and cheese. Relax and enjoy quiet meal in our restaurant. You can buy gifts for friends and family from our gift shop.
- B Adventure Park.** For lots of family fun and adventure visit our park. There is a wide range of outdoor and indoor activities. Meet friendly animals in the children's farm. Our rides are great. You can take a family rowing boat in the lake. There is also free parking, toilets and baby changing facilities.
- C Blue Park.** Get the chance to swim with fish and sea creatures in our aquarium. Experience the undersea adventure: a large lake where you can enjoy a new aqua-splash water park, swimming pools for adults and children, special courts for playing different sports, and a modern restaurant which serves delicious seafood.
- D Railway Adventure Park.** If you visit our park, you will have fun and excitement all the day. You can ride for nearly a mile around the lake, adventure playground, indoor model railways, and steam or diesel train journey. We have picnic areas, a big gift shop and a new café. Free parking.
- E Aqua Park.** Take a tour in our water park and enjoy watching starfish, sharks, octopuses and other creatures. Have adventures in the caves. Explore the tropical underwater walks through the tunnel. You can have refreshments in our restaurant. We have a big gift shop where you can buy your souvenirs. No parking.
- F Spring Park.** The whole family can enjoy a perfect day in our park. We have jumping pillows, indoor and outdoor play areas, and different farm animals to meet. Our farmhouse kitchen serves delicious home-cooked meals and snacks. There is a big swimming pool and snooker hall. Tennis and basketball courts are available too.
- G International Park.** A big garden with four lakes. A family can take a rowing boat in the lake and watch the birds swimming. Go for quiet walks along the trees. Explore the countryside. There are special indoor areas for children's activities. We also have private picnic areas.
- H Sunshine Park.** We have the largest collection of sheep, horses, goats, chickens and other farm favourites. You can feed the animals. You can ride horses and tractors. Bring your food and have a picnic in our picnic area. There is a big lake where you can watch ducks and geese. No dogs.

[5 marks]

Part 5**Questions 21 – 25**

Read the text about Paul A. Smith.

For each question, circle the correct answer **A, B, C** or **D**.

It is not just a typing machine!

It seems that God helped Paul A. Smith to design and build a new house! Despite being disabled in speech and movement, and not managing to receive any education, Paul concentrated on becoming a well-known master in his own special way. He became good at playing chess, but his real skill was in drawing pictures using an old-fashioned typing machine called a typewriter.

After Paul was born in 1921 in Pennsylvania, where his father and mother lived in a house in Kingsessing, his family moved to Florida, where he was raised until his parents died, and he moved to a nursing home in Oregon.

Unable to use his arms, Paul couldn't do things for himself. So how could he draw pictures? He couldn't speak because he couldn't control his mouth. Unable to walk, he found a way to express himself. Bending over his legs, he discovered his technique for using the typewriter. He could use his left hand to control the other and then press the key.

As his control of the typewriter grew stronger, he developed techniques to create shadows and colours that made his work less plain and similar to common pencil drawings. In all, Paul made hundreds of pictures, some of which took months to complete. He kept prints of his work to develop his technique, but also gave original pictures to friends as gifts.

He had no wife or children to look after him. So in 1967, he entered a retirement home. There he continued creating pictures and playing chess until 2004 when eye problems brought this to an end, and he was left to enjoy his other great love – American football games.

Paul's work has interested journalists since 1946, when "*Handicapped Boy Produces Art*" appeared in a newspaper. Magazines contain articles about him by famous writers, while publishers are waiting in line to produce his biography. He died in 2007, leaving many artists encouraged to create similar art.

- 0 Paul A. Smith is the name of
- A a talented artist.
 - B a skillful architect.
 - C a brilliant school student.
 - D a famous board game player.
- 21 Where was Paul brought up?
- A in Pennsylvania
 - B in Kingsessing
 - C in Oregon
 - D in Florida
- 22 Paul could draw pictures using
- A his mouth.
 - B his arms.
 - C his legs.
 - D his hand.
- 23 Paul later made his work look natural by
- A adding shades to his pictures.
 - B spending a long time on pictures.
 - C improving the copies of his pictures.
 - D drawing more and more pictures.

- 24 Why did Paul stop painting?
- A He started watching American football.
 - B He had no family to care for him.
 - C He became almost blind.
 - D He preferred to play chess.

- 25 Paul A. Smith has influenced
- A writers.
 - B artists.
 - C journalists.
 - D publishers.

[5 marks]

Remember to copy your answers onto the answer sheet.

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