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COURSE NAME : English Language

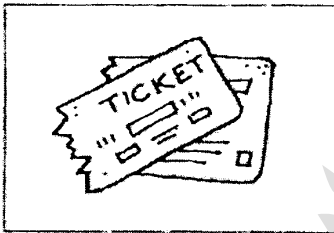
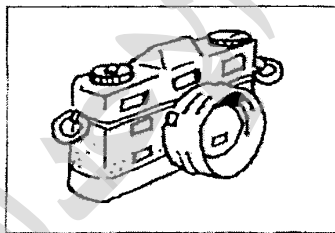
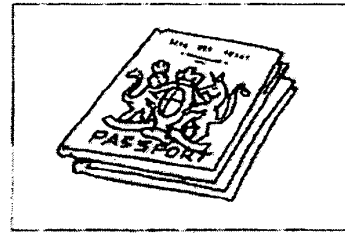
TIME : 2 ½ Hours

**Part 1: Listening**

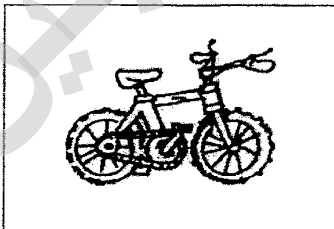
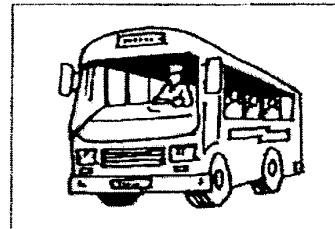
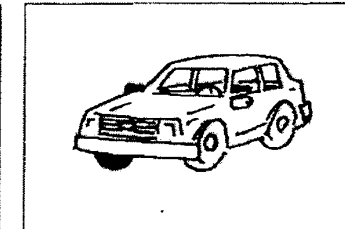
(30 marks)

A- There are six questions in this part. For each question there are three pictures and a short recording. Listen and tick (✓) the correct picture. You will hear the recording *twice*.

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A B C 

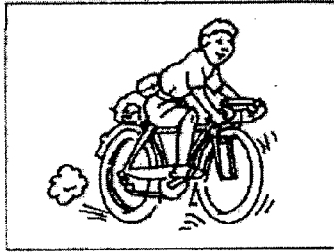
2. How did the woman get to work?

A B C

3. What is David going to do tonight?



A

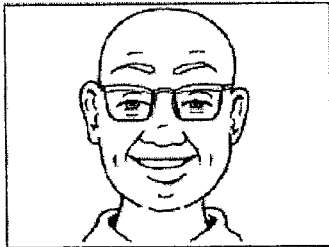


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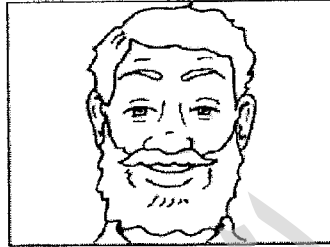


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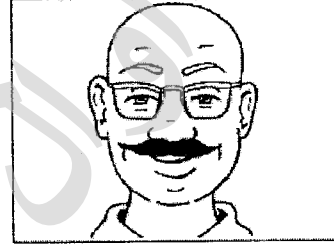
4. What does Mr. Adam look like?



A

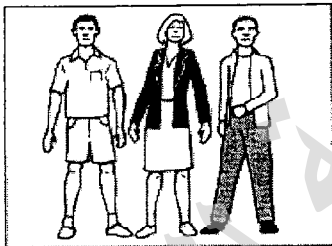


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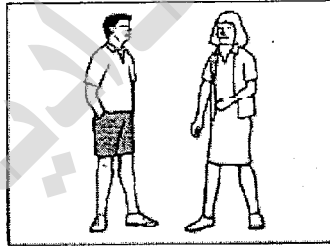


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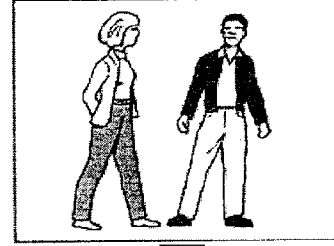
5. Where is Helen?



A



B



C

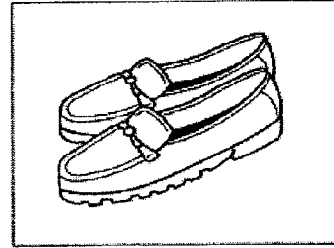
6. What does the woman want to buy?



A



B



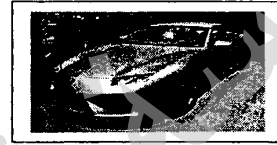
C

(6x2.5=15 marks)

B- You will hear a radio announcer giving details about a local motor show. Listen and fill in the missing information in the spaces. You will hear the recording *twice*.



## Bahrain Motor Show



Date:

18<sup>th</sup> ... *July*

Location:

..... *Arad* .....

Displays:

Old cars and buses in addition to  
cars of the ..... *Saturn*

Famous People:

**Jack Tyler**, from the television show ... *fast* ... *Driver*,  
and *Top Racing Driver Michael Boreman*.

For Ladies:

Stands selling ... *gift* ... , jewellery and clothes.

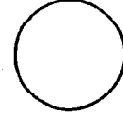
Price of Family Ticket:

BD ..... *30* .....

(6x2.5=15 marks)

**Part 2: Reading**

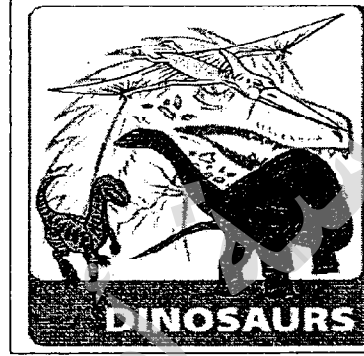
(34 marks)



A- Read the text below and circle the correct word for each space (A, B or C).

## Dinosaurs

No one has (1)..... seen a dinosaur. The last dinosaur died about 60 million years ago, a long time (2)..... there were any people on the earth. (3)..... knows for sure why they all died. The nearest living relatives of dinosaurs are birds.

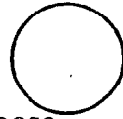


Dinosaurs didn't all look the same. There were more (4)..... 5000 kinds. Some were very small, (5)..... others were giants. The largest were bigger than any other animals that ever lived (6)..... land.

The Brontosaurus, for example, was 20 meters long, and it (7)..... plants. The Tyrannosaurus Rex was not as (8)....., but it was stronger. It (9)..... sharp teeth for eating meat. Also it could run fast (10)..... it had long back legs.

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| 10. <input type="radio"/> A. to             | <input checked="" type="radio"/> B. because | <input type="radio"/> C. where             |

(10x1=10 marks)



**B-** Below are people taking about what they would like to eat (1-5). Choose one British restaurant (A- F) for each person that best matches his/her situation. Write the correct letter next to the numbers. There is one extra description.

1



**Ann** says: "I had to get up early this morning. I'd like to sit and have a cup of coffee and biscuits somewhere quiet and pleasant before I start my shopping."

2



**Howard** says: "It's my lunch hour and I'm in a hurry, a glass of milk and a sandwich would be ideal. I would love a steak and vegetables on the side, but I don't have the time!"

4



**The Martins** say: "We're so tired! We've been shopping all day and we're hungry. The children don't eat much, they always start playing around before we've finished."

3



**Jack and Sue** say: "One of the best things about being on holiday is that you don't have to rush your meals. We can take the opportunity to try something new - perhaps a foreign dish!"

5



**Daisy and Minnie** are talking.  
**Daisy:** "It's my birthday and I'd really like something special. What about something from abroad?"

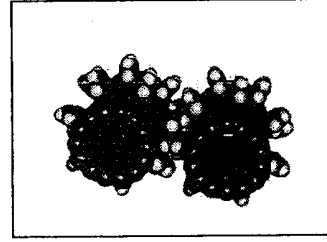
**Minnie:** "That'd be fun for you, but I'd rather not eat foreign food myself."

- A** **'Serve Yourself'**: Eat as much as you like for only £5! Choose from dozens of delicious soups, salads, cold meats and cheeses. For the younger members of the family, we offer reduced prices along with free colouring books and pencils. *Open Noon-3 and 5-10 p.m.*
- B** **'The Steak House'**: Friendly candle-lit restaurant serving traditional British steak suppers as well as French and Italian meals. Choose your own steak for our chef to cook to your personal taste. A £15 meal includes a large selection of fresh vegetables, a dessert and a soft drink with your meal. *Open 7:30 p.m. 'till Midnight*
- C** **'The Sandwich Bar'**: Your choice of over 50 different fillings for a sandwich made to order! To drink, choose from delicious hot coffee, a wide selection of soft drinks or ice cold milk. Our quick service makes this the best place for busy shoppers or anyone short of time! *Open 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.*
- D** **'Round the World Dining Room'**: Leave the grey skies of England behind you for a couple of hours when you step in to try our large range of food from all over the world. Our waiters are only too happy to explain our menu so if you want to try something new, come and see us. Don't miss the special view of the ocean. *Open Noon-Midnight.*
- E** **'The Bay'**: Welcome to the best restaurant in the city. Taste the most delicious seafood dishes in quiet romantic atmosphere cooked by our professional chefs. The prices are a bit expensive but definitely worth it. *Open Noon-Midnight.*
- F** **'The Coffee Shop'**: Relax in our comfortable chairs and enjoy our excellent fresh coffee, tea and hot chocolate or refreshing fruit juices. Choose from a selection of cakes, bread and biscuits baked in our kitchen. Cooked breakfasts to order until 11 a.m. *Open 06:30 - 18:30. Come and try our lunch menu.*

(5x2=10 marks)

**C- Read the texts carefully.**

## Nanotechnology



### What's the big idea?

When people try to make predictions about the future, they usually get them completely wrong, like the prediction made by T.J. Watson, the head of IBM, in 1943: 'I think there may be a market for five computers in total in the world.' Today, about 45 million PCs are sold every year in the USA alone and computers are part of our everyday lives. But what surprises does technology have in store for us in the future? The answer is *nanotechnology*.

*Nanotechnology* is the science of building tiny machines, so small that they are invisible. To give you an idea of the size of these machines, the difference between a sandstone and the planet Earth! Most scientists agree that *nanotechnology* will change our lives in the future - but how? At the moment it's difficult to predict whether this new technology will be like a wonderful dream, or a terrifying nightmare.

### The dream

In the 1966 science fiction film *Fantastic Voyage*, an inventor develops an amazing new way to cure diseases. He shrinks a group of scientists and their submarine and inserts (injects) them all into a patient. They then travel around the patient's body, visiting the different organs and repairing them. Of course, this is just a film - but the reality of *nanotechnology* is not very different. Scientists are already making *nanobots*, tiny robots that are smaller than a virus. In the future, doctors might be able to inject these into a patient, and the *nanobots* will travel around the body and repair the diseased parts.

### The nightmare

Some people are worried that *nanotechnology* could be difficult to control. *Nanobots* might escape into the environment and damage people, plants and animals. Others have even more serious worries. Eric Drexler is a scientist who makes predictions about the future. In his book *"Engines of Creation"* he predicted the invention of *nanobots*. He also described a special kind of *nanobot* that could make a copy of itself using the materials around it - and this is where the nightmare begins. In Michael Crichton's book *"Prey"*, *nanobots* copy themselves so quickly that they eat all the materials around them and then look for more ... and more, and more, eventually 'eating' the world. Some people are worried that this might really happen. The most extreme predictions (which very few scientists believe) say that *nanobots* could destroy the entire planet in about three hours!



**A. Circle the best answers:**

1. T.J. Watson said.....  
a. the market for computers was tiny.  
b. IBM made five computers a year.  
c. IBM computers were the best in the world.
2. Nanotechnology makes.....  
a. tiny sandstones.  
b. the buildings of the future.  
c. machines that people can't see.
3. Fantastic Voyage.....  
a. shows a doctor helping tiny patients.  
b. was a true story.  
c. shows what might happen in the future.
4. Eric Drexler .....  
a. invented nanobots.  
b. writes about science.  
c. makes copies of science books.
5. In the novel "Prey".....  
a. nanobots destroy the planet.  
b. nanobots make a new planet in three hours.  
c. people eat nanobots.

(5x2=10 marks)

**B. Answer the following questions:**

1. Why did Eric Drexler think nanobots might be difficult to control?

..... They can make a copy of themselves .....

2. How fast could nanobots damage the plant according to some scientists?

..... 3 hours .....

(2x2=4 marks)

**Part 3: Writing****(36 marks)**

A- Write an e-mail to your friend telling him/her your opinion about a film you watched last week. You might include the followings:

- the name and the type of the film
- story and the main events
- the main characters
- your opinion

(Write between 80 and 100 words)

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|------------|----------|-------------|--------------|------------------|-------|
| Score      | 4        | 4           | 4            | 4                | 16    |

**B-Answer ONE question ONLY:****Either**

1. Malls in Bahrain usually have **SALES** and **SPECIAL OFFERS**. Write an article for your school magazine discussing the **advantages and disadvantages of sales and special offers in malls.**

**Or**

2- Different people like different places! Write an article for your school magazine **describing your favourite place.**

(Write between 100 and 120 words)