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Candidate Instructions:

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Answer ALL the questions. Check the back page.

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You must **NOT** bring paper or books into the examination.

Do **NOT** use correcting fluid. If you make a mistake, please cross out your answer neatly.

Time allowed – TWO hours and THIRTY minutes

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Each of the sections carries the following number of marks:

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Section W1 (25 marks)

*Choose **ONE** of the following topics and write 200–250 words in an appropriate style:*

Marks Awarded

1. What characteristics should a good role model possess?
2. Describe your ideal holiday.
3. Give an account of an unexpected meeting.
4. The world would be a better place if we all spoke the same language. Discuss.

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Marks Awarded

Ask for extra paper if required.

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Section W2 (15 marks)

Marks Awarded

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

You want to surprise your parents for their anniversary with a weekend in a hotel.

Task 1- Write a formal email of 90–110 words to the manager of the hotel.

In your email, you should:

- ask two specific questions about the hotel and the services it offers
- suggest ways the hotel could help you with the surprise

From:

Subject:

Message:

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Now go to task 2 to complete this section.

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Section W2 (continued)

Marks Awarded

You want to surprise your parents for their anniversary with a weekend in a hotel.

Task 2- Write an informal email of about 80 words to a friend who lives near the hotel.

In your email, you should:

- explain why you want to do this for your parents
- ask your friend for advice about local activities

From:
Subject:
Message:

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

Marks Awarded

Across the Atlantic

These days, flying from the UK to North America can be achieved in under eight hours. With many airlines to choose from, the only difficulty might be finding a bargain.

The concept of flying this route was first considered feasible in the 1850s. Initial attempts used strong winds to push hot-air balloons along. In 1913, to encourage progress in aviation, one British newspaper offered a £10,000 reward to the first person to complete a non-stop flight across the Atlantic.

As balloons were dependent on weather conditions, they were rather unreliable. People therefore started experimenting with seaplanes, which could take off and land on water, and also had a better safety record. Eventually, in mid-1919, after a remarkable 23 hours in the air, a US team crossed the Atlantic, having paused several times for repairs. However, the competition had specified a *non-stop* flight, so the attempt did not fulfil the criteria. The challenge remained, and one month later, the first non-stop flight was successfully achieved by British pilots, John Alcock and Arthur Brown, not in a seaplane, but a modified war plane.

On the journey, the pair not only experienced dreadful weather over the ocean, but part-way through, their heating system and radio failed. In fact, the plane had nearly crashed on take-off, after struggling to get into the air due to the weight of 4,000 litres of fuel. However, having taken off from Newfoundland, Canada, they landed in Ireland less than 16 hours later, not far from where they had planned. Unfortunately, what appeared to be a suitable landing field, was in fact an area of wetland, and when the plane touched the soft earth, the nose sank into the mud and the plane turned over. Amazingly neither man was hurt, and after being interviewed by a reporter, they headed for Dublin, where crowds cheered them.

The public had followed developments closely and were keen to experience a trans-Atlantic flight. The following decade saw great improvements in seaplane design to achieve this. *Imperial Airways* were the initial operators, followed by *Pan Am*. Despite seaplanes requiring frequent stops and a large body of water for take-off and landing, some experts are predicting that seaplanes will become widespread again in the future, in an attempt to reduce pollution caused by jet engines.

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For questions 1-3, write your answer in the box. (2 marks each)

1. When and why were people motivated to try and cross the Atlantic by plane?

2. Give two reasons why seaplanes were chosen over balloons.

3. What are the current disadvantages of using seaplanes for air travel?

Marks Awarded

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

4. The pilots of the first seaplane flight received the reward.

True ☐ False ☐

5. *Pan Am* flew commercial flights before *Imperial Airways*.

True ☐ False ☐

6. What was the first problem Alcock and Brown encountered on their trip?

A stormy conditions
B the plane was too heavy
C on-board equipment loss

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

7. When Alcock and Brown finally landed the plane,

A it was a long way from its intended destination.
B there were crowds of people there to meet them.
C they were lucky to escape serious injury.

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

8. What was the public's reaction to transatlantic flights in 1919?

A They were curious about Alcock and Brown's flight.
B They were fearful of air travel.
C They were uninterested.

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

Write the words in the box. (1 mark each)

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

possible (paragraph 2) ☐

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

excellent (paragraph 4) ☐

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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. A new record for the highest accepted bid has been set on *Antique Auctions*, the TV hit show. A vase, previously owned by Lord and Lady Turner, who were relatives of the King, exceeded expectations and was sold for £2 million. Harry Smith, who inherited the object from his grandparents, was left astonished at how much it was worth. Yet, perhaps no one should have been surprised. With an elegant design of a red rose surrounded by precious stones, it is unlike any other.

B. Due to the immediate need for the repair of some of the building's impressive columns, the National Gallery in London will have to shut its doors this week, while the necessary work is carried out. The sudden announcement has left the public somewhat surprised. The prediction is that the gallery will be open again by the end of the month, providing that there are no additional issues. As yet, it is not known what will happen meanwhile to all the pieces of art that the public enjoy. Some have asked for them to be loaned to other galleries.

C. Archie Taylor has been named winner of *Portrait of the Year*, the TV contest which sees unknown artists paint a series of famous people over several rounds. The tension was obvious throughout the final, set amongst the historic Brooke Gardens and watched by over one million people. The expert panel struggled to decide between the finalists, but ultimately, it was Archie and his wonderful picture that made the strongest impression. There is already speculation that Archie has been commissioned to work for a leading London gallery.

D. Figures from a recent report have revealed that although last year, global sales of so-called affordable art actually increased, there was a significant decline in the trade of more expensive items. This apparently refers to anything valued at over £10 million. Details show that despite the internal U.S. market continuing to see steady growth, worldwide sales have suffered, due to a loss of demand in Europe. Citing how common it is for sales figures to go up and down, observers however, aren't worried.

E. A special delivery worth millions of dollars has just arrived at Miami University in the United States. Over many years, Steve and Trudi Redford, who initially met as art students at Miami, acquired over 100 paintings and sculptures by local artists. Last year, while they were celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary, they heard the university was seeking donations as a contribution towards the opening of a new gallery on the campus, so they donated half of their collection. The couple have fond memories of their time in Miami and were keen to assist those students wanting to follow their example.

F. A team of detectives from multiple countries have finally been rewarded for their extensive search for two extremely valuable paintings. Having been stolen two years ago from a gallery in Belgium, the items were finally located in New York along with jewellery worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. Several suspects have been arrested, while fortunately, the paintings themselves haven't been damaged and will be returned home with their original frames within weeks. Naturally, the authorities are said to be delighted with this outcome.

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

an attraction that is temporarily closed?	**e.g.**	**B**
property previously owned by members of the royal family?	**1**	
an international legal investigation?	**2**	
a private collection of US art?	**3**	
a group of judges?	**4**	
a gift for the arts community?	**5**	
a unique object?	**6**	
an unexpected official statement?	**7**	

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Sample

Section R3 (10 marks)

Choose the correct answer in each sentence and tick the box.

Marks Awarded

Example:

I didn't have time to ____*do*____ the shopping, so there's no milk left.

☐ **A make** ☐ **B go** ☑ **C do** ☐ **D have**

1. I'd rather you _____ tidying your room before going out.

☐ A finishing ☐ B finished ☐ C have finished ☐ D would finish

2. Mila _____ to check she has a valid passport before booking her holiday.

☐ A must ☐ B ought ☐ C could ☐ D might

3. I'll take some biscuits with me, _____ I get hungry.

☐ A after ☐ B despite ☐ C in case ☐ D unless

4. Marie thinks chocolate should always _____ in the fridge.

☐ A be kept ☐ B be keeping ☐ C have kept ☐ D keep

5. Did Fatema _____ the children a story before they went to bed?

☐ A talk ☐ B tell ☐ C speak ☐ D say

6. If he were more confident, he _____ for that promotion.

☐ A will apply ☐ B applies ☐ C apply ☐ D would apply

7. He isn't _____ living in such a busy city.

☐ A use to ☐ B get used to ☐ C used to ☐ D be used to

8. I think you'd better_____ with me, or you'll get lost.

☐ A to come ☐ B come ☐ C coming ☐ D comes

9. _____ a seatbelt is a legal requirement.

☐ A Wearing ☐ B Having worn ☐ C Wear ☐ D Being worn

10. I had no idea that she _____how to ride a motorbike.

☐ A know ☐ B has known ☐ C knew ☐ D had known

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Section W3 (10 marks)

Rewrite the sentences to give the same meaning as the original. Rewrite all direct speech as reported speech.

Marks Awarded

Example:

It's impossible that you saw Oscar at the party.

You can't have seen Oscar at the party.

1. I really think you should get dressed now.

It's high time

2. You didn't get the job because you were late for the interview.

If you

3. It started raining as soon as I got home.

No sooner

4. 'Dan, you borrowed my bike without asking,' said Tony.

Tony accused

5. They are building a new supermarket out of town.

A new

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Section R4 (10 marks)
Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

Marks Awarded

Example:
Emilia is now a ___qualified___ teacher. **(qualify)**

1. If you continue with this _____behaviour, you will get into trouble. (accept)

2. Anna is such a good friend. She's so _____ and kind. (think)

3. She listened _____ to the directions. (care)

4. I'm very _____of my little sister. (protect)

5. Your _____ is needed on this form. (sign)

6. He looked around _____ as he knew he had been caught. (guilt)

7. I'm waiting for _____ of my booking via email. (confirm)

8. Your cousins look really _____, so I thought they were twins! (like)

9. You should always tell the _____ . (true)

10. That picture is really _____. Look at all those reds, oranges and blues! (colour)

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Section R5 (10 marks)
Read the following sentences. They make a story. Write ONE missing word in each space.

Example:
Ella Jansen had dreamed of becoming an astronomer ever ***since*** she was a young girl.

1. After asking for one for years, her parents finally bought her a telescope _____ her 10th birthday.

2. One evening, while observing the stars, she wondered _____ there was life beyond Earth.

3. Her parents were keen for her to pursue her interests so they encouraged her to meet others _____ felt the same way.

4. She wanted to start a school science club so she designed some posters and _____ them up around the school to find students with a similar passion for astronomy.

5. Within a week she had found enough students with the same interests _____ start the club, and they began meeting weekly.

6. They decided to organise a school science fair, which took a lot more planning _____ they had expected and so it was a whole year before they held their first event.

7. The science fair was a huge hit, however, and_____ to the success of the event, the school decided to help expand the science club.

8. In order to _____ awareness, Ella and her friends started a TikTok channel, where they uploaded short videos of their club activities.

9. Soon, this channel was spotted _____ a journalist from a national newspaper, who interviewed Ella and her friends.

10. During the interview, the newspaper announced they were donating all the money needed to expand the club, _____ came as a lovely surprise.

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