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**END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAM/ JANUARY 2017**  
COURSE NAME: English language TIME: 2 ½ HOURS

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**Part 1: Listening**

**(30 marks)**

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**A. Listen to six short dialogues. For each dialogue, circle the correct answer. (2.5x6=15)**

**1. Where did Keith decide to go?**

- a. The party                                      b. The party and the game                                      c. The basketball game

**2. What will Eric help Sue with?**

- a. Snacks    b. Music    c. Decorating

**3. How will Jenny play music in her party?**

- a. A music box                                      b. A DJ    c. A band

**4. Which class did Noel choose?**

- a. Spanish    b. French    c. Art

**5. What does Kevin need?**

- a. Stamps    b. Cough medicine                                      c. Aspirin

**6. What is the woman's order?**

- a. Chicken with rice                                      b. Chicken with pasta                                      c. Chicken omelette

**B.Listen to a conversation between two friends about a school trip.  
Then fill in the form. (2.5x6=15)**

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## School Trip

Place: Lumsden (1) .....

Leaving Time: (2) ..... am

Transportation: by (3) .....

Activities:

- Ride in (4) ....., but dangerous to (5)  
.....
- Have lunch .

Returning Time: (6) ..... pm

Part 2: Reading

(34 marks)

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**A. Read the following paragraph. Choose the best word (a, b, or c) for each space. The first one is done.(1x8=8 marks)**

Emily .....(0)..... school when she was five years old. She was a good student. She .....(1)..... very well and passed all her exams. When she was eighteen years old, she .....(2)..... to university. She studied .....(3)..... and got a degree in Art when she was twenty-two. She .....(4)..... to earn a living but she couldn't find a job as an artist. Emily also loved cooking .....(5)..... she went to catering college and got a diploma as a chef. Then she had .....(6)..... idea: she started making 'art cakes'. .....(7)..... looked like famous paintings, but they were cakes. People loved them! Soon she became successful and she opened her .....(8)..... shop. Well done, Emily!

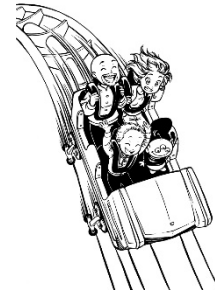
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| 0. a. is   | b. <b><u>started</u></b> | c. starting |
| 1. a. did  | b. do                    | c. does     |
| 2. a. go   | b. gone                  | c. went     |
| 3. a. hard | b. harder                | c. hardest  |
| 4. a. had  | b. have                  | c. has      |
| 5. a. but  | b. though                | c. so       |
| 6. a. a    | b. an                    | c. the      |
| 7. a. They | b. Their                 | c. Them     |
| 8. a. own  | b. our                   | c. hers     |

**B. Read the texts below.**

*“Awesome rides and amazing facts” is an international website forum where people can post their favourite rides and share them with the readers.*

**Nemesis**

My name is Peter. My favourite ride is Nemesis at Alton Towers in England. It's not a high ride. It's seven hundred and sixteen metres long and thirteen metres high. It goes at eighty kilometres per hour. It can take one thousand four hundred people per hour. I love going on this ride! I like it because it takes a lot of people, so I don't have to wait for a long time in line.

**Griffon**

I'm Linda and My favourite ride is Griffon at Busch Gardens in the USA. It's nine hundred and forty-seven metres long and sixty-two metres high. It goes at one hundred and fourteen kilometres per hour. It can take one thousand four hundred people per hour. I like this ride because I love watching the scenes from that height and speed. It's amazing how small buildings can look.

**Leviathan**

I'm John from Canada. My favourite ride is Leviathan in Ontario, Canada. It's awesome! It goes at one hundred and forty-eight kilometres per hour. It's one thousand six hundred and seventy-two metres long and ninety-three metres high. It's considered one of the highest rides. I love going on this ride. The height at that speed is amazingly scary.

**Medusa**

I'm Jessy and my favourite ride is Medusa in the USA. It can take one thousand three hundred and fifty people per hour. It's one thousand two hundred and fifteen metres long and forty-three metres high. It goes at ninety-eight kilometres per hour. It's amazing! I can't describe how wonderful the feeling of freedom is.

**Ultra Twister**

My name is Miyu. I'm From Japan. My favourite ride in Japan is Ultra Twister located in Nagashima Spa Land. It can take six hundred people per hour. It's four hundred thirty three metres long and thirty metres high. It goes at seventy one kilometres per hour. You get into a shell with your friends and because it's in the middle of buildings it gets scary and fun at the same time.

**A. Fill in the table below. (1x10=10 marks)**

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Questions	Nemesis	Griffon	Leviathan	Medusa	Ultra Twister
How long is it?	<b>(0)...</b> <i>716 metres...</i>	(1).....	(2).....	(3).....	433 metres
How high is it?	(4).....	(5).....	93 metres	43 metres	(6).....
How fast is it?	(7).....	114 kilometres per hour	(8).....	(9).....	71 kilometres per hour
How many people per hour?	1,400	1,400	-	1,350	(10).....

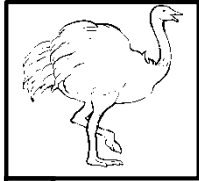
**B. Are these statements True (T) or False (F)? (1x4=4 marks)**

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| 1. Peter's favourite ride is considered very high.         | T | F |
| 2. Linda fears high places.                                | T | F |
| 3. John's favourite ride is the highest of the five rides. | T | F |
| 4. Jessy likes the feeling of freedom.                     | T | F |

**C. Read the texts below and match them with the pictures. There is ONE EXTRA text. (2x6=12marks)**

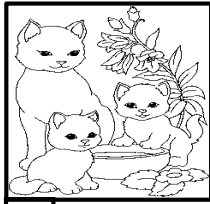
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A) At the 4th of July night, people usually watch the amazing firework displays in parks or town squares. It's amazing how the sky lightens with all sorts of colours.



B) People in London use their bikes a lot. Bikes are eco-friendly and also good exercise. But in London people usually take public transport for long distances.



C) Robodog will look after your home when you are out. It looks like a dangerous dog. It's one metre long and weighs 40 kilograms. Its battery will last about four hours. It costs £ 10,000 so it isn't cheap!

D) Stretching helps your body to become more flexible. You won't pull a muscle or sprain an ankle. Martial arts and dancing are great for becoming flexible.



E) The ostrich can run at 70 km per hour for short distances, which makes it the fastest living thing on two legs. It can hear well and with its big eyes it can see better than almost all other animals and birds.



F) Bengal cats are often a bit lazy! The British shorthair cat is more energetic than the Bengal. The Burmese is the most energetic.



G) Wild hippopotamuses live in central Africa. They're big and fast. They have small eyes, small ears and short legs. They also have very big teeth!

(36 marks)

**A. Answer the question below.**

**You are always busy on the weekend. Write a letter between (80-100 words) to your friend talking about how you spend your weekends.**

**Your letter should include:**

- *introduction: Greetings*
- *mainbody: What you do in the morning, afternoon and evening.*
- *closing remarks*

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**B. Answer ONE question Only.**

**Either**

**You are participating in a writing competition called “Perfect Home”.  
Write an article between (100-120) words to describe your dream home.**

**Your writing should include the following:**

- *location*
- *number of rooms*
- *some furniture*
- *something special about it*
- *your favourite room*

**OR**

**You travelled with your family in the summer holiday. Write a postcard  
between (100-120 words) to your friend and tell him/her about the place  
you visited.**

**Your writing should include the following:**

- *introduction: opening remarks, where you are*
- *main body: what you can do there (not less than two activities)*
- *conclusion: like it or not and why, closing remarks*

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