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Use a black PEN. Do **NOT** use a pencil.

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 your answer in an appropriate style. (You should write 200–250 words)*

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1. Which month is your favourite and why?
2. Describe a city that is important to you.
3. Give an account of an amusing event.
4. 'Smartphones should be banned in schools.' Discuss.

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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 recently went to a live music event and invited a friend to go with you, but you did not have a good time.

Task 1- Write a formal email to the event organisers (about 90 -110 words).

In your email, you should:

- complain about two problems you had at the event
- suggest how the event could have been better

From:

Subject:

Message:

Now go to task 2 to complete this section.

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Section W2 (continued)

Marks Awarded

You recently went to a live music event and invited a friend to go with you, but you did not have a good time.

Task 2- Write an informal email to a friend. (about 80 words)

In your email, you should:

- apologise to your friend about what happened at the event
- invite your friend to go to another music event

From:
Subject:
Message:

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Section R1 (13 marks)

Marks Awarded

Read the following passage and answer all the questions.

Technology for the Elderly

Kenta Toshima is a research scientist at Tokyo University's Centre for Advanced Science and Technology. He has worked there for over 15 years, but in 2013, alongside his research work, he started an additional job in a home for elderly people. One of the residents there told him she wished she could visit her favourite *orchard*, a garden where fruit trees are grown. This prompted Kenta to go and photograph the orchard. The woman was delighted but Kenta felt that the photos were not enough. He had the idea of using a 360-degree camera to take images with a wider view, which could be watched with a virtual reality (VR) headset. Soon he was giving other residents the opportunity to explore their favourite places via these headsets. Since recording his first VR video in 2014, Kenta has shot 250 more.

It is known that memories can be sparked by photos, but Kenta saw that 360-degree videos provided a richer, more realistic experience. He added spoken words to the videos. To make each video more individual, he included the resident's name. The result was a feeling of actually travelling with someone else. Some were unconvinced by modern technology. To change their minds, Kenta set up meetings, teaching them about cameras and even getting them to take videos themselves. In the end, nobody wanted to miss out on the viewing experience. Initially, residents wanted to relive past memories, but now most ask to experience VR travel to somewhere they've never explored.

A resulting increase in positivity about life is perhaps not surprising. What was more unexpected was that those who had experienced illness or surgery had a much reduced recovery time than those in other homes without access to the 360-degree experience. Tan Matsu is now an energetic 95-year-old with enthusiasm for life. However, this wasn't the case when she entered the home. She was suffering from a knee injury and lacking in energy. When Kenta met her, she said she'd always been an adventurous traveller and recalled backpacking across Mexico with her sisters in her 80s. Sadly, the knee injury meant she had to miss out on the trips she'd planned for her 90s. However, after being introduced to Kenta's video experience, she healed quickly and regained interest in life.

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

1. What was the subject of Kenta's first 360-degree video and when did he make it?

2. How did Kenta personalise the video experience and what effect did this have?

3. How did Kenta encourage residents to become involved?

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Marks Awarded

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

4. All the residents in the home were keen to watch Kenta's videos.

True ☐ False ☐

5. Videos of familiar places are most popular with the residents.

True ☐ False ☐

6. When did Kenta work in the home for the elderly?

A before he got a job at Tokyo University
B at the same time as working at Tokyo University
C after completing his research at Tokyo University

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

7. What surprised Kenta about the effects of his VR videos on the residents?

A how positively they felt about modern technology
B how quickly they recovered from sickness or injury
C how much their long-term memories improved

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

8. Why was Tan Matsu unhappy when she entered the care home?

A She'd had to cancel her travel plans.
B Her Mexico trip had been interrupted.
C She missed her family members.

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

For questions 9-10, write the words in the box. (1 mark each)

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

stimulated (paragraph 2) ☐

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

lost (paragraph 3) ☐

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Marks Awarded

Section R2 (7 marks)

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 large, ancient tree in Smithfield Park collapsed late last night during strong winds, causing damage to nearby structures. Fortunately, no injuries were reported even though several dog walkers were nearby. The century-old tree fell due to its weak state, possibly caused by disease or root damage. Park officials are assessing the situation to determine the best course of action for removal of the tree and to make the area safe. All the other trees in the park are being checked to ensure that they are in a healthy condition.

B. The local council is conducting a tree survey to record the number and types of trees in the city and highlight the value of green spaces. The aim of the survey is to help the council understand the value of existing trees, together with the importance of managing and maintaining them, as well as planning where trees are best planted in the future. Residents, including local school children, are encouraged to participate by reporting significant trees in their neighbourhoods via the council's website. An app is also available to download.

C. Residents of the small town of Pippin gathered this weekend to plant 50 new trees in the town park. Organised by the Green Earth group, the event is intended to increase green spaces, enhance the landscape and fight climate change. Volunteers, some of whom were local school children, enjoyed the sunny day and learned about the importance of trees for the environment and how they can help to promote the mental and physical health of those living in the community.

D. A 200-year-old oak tree in the village of Littlewood has been the focus of much debate due to being on the council's list for removal. Some residents had complained about its size, saying that it was blocking light from their properties and there was a risk of falling branches. However, local campaigners argued against it being cut down, saying it is a vital part of their culture. The council has now agreed to preserve the tree but will cut back its branches to ensure its safety.

E. A new tree-planting programme has been launched in the city of Manchester. The initiative, called 'Trees for Tomorrow', plans to plant 10,000 trees across the city over the next five years, using modern technology to protect the trees and ensure they are growing well. The project aims to improve urban air quality and provide more green spaces for residents to enjoy. It includes planting more trees along all the main streets and improving facilities such as playground and picnic areas.

F. Pinewood Primary School has been given an environmental award for its tree-planting project, as well as £500 to spend on the science department. The students planted over 100 trees around their school grounds, creating a small woodland area. The project was praised for teaching children about ecology and helping to improve the local environment. The head teacher said that the students were passionate about caring for the planet and were very proud of receiving the award. Their achievement was celebrated with a family barbecue and fun day in the school grounds last Saturday.

Which article, A, B, C, D, E or F mentions

a lucky escape for pet owners?	**e.g.**	**A**
a local park which has become greener?	**1**	
a historic tree being protected?	**2**	
an event on an educational site?	**3**	
a tree-counting project for the public?	**4**	
receiving a prize?	**5**	
an accident in a public space?	**6**	
residents being invited to use technology?	**7**	

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Sample

Section R3 (10 marks)

Marks Awarded

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

Example:

Tony always brushes his teeth before ____*eating*____ his breakfast.

☐ **A eat**	☐ **B to eat**	☑ **C eating**	☐ **D having eaten**

1. I'm having the front of my house _____ this week.

☐ A be painted	☐ B painted	☐ C painting	☐ D to paint

2. We'd better _____ off the computer before we leave.

☐ A switch	☐ B switched	☐ C switching	☐ D to switch

3. We'd have seen the start of the film if we _____ on time.

☐ A were arriving	☐ B had arrived	☐ C have arrived	☐ D are arriving

4. Fatima _____ a lot of funny jokes at the party.

☐ A said	☐ B spoke	☐ C asked	☐ D told

5. I'd rather we_____ to an Italian restaurant than a fast food place.

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

6. Let's take some cash to the market in case they _____ credit cards.

☐ A didn't accept	☐ B don't accept	☐ C haven't accepted	☐ D wouldn't accept

7. They started _____ arrangements for the wedding over a year ago.

☐ A making	☐ B taking	☐ C giving	☐ D putting

8. It's no use _____ Paula. She never answers.

☐ A phone	☐ B phoned	☐ C to phone	☐ D phoning

9. There's no cheese left in the fridge. Dad must _____ it all.

☐ A to eat	☐ B have eaten	☐ C be eaten	☐ D been eating

10. I'm going to give_____ eating chocolate for three months.

☐ A up	☐ B out	☐ C in	☐ D off

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Section W3 (10 marks)

Marks Awarded

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

Example:

They were fighting the campaign online for years.

The campaign was being fought online for years.

1. ‘Don’t borrow my clothes without asking,’ Grace said to Ima.

Grace told Ima

2. We really should clean our flat.

It’s high time

3. He often makes mistakes when cooking because he doesn’t read the recipes properly.

If

4. I’m sorry but I didn’t catch the right bus.

I wish

5. Local people don’t go to that restaurant very often.

Rarely

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Section R4 (10 marks)

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

Marks Awarded

Example:

Professor Roberts ___specialises___ in ancient history. **(special)**

1. His answer was _____ so he didn't win the competition. (correct)

2. I don't want to _____ you, but there's a large insect on your chair. (fright)

3. We can't cook the chicken because it's still _____ in the middle. (freeze)

4. The _____ from London to Rome was delayed. (fly)

5. He was annoyed about the mistake the hotel had made and spoke _____ to the receptionist. (patient)

6. The blue jacket is my _____ . I think you should buy it. (favour)

7. They'll send you a _____ of your booking by email. (confirm)

8. Please give me a _____ of the wallet you lost. (describe)

9. I didn't get the job because I'm too _____ . They wanted someone who had done a similar job in the industry. (experience)

10. No one had been in the room for six months so it was very _____ . (dust)

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

Example: ***Little*** did I realise what useful experience babysitting would be.

1. When I was a teenager, I used to babysit for the neighbours, _____ house was opposite mine.

2. I was always saving for things such _____ holidays and clothes so I appreciated the money.

3. The children I looked _____ were around six and eight years old and always full of energy.

4. I became an expert at video games such as *Tiger Tots* and *Baseball Buddies*. I was amazed at the children's _____ to read and follow complex instructions.

5. I gained lots of skills but of course, I _____ always beaten by the children, who had had far more practice than me.

6. Several years later, having _____ school, I applied to train as a primary teacher and got called for interview at my first choice university.

7. The interview was tough, and I was finding the questions difficult, so I didn't feel I was _____ a very good impression.

8. I was wondering if there was any _____ continuing when the interviewer suddenly started discussing the topic of learning through play for children.

9. All those Saturdays of playing games with my neighbours suddenly came back to me and I was able to describe _____ motivated the children had been and why.

10. I was _____ involved that I forgot I was in an interview and even made the interviewer laugh and thankfully, I was offered a place on the course.

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