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Paper 2 Reading

الورقة ٢ القراءة

Duration: 60 minutes

مدة الامتحان: ٦٠ دقيقة

Write your answer on the question paper.

اكتب الإجابة في ورقة الأسئلة.

No extra materials needed.

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Part 1a**Questions 1 – 5**

Read the text about coffee.

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

We love drinking a hot cup of coffee _____ **(0)** _____ many reasons. It wakes us up and it _____ **(1)** _____ rich and delicious. Also, it warms us on a cold day. But what is the story of coffee?

In 300 AD, a boy called Kaldi was looking _____ **(2)** _____ his goats in Ethiopia. He noticed that when the goats ate a red fruit called berries from a tree, they became lively and energetic until late in the evening. _____ **(3)** _____ he tried the red berries himself and experienced exactly the same. He told some old men _____ **(4)** _____ were living near him about the unusual berries, and they ate them to stay awake at night. _____ **(5)** _____, they discovered that the red berries were coffee beans that could be roasted to produce a bitter drink.

Example

- | | | | | |
|----------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 0 | A because | B for | C since | D as |
| 1 | A tastes | B sounds | C feels | D seems |
| 2 | A up | B out | C into | D after |
| 3 | A Though | B So | C As | D Although |
| 4 | A which | B who | C where | D whose |
| 5 | A Afterwards | B However | C Instead | D Despite |

[5 marks]

Part 1b**Questions 6 – 10**

Read the text about kiwis.

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

The kiwi (0) a small flightless bird which lives in New Zealand. It is the only bird with a dog-like ability to smell out food and danger. In fact, it has the most powerful developed sense of smell of (6) bird, lifting its “nose” (beak) into the breeze to determine its surroundings, just like a dog would. The kiwi (7) to about the size of a chicken and weighs between one and three kilos. The kiwi has no tail, but it has tiny wings (8) are useless. This bird has many other unusual characteristics: it has the (9) egg in the world compared to its body size, and it mates for life – as long as 30 years. The kiwi feeds (10) worms, insects, leaves and seeds.

Example

- | | | | | |
|----|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| 0 | A be | B is | C am | D are |
| 6 | A any | B some | C few | D little |
| 7 | A raises | B increases | C changes | D grows |
| 8 | A where | B when | C that | D what |
| 9 | A tallest | B largest | C widest | D highest |
| 10 | A in | B at | C of | D on |

[5 marks]

Part 2
Questions 11 – 15

The people below all need help with a project they want to do.
On the opposite page there is information about eight different places where people can get help.

Decide which place would be the most suitable for each person.

For Questions **11 – 15**, write the correct letter (**A – G**) in each box.

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

Example

0  Jack hasn't been able to ride his bicycle for a long time. He has just got a Saturday job and needs to be able to cycle back and forth.

11  It's Jackie's father's birthday and Jackie wants to do something nice for him. She wants to make a surprise cake but doesn't know how to make it look nice.

12  John's grandmother lives a long way away and John has decided to turn a few of the family photographs into a calendar for his grandmother.

13  Mrs Johnson's daughter has just been given a new doll and Mrs Johnson wants to make some clothes for the doll so her daughter can have more fun playing.

14  Julia's best friend Lisa has just moved into a new house and needs things for her bedroom. Julia wants to make something that Lisa can put on her wall.

15  Mary's mother loves to grow things in the garden. She grows vegetables for cooking as well as flowers. She is always looking for new things she can grow.

[5 marks]

Places

- A** 'Buttons and Zips' sells everything you need to make your own fashionable tops, skirts, dresses and trousers. We sell material in a variety of colours and at the moment we have a sale on all cottons so come in and have a look.
- B** We sell everything from coloured paper and paints to scissors and glue. Why spend money buying paintings and decorations when you can make your own. Paint pictures of flowers and people to hang or use coloured paper to cut into different shapes. We have everything you need to be creative.
- C** 'The Department Store' sells everything you need from beautiful fresh flowers for your house, to the latest fashion and shoes. There is even a bookshop on the ground floor with the latest novels, books on gardening and cooking as well as children's books.
- D** Exciting new learning opportunity in the library this week! Paul Jones our computer expert will give free lessons to anyone who wants to do more with their photos than just put them into an album. Paul will show you how to create beautiful books and add messages and dates.
- E** Your local park is changing. You can now get advice on all gardening problems and you can also buy whatever you need, from tools and equipment to plants ready to put into the ground.
- F** Announcement from 'Harrison's Gallery'. New exhibition of paintings and photographs from Australia by Juliet Boone. Beautiful paintings that show Australia at its best, from deserts to forests, from the coast to the mountains. The most beautiful plants and flowers have been painted by Juliet Boone in the last 5 years.
- G** 'All Things Sweet' is a new shop in town. It is both a shop where you can buy what you need for all kinds of baking as well as sugared flowers which you can eat, to make that special gift. They will share recipes and answer all your questions.
- H** 'The Bike Shop' now sells new and old bikes as well as everything you need to keep your bike in good condition. You can get tools as well as tyres and brakes. So why spend money getting someone else to do it? Get going and repair that bike.

Part 3
Questions 16 – 20

Read the text about a day in the life of actress Joanne Simmons.
For each question, circle the correct answer **A, B, C** or **D**.

An Interview with Actress Joanne Simmons

Joanne first appeared on our TV screens as a young woman in the children's movie, *The Secret*, where she played school teacher Miss Woods. Her very first job, however, was working as a Saturday girl in her local department store. Since then she has been in many films as well as TV comedies, such as the wonderful policewoman in *Super 100*, her preferred role ever, and the amazing doctor in *Dinnertime*. But it was her role as the mother in the movie *Memories* which won her a prize.

Nowadays, her favourite meal would be any food which doesn't contain meat. Although she grew up with her mother's English cooking, she has a great love for Italian food and Italy, a country she has visited many times.

In a recent interview, when asked how she manages to stay so slim, she said the best thing was gardening. She spends many happy hours working in her large garden, no matter what the weather is like. She even grows most of the food she needs for the family. So it is one of her hobbies that saves her money.

What advice would she give to young people? Finish school first. She regrets not going to university when she was younger. She was keen to start her career. Nowadays, in her free time she is studying several languages, including French. She says being able to communicate well is important, and you need to be able to do that in any career. She says young people really seem to be too busy using their mobile phones, talking to friends, going from place to place, and always with other people. She thinks in order to be a good actress, you have to know yourself. You need to know what to do when you are bored because making a film is full of lots of moments when you are just waiting for other people to do their part.

Example

0 The first job Joanne Simmons had was as

- A an actress.
- B a teacher.
- C** a shop assistant.
- D a policewoman.

16 Which role does Joanne Simmons like best?

- A a comedian
- B a mother
- C a policewoman
- D a doctor

17 What does she say about gardening?

- A She grows food to sell.
- B She doesn't mind the rain.
- C It's her only hobby.
- D It's not cheap.

18 She advises young people to

- A continue with their school education.
- B start a career as soon as they can.
- C study as many languages as possible.
- D keep busy and work hard.

- 19** According to Joanne, what is wrong with young people today?
- A** They don't have many friends.
 - B** They love their mobile phones.
 - C** They don't spend enough time alone.
 - D** They hate travelling a lot.
- 20** According to Joanna Simmons, to be a good actress you should be able to:
- A** Think by yourself.
 - B** Stop yourself from getting bored.
 - C** Get to know other people.
 - D** Make a lot of films.

[5 marks]

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Part 4**Questions 21 – 30**

Read the text about Greenland.

For Questions **21 – 30**, complete the notes.

Use **ONE WORD** from the text for each gap.

Greenland

Have you ever wondered what it must be like to live in a country that is very far north on our planet? Well, Greenland is really as far north as you can go. Geographically it is part of the continent of North America but historically and politically, it has always been a part of Europe, and today it is linked to the country of Denmark. It has the Atlantic Ocean on one side and the Arctic Ocean on the other, and its nearest country is Iceland.

So what makes Greenland such a special place? It is the world's biggest island with over 2 million square kilometres, but has a very small population of about 58,000. In fact in Nuuk, which is the capital, the population is only around 16,000. Another special thing about Greenland is that because it is so far north, most of the island is covered in ice and snow all the year round. So people can't really grow any fruit or vegetables, though farmers do keep sheep. People also depend on fishing, but all other food has to come from other countries. This makes Greenland quite an expensive place to live in. It is also a very cold place to live. In January, temperatures are usually about -10 degrees centigrade and in July these rise by about 20 degrees to around 10°C.

Because most of Greenland is covered in ice, there are really no roads going across the country, which makes it quite difficult for tourists to travel. Visitors often choose to ski or even go for walks, but a very common activity is to go out on a boat. This way you can see the beautiful coast.

Nuuk, as well as most of the other towns and villages, is on the eastern shore because there is less ice here. Nuuk can look very beautiful with the mountains which lie behind it, but if you come from a modern city, you may think that Nuuk looks quite old-fashioned. But for the visitor there is a lot to do. You arrive at the international airport from where you can catch a bus to the centre of town. This is also the best way to visit some of the nearest villages. In Nuuk there is a university, a museum which opened in the 1960s, and a cultural centre with a theatre. There is also a sports centre where, unsurprisingly, football is the most common sport being played, but they also play a game called handball.

Complete the notes below, using **ONE WORD** from the text for each gap.

For
Examiner's
Use

Greenland

Example

- geographically: part of North American (0) continent
- politically: a part of (21) _____
- between two oceans
- nearest neighbour: (22) _____
- total number of people living in Greenland: (23) _____
- capital city: Nuuk
- farming animals: (24) _____
- winter temperatures in (25) _____ -10°C
- favourite tourist activity: see the (26) _____ in a boat

Nuuk:

- located in the east
- not very (27) _____
- best means of transport in Nuuk: (28) _____
- theatre: can be found at: (29) _____ centre
- most popular sport: (30) _____

[10 marks]

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