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Candidate Instructions:

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Answer ALL the questions. Check the back page.

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

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 200–250 words in an appropriate style:*

Marks Awarded

1. Who is the person you are most proud of, and why?
2. Describe a city you know well at your favourite time of year.
3. Give an account of a day when something unexpected happened.
4. 'All students should have a part time job.' 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 recently spent a week in another city but the hotel you stayed in was very disappointing.

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

In your email, you should:

- complain about the accommodation
- suggest how it could be improved

From:

Subject:

Message:

Now go to task 2 to complete this section.

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Section W2 (continued)

Marks Awarded

You recently spent a week in another city but the hotel you stayed in was very disappointing.

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

In your email, you should:

- tell your friend why you were staying in the city
- ask for advice on where to stay next time

From:

Subject:

Message:

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

Marks Awarded

The Worst (or Best) Day

A local independent bookshop became an overnight success, all thanks to one post on Twitter. Georgia Duffy the owner of *Imagined Things* in Harrogate, posted one Monday evening that the store had taken just over £12, making it the 'worst day ever'. The post asked for support and urged people to come and buy a book. By the next morning, the post had been shared more than 2,000 times, *Imagined Things* had acquired over 1,000 followers and customers were queuing along the street.

When the shop opened, it was the first independent shop in Harrogate for twenty years. The message, posted in June 2018, came just 12 months later. Although Georgia had studied for, and worked in, the medical industry, she had always been passionate about reading. After six years employed in the hospital's X-ray department, she decided to open her own independent bookshop, convinced she could compete with cheaper, online sellers.

Georgia describes that time as a 'struggle', admitting she should have advertised more effectively. However, certain things were beyond her control: the unusual weather and several road repairs around town, so roads were blocked. After all, who wants to sit in traffic on a baking hot day, when you can buy your book online and spend time at the beach? Georgia says that, having posted on Twitter, she'd hoped trade would increase slightly, and that it might encourage more locals into the shop. The response, however, was overwhelming, and the bookshop is no longer struggling.

This may partly be down to the trend in book formats. In the UK in 2021, for the first time in eight years, printed books sold more than eBooks. This was further consolidated in 2022, when printed book sales increased by five percent, while eBooks decreased by ten. Paperback books were the most popular format in 2022, while the popularity of audiobooks kept increasing.

This popularity of printed books may mean a brighter future for independent bookshops like Georgia's. Resisting the pressure to move to online sales, she recently moved the bookshop to a new location. This allowed space not only for a wider range of books and other products, including games and gifts, but also for incorporating author events into the shop's timetable. According to Georgia, every day just gets better.

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

1. What were the overnight results of Georgia's social media message?

2. What had Georgia expected from the social media message?

3. Other than books, what does Georgia's bookshop offer?

Marks Awarded

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

4. The social media message was sent two years after the shop opened.

True ☐ False ☐

5. By 2022, eBooks were less popular than printed books.

True ☐ False ☐

6. Before she opened the bookshop, Georgia had

A studied literature at university.
B not been particularly interested in books.
C spent time working in a hospital.

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

7. According to Georgia, what was the most likely cause of the poor trade?

A unusually cold weather
B another new bookshop in town
C closed roads in the local area

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

8. What has happened to Georgia's business?

A The shop has been relocated.
B The original building has been extended.
C It has moved to mostly online sales.

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:

great (paragraph 3) ☐

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

weakened (paragraph 4) ☐

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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. Thousands of pounds worth of paintings have been destroyed while they were being transported to a new home at Harrington Art Gallery. The specialist removals company was involved in a collision while driving to the location. Unfortunately, two paintings were damaged beyond repair in the crash. However, the remaining artworks were only minimally damaged, and restorers are hoping to be able to rescue them. The artworks, which were being transported for a new exhibition, were due to go on display next month.

B. The celebrated international artist, Rosa di Marco, has decided to exhibit her work for the final time. She will bring her last collection, entitled *Memories of the Sea,* to a gallery in south-east London. Her work, which consists of dreamy landscapes and countryside scenes, has captured the hearts of many people. The artist, who is now 82, wants to officially retire from commercial work and will only create personal work in the future. The exhibition will last for two weeks, and entry is free of charge.

C. Recent graffiti in the town of Jayeswick has proved to be a major talking point. Many residents feel that the graffiti brings visitors to the town and makes the area unique with this kind of modern artwork. Others argue that the graffiti is unsightly and needs to be removed. The artist, only known as *The One*, has not commented on the debate. However, the local council has reached a decision and stated that the artwork should be covered over, with work beginning in the next week.

D. A 14-year-old boy got a bit of a shock when he bought a photo frame at a second-hand shop. Howard Yeo wanted a new frame and saw one that he liked. When he got home, he discovered an old drawing stuck in the back. His father thought that it might be worth a lot of money, so they took it to a local art dealer to have it valued. Howard was planning what to do with the money, when he was told that the drawing, was in fact, worthless.

E. Students at the adult community college in Rawston have expressed their anger at the cancellation of the still-life art classes. The classes, which have been running on Wednesday evenings, have had to be cut due to the withdrawal of funding from the local council. A council spokesperson said that the funding was needed in other areas of the borough, and it was unfortunate that classes had to be stopped. Students are collaborating to make a formal appeal to the council to reverse the decision.

F. *The Roses*, a stunning painting by Jemima Hughes, had been on display at the Meadstone gallery for over two decades. The artwork, which depicts two pink roses, was a big attraction for visitors to the gallery. Now, however, they will be greeted by an empty space, as the painting was stolen over the weekend. The burglars must have entered the gallery through the staff entrance, and strangely, *The Roses* was the only painting taken. Police are offering a reward of £1,000 for the return of the beloved artwork.

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

a decision to remove 'artwork'?	**e.g.**	**C**
a hope that was destroyed?	**1**	
an unsolved crime?	**2**	
an expensive accident?	**3**	
a loss in education?	**4**	
art that is considered unattractive?	**5**	
repairing artwork?	**6**	
a financial incentive?	**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 always lock the door before ___*leaving*___ the flat.

☐ **A leave**	☐ **B to leave**	☑ **C leaving**	☐ **D having left**

1. Harold wants to avoid _____, so we'll take the train.

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

2. In case the weather _____ cold, take a hat with you.

☐ A has turned	☐ B is turning	☐ C turned	☐ D turns

3. If you _____your snow boots, you wouldn't have slipped on the ice.

☐ A have worn	☐ B are wearing	☐ C had worn	☐ D will wear

4. He'd rather you _____ him today than tomorrow.

☐ A will call	☐ B called	☐ C have called	☐ D calling

5. The rubbish should _____ every week by the council.

☐ A be taken	☐ B to take	☐ C have taken	☐ D had taken

6. She grew up in Hawaii so she _____ to this cold, snowy weather!

☐ A didn't use	☐ B hasn't used	☐ C isn't used	☐ D wasn't using

7. The twins' parents allowed them _____ up later than usual.

☐ A was staying	☐ B stayed	☐ C staying	☐ D to stay

8. After _____ to that presentation, I understand the topic better.

☐ A had listened	☐ B listened	☐ C listening	☐ D to listen

9. If our friends rented the flat next door, we _____ very happy!

☐ A are being	☐ B are	☐ C had been	☐ D would be

10. I'm so sorry. It's always me that turns _____ late.

☐ A up	☐ B down	☐ C at	☐ D on

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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:

We should go to class now.

it's about time we went to class.

1. It's a shame I didn't take his advice.

I wish

2. Robin rarely washes the car.

Seldom

3. I'm absolutely sure I saw Gerry in the supermarket.

It must

4. The chefs are preparing dinner right now.

Dinner

5. 'Don't keep your phone in your back pocket!' Dad told my sister.

Dad warned my sister

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

Marks Awarded

Example:
Can you tell me the ___weight___ of this parcel? (weigh)

1. We watched the film in _____ because it was so bad. (amaze)

2. We're walking in a _____ nature reserve, so we have to be careful. (protect)

3. They were extremely _____ with the level of service – they'd expected much better for the price they paid. (satisfy)

4. The doctor will _____ the patient to find out what's wrong with him. (exam)

5. The storm last night was particularly _____ and lots of houses were damaged. (destroy)

6. I tried _____ to phone her but the call just wouldn't connect. (success)

7. Last night, the _____ in our house went off – we didn't have any lights or TV! (electric)

8. I don't think I want to go in that house. It looks _____. (mystery)

9. Hannah is a law student who wants to _____ in criminal law. (special)

10. Hayden was sitting so _____ in the chair that he fell asleep! (comfort)

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

Example:
Have you ever found __***something***__ in the street which isn't yours?

1. Last weekend, I was on my way to meet a friend of mine _____ lives in the city centre.

2. Although we first met at primary school, we hadn't seen each other _____ last year, so I was excited to meet up.

3. I was walking along the street near the station _____ I looked down and noticed a shiny object on the pavement.

4. I couldn't quite believe _____ I was seeing, but it was a brand new mobile phone!

5. Apart from being rather dirty, there was absolutely _____ damage to the phone, which I recognised as the latest model.

6. It was _____ an expensive phone that I felt bad for the person who had dropped it.

7. I looked up and down the street, but there was _____ there. The street was completely empty.

8. Not _____ what else to do, I decided to take it into the café where I was going to meet my friend.

9. I explained the situation to the waiter and was just _____ to give him the phone when my friend called me over to her table.

10. 'You've got my phone!' she exclaimed. 'I've been looking everywhere _____ it!' I was so happy to give it back to her.

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