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Answer ALL the questions. Check the back page.

Use a blue or black PEN in the spaces provided.

Time allowed – THREE hours. (Including listening)

You may use correcting fluid if necessary.

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Section W1 (25 marks)
*Write a composition of 200–250 words on **ONE** of the following topics:*

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1. Which pop singer or musician would you like to meet? Explain why.
2. Describe in detail a place you visit often.
3. Give an account of a happy memory.
4. Cooking at home is too much trouble for most people. Discuss.

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Ask for extra paper if required.

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Section W2 (15 marks)

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You must do both Task 1 *and* Task 2
They both relate to the situation below:

You have seen an advert for a talent show competition, which will be held locally. The competition organisers are looking for singers and dancers.

Task 1- Write a formal letter of 80–100 words to the competition organisers.

In your letter, you should:
- ask for two specific pieces of information about the competition
- explain what you are good at and what you would like to do

(You do not need to include the addresses in the letter.)

Task 1
Now go to task 2 to complete this section. Extra space on page 4

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Section W2 (continued)

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You have seen an advert for a talent show competition, which will be held locally. The competition organisers are looking for singers and dancers.

Task 2- Write an informal email of about 50 words to a friend.

In your email, you should:

- tell your friend about the talent show competition
- suggest to your friend that he/she enters the show with you

From:
Subject:
Message:

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extra space

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Section R1 (13 marks)
Read the following passage and answer all the questions.

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The Cullinan Diamond

The most famous diamond in the world is undoubtedly the Cullinan Diamond. It was named after Thomas Cullinan, who established the Premier Mine in South Africa, where it was discovered in 1905. It was Frederick Wells, a mine supervisor, who came across the glasslike crystal in the rock face. This 3,106-carat white diamond would become famous worldwide. Although not as heavy as the 3,167-carat Sergio Black Diamond found in 1893, the Cullinan became far more celebrated, as black diamonds are far less in demand for jewellery.

The uncut Cullinan, which weighed 1.33 pounds, was sold in 1907 to the British government. It had to be insured for $1.25 million before it was sent to the UK, despite being purchased for only $1 million. This is the equivalent today of around $25.5 million. It was then given as a birthday present to King Edward VII, who had the stone sent to Amsterdam, where the finest diamond cutters were situated. The art of turning a rough stone of this size into a polished gem was no straightforward task. It took months to consider how best to make the initial cut but when the strike came, it was the knife which broke rather than the stone! Upon the second hit, the stone successfully split in half. Cutting and polishing the diamond took eight months, with three *cleavers* working 14-hour days to create the nine principal gems and 96 smaller ones that were formed.

The *Cullinan I* was made from the largest piece, and was the shape of a pear or 'teardrop'. This 530.2-carat blue-white jewel, known as the Star of Africa, was placed in the *sceptre,* which forms part of the Crown Jewels of the United Kingdom. It is the ornamental gold rod carried on coronation day by a new king or queen. The stone can be removed from the sceptre and also worn as jewellery to attach to the coronation robes. The second-largest polished piece, *Cullinan II* or the Second Star of Africa, is a 317.4-carat diamond which is set in the most famous piece of the Crown Jewels, the Imperial State Crown. When not in use, the Crown Jewels are on public display in the Tower of London.

For questions 1-3, please answer in complete sentences. (2 marks each)

1. Why is the Cullinan Diamond more famous than the Sergio Diamond?

2. How much did the British government pay for the Cullinan Diamond in 1907?

3. What pieces of the Crown Jewels are decorated with Cullinan diamonds?

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Marks Awarded

For questions 4-8, tick (✓) the box. (1 mark each)

4. Thomas Cullinan discovered the diamond.

   True ☐ False ☐

5. There were three diamond cutters who shaped the diamonds.

   True ☐ False ☐

6. What did the King of England, Edward VII do?

   A He bought the stone directly from the mine.
   B He gave away the majority of the smaller gems.
   C He arranged for the diamond to be divided.

   A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

7. What problem did the cutters have when trying to cut the Cullinan?

   A The diamond broke into two pieces.
   B The diamond was too hard for the equipment.
   C There was no diamond-cutting specialist available.

   A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

8. The Star of Africa was designed to

   A look like a real star.
   B have more than one purpose.
   C reflect the colour of the coronation robes.

   A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

Write the words in the box. (½ a mark each)

9. Find the word or phrase in the passage which means the **SAME** as:

   simple (paragraph 2) ☐

   decorative (paragraph 3) ☐

10. Find the word or phrase in the passage which means the **OPPOSITE** of:

    closed down (paragraph 1) ☐

    final (paragraph 2) ☐

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Section R2 (7 marks)

Marks Awarded

Read the six short news stories below. Choose from the articles (A to F) and complete the answer grid. The articles may be chosen more than once. ***One*** *article should* ***not*** *be chosen at all. One question has been done for you as an example.*

A. Visitors to St Andrew's Hospital will be surprised to find that car-parking charges have been abolished. The senior management at the hospital have reviewed their policy on charging patients and their families to park. There has been growing concern that the amount of time some families have to spend at hospital seeing their sick relations is causing financial strain and extra stress at an already difficult time for most.

B. The biggest general hospital in the country has been given a prize by the city's mayor. Ashdown Leighton Hospital received an award for 'The Friendliest Hospital' on Saturday 7th June at an event in the city hall. An overwhelming majority of patients and their families voted for the hospital and some were present to see the prize handed out.

C. For the last few years, Billingsdale Military Infirmary has been a special place for veterans to be cared for. However, the local authority has announced plans for its closure and this has caused outrage in the armed services community. Families are concerned about where their loved ones will be moved to when the centre eventually closes next year. The council has yet to decide on relocation arrangements.

D. Hospital visitors in Selfield are being asked to take extra care when using the car parks. Both the front and rear parking areas have been extended and completely resurfaced. Managers have noticed the increased size of many new cars and have addressed concerns raised by car owners when parking. Maintenance workers have also painted new lines, making parking bays wider. While signs and notices are in place, extra caution should be applied at all times.

E. Maureen Simpson, who works at Parkdene General Children's Hospital, has led the fundraising team for the last 35 years. In that time, she has managed to fundraise over three million pounds, which has supported thousands of children and their families. As a result, the hospital staff have had a bronze plaque put up outside the main entrance in recognition of all her efforts.

F. A local hospital has been forced to shut after a small fire broke out in the hospital's main kitchen and quickly spread. Luckily, firefighters managed to contain the flames before they got out of control and reached the nearby gas tanks. However, the incident has damaged the cooking facilities and patients can't be fed until the kitchen is fully repaired. This is expected to take several weeks, after which time the hospital will reopen.

Which article, A, B, C, D, E or F talks about

a member of staff who helps those in need?	**e.g.**	**E**
patients showing their appreciation?	**1**	
a change of regulation?	**2**	
the prevention of a potential disaster?	**3**	
creating more space?	**4**	
a temporary closure?	**5**	
a way of expressing thanks to a colleague?	**6**	
the public saving money?	**7**	

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Section R3 (10 marks)
Choose the correct answer in each sentence and tick the box.

Marks Awarded

Example:

Malcom was worried about ___*being*___ late for the flight.

☐ **A have been**	☐ **B to be**	☑ **C being**	☐ **D been**

1. If I _____ about it more, I would have changed my mind.

☐ A was thinking	☐ B have thought	☐ C will think	☐ D had thought

2. She never used to _____ daily, but now she goes to the gym every morning.

☐ A exercise	☐ B exercising	☐ C exercises	☐ D exercised

3. Calculators must not _____ in the exam.

☐ A to use	☐ B have use of	☐ C be used	☐ D be using

4. I always clean the kitchen thoroughly before _____ away on holiday.

☐ A to go	☐ B going	☐ C went	☐ D gone

5. The camera can't _____ working properly because the photo was really dark.

☐ A been	☐ B have been	☐ C was being	☐ D being

6. It was the first time he had _____ a speech in public.

☐ A said	☐ B taken	☐ C told	☐ D made

7. Tim set off early to avoid _____ in the rush hour.

☐ A drove	☐ B to drive	☐ C driving	☐ D have driven

8. She'd spend more time in the garden if she _____ allergic to grass.

☐ A wouldn't be	☐ B wasn't	☐ C won't be	☐ D isn't

9. I'd rather you _____ away on holiday in June not August.

☐ A went	☐ B would go	☐ C go	☐ D have gone

10. It's about time Lucy _____ a new job.

☐ A finds	☐ B found	☐ C has found	☐ D would find

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Marks Awarded

Section W3 (10 marks)
Rewrite the sentences to give the same meaning as the original. Rewrite all direct speech as reported speech.

Example:
They started complaining as soon as I walked in the room.

No sooner had I walked in the room than they started complaining.

1. 'You can look at our new models online,' the shop assistant told us.

The shop assistant said that

2. The decorators are painting the classroom.

The classroom

3. We're not having a party on Saturday because Jenny is ill.

If

4. I regret not saying goodbye before he went on holiday.

I wish

5. The concert music was the most beautiful I have ever heard.

Never

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Section R4 (10 marks)

Read the following sentences. They make a story. Write ONE missing word in each space.

Marks Awarded

Example:

If you could travel the world, where ***would*** you go?

1. My wife and I lead busy lives but can rarely take _____ off work to go on holiday together.

2. We love travelling but had _____ had a holiday for over five years.

3. _____ having saved plenty of money, we had not been able to get away for more than a long weekend.

4. Last year, we were finally able to book a dream holiday, and decided to go to Barbados _____ of the warm water and year-round sun.

5. After a lot of discussion about _____ to stay, we booked a hotel which was directly on the beach.

6. One morning, we looked out of our window and were absolutely amazed _____ see hundreds of turtles crawling on the sand towards the sea.

7. We immediately ran out onto the beach in _____ to get a closer look.

8. _____ we approached them, we could see they were adult turtles, who had laid their eggs in the sand.

9. We sat on the sand watching them for ages and it was _____ an incredible experience that my wife started to cry!

10. Not _____ did we have a fantastic break, but we also saw something we will never forget!

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Section R5 (10 marks)
Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

Example:

The children were completely __different__. **(differ)**

1. The building was the same _____ as the church spire. (high)

2. He wasn't paying attention and made a _____ mistake. (care)

3. The _____ could be heard from a long distance away. (explode)

4. The witness answered all the questions _____. (true)

5. After winning the election, he became an incredibly _____ politician. (power)

6. She was determined to _____ in the competition. (success)

7. They arrived _____ in spite of the terrible weather. (safe)

8. The referee _____ the goalkeeper for breaking the rules. (qualify)

9. It is sometimes considered rude to ask a _____ question. (person)

10. Mary isn't very _____ and prefers to wear old, comfortable clothes all the time. (fashion)

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