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Candidate Instructions:

Make sure you have the correct candidate label in the box above.

Answer ALL the questions. Check the back page.

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

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:

	W1A [25]	W1 [25]	W2 [15]	W3 [10]	R1 [10]	R2 [10]	R3 [10]	R4 [10]	R5 [10]
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Choose EITHER Section W1A *or* Section W1.

Marks Awarded

Tick the topic you are writing about ☑

Section W1A (25 marks) ***These essay options are for AcCEPT Proficiency candidates who DO wish to write an academic essay and DO wish to qualify for an AcCEPT certificate.*** ***Write about 300 words on ONE of the following topics:***		
1.	What impact does the rise of influencer culture have on young people's aspirations and sense of self-worth?	☐
2.	Do you agree that the focus on individual success has led to a decline in community spirit? Why or why not?	☐
3.	To what extent do you agree with the statement, 'Children and teenagers should be involved in making decisions about their own education'?	☐
4.	Investment in research and development in the field of climate change is excessive and funds should be allocated differently. Discuss.	☐

Or

Section W1 (25 marks) ***These essay options are for General English Proficiency candidates who do NOT wish to write an academic essay and do NOT wish to qualify for an AcCEPT certificate.*** ***Write about 300 words on ONE of the following topics:***		
1.	What are the positive and negative aspects of using technology for studying?	☐
2.	Describe in detail a tradition in your culture.	☐
3.	Write an account of a time you tried something new.	☐
4.	'Schools should focus more on teaching practical skills than academic subjects.' Discuss.	☐

Have you ticked a box yet? Write your essay here.

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Section W2 (15 marks)
You must do both Task 1 *and* Task 2. They both relate to the situation below:

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You recently visited a new cinema in your town, but the experience was disappointing. Below is an advertisement for the cinema and your notes about the experience.

Enjoy the Ultimate Cinema Experience at Starlight Cinemas!

Latest blockbusters every week
Comfortable seating and plenty of legroom
High-quality surround sound and 3D screening available
Affordable ticket prices and student discounts
Fully-stocked snack bar with a variety of options



Task 1- Read the advertisement and the notes you have made. Use the information to write a formal email to the cinema manager in which you should:

- complain about the specific problems you experienced
- suggest ways the cinema can improve its services

(You should write about **150–170 words)**

From:

Subject:

Message:

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Now go to task 2 to complete this section

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Section W2 (continued)

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You recently visited a new cinema in your town, but the experience was disappointing.

Task 2- Write an informal email of about **100 words** to your friend.
In your email you should:

- explain why you want to change your plans to meet at the cinema this weekend
- invite your friend to go somewhere else for a night out, saying why it would be enjoyable

From:

Subject:

Message:

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Section W3 (10 marks)

Rewrite the sentences to give the same meaning as the original, using the beginning of the sentence provided and the word in brackets. Do not change the given words in any way at all. Rewrite all direct speech as reported speech.

Example:

Sam missed the show because his train was delayed**.** **(wouldn't)**

If the train hadn't been delayed, Sam **wouldn't** have missed the show.

1. The only way you can earn more money is to change career. (able)

Only

2. She wishes she had bought it when it was on sale. (reduced)

She regrets

3. Frederick won first place in both the swimming *and* the cycling. (but)

Not only

4. Perhaps the shellfish gave you food poisoning. (from)

You

5. 'I'll drive you to your dance class,' Freya's dad told her. (lift)

Freya's dad said

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Section R1 (10 marks)
Read the following passage and answer all the questions.

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El Hierro: the island that escaped mass tourism

In recent years there have been several protests against mass tourism in the Canary Islands. That is, in all of them except El Hierro, a small island that emerged from the Atlantic Ocean only around 1.2 million years ago, following millennia of undersea volcanic eruptions. This created a wild, diverse landscape, and is the most recent land mass of this island group to have been formed. It is less well known to the outside world than its neighbours as its jagged cliffs have naturally deterred visitors to the island throughout history. For the small number of wildlife enthusiasts who travel there today, its different microclimates, ranging from subtropical to desert, result in several unique species for them to observe.

El Hierro does not want to discourage tourists; in fact, it is trying to attract more. However, it wants to do so in a way that preserves nature and does not result in the island being overrun. With a population of only 11,000, it could not sustain the huge numbers seen in neighbouring Tenerife, although that is unlikely as it boasts no white sandy beaches. The island became self-governed in 1912. It got its first paved road in 1962 and, famously, still only has one set of traffic lights. Apart from travelling on foot, driving by car is now the only efficient way of getting around the island to visit its charming villages. These communities are forbidden from expanding into the surrounding nature, and there is a limited number of hotels. Those that do exist, have been carefully developed, and there are no touristy resorts. The authorities have been very forward thinking, and in 1997 they set themselves a target of being completely dependent on clean energy and reliant on nobody else. To educate visitors about their sustainable way of life and to encourage them to respect the landscape, they now have museums and information centres all over the island where many go as part of their itinerary to help them fully appreciate their holiday destination.

The island has a long history of being self-sustaining, even providing its own water when it has no rivers or lakes. The first settlers, the *Bimbache*, who lived on the island from 120 CE, collected rainwater from the misty rain the island receives by placing containers underground around their homes and small settlements. The volcanic rock made digging wells impractical, so containers were strategically positioned below vegetation, and therefore caught falling moisture from the leaves. Visitors today who hike through the misty pastures to the *Árbol Garoé*, an ancient holy tree which is alleged to have miraculously spouted water for the islanders, will see how this was thought possible. This is one of many walking trails on the island, as hiking, as well as diving, is one of the few activities both readily available and encouraged by authorities. The views, both above and below water, are stunning, although physical fitness is required to take advantage of these. Even getting to the island is challenging, with no direct flights from any major airport.

The increased demand for electricity on El Hierro is a more recent issue. In August 2015, for the first time, the power station generated all the electricity on the island for four hours, and it made history in 2023, when it became the only island in the world to operate solely on wind and waterpower for 23 consecutive days. In September, the gentle winds and calm seas do not serve the turbines and hydroelectric dam well, so the island is introducing *photovoltaics*, a type of solar panel. They hope their clean, natural way of living will attract the right number and kind of respectful tourists in future. This is likely, since UNESCO declared the island and its waters a BioSphere reserve in 2000. El Hierro hopes to remain the only island in the Canaries not to be overcrowded with tourists.

Assessment Sample

Marks Awarded

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

1. El Hierro is the youngest of the Canary Islands.

   True ☐ False ☐ Doesn't say ☐

2. An even and mild temperature is found throughout the island.

   True ☐ False ☐ Doesn't say ☐

3. The island's goal to reach self-sufficiency was created in the 1990s.

   True ☐ False ☐ Doesn't say ☐

4. The trail leading to *Árbol Garoé* is the most popular hiking path on El Hierro.

   True ☐ False ☐ Doesn't say ☐

5. El Hierro has yet to achieve self-sufficiency in energy for a full 24-hour period.

   True ☐ False ☐ Doesn't say ☐

6. To preserve its natural environment and terrain, El Hierro has very few

   A roads and paved paths.
   B settlements of a significant size.
   C places of interest for tourists to visit.

   A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

7. How did the *Bimbache* collect water?

   A They built tanks underneath trees and bushes.
   B They positioned containers on top of houses during heavy rain.
   C They dug a series of strategically-placed wells over the island.

   A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

8. Why is El Hierro introducing *photovoltaics*?

   A to meet the increased demand of tourism
   B to provide power for its future biosphere project
   C to fill in where power arrangements are insufficient

   A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

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

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

   poured out (paragraph 3) ☐

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

    attracted (paragraph 1) ☐

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Section R2 – Summary (10 marks – 6 marks for summary and 4 marks for style)
Read paragraphs 1, 2 and 3. With the information you find, write a summary in your own words on ***the reasons El Hierro doesn't receive many tourists****. Do not use fewer than 50 words or more than 75 words.*

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Section R3 - Reading (10 marks)

Read the passage about Nigel Richards, a world champion Scrabble player. Ten sentences have been removed from the text. Choose from the extracts A-M the one which fits each gap. There are two extracts you do not need to use. There is one example.

A - Despite this quiet behaviour, his unmatched skills in the game are widely recognised by Scrabble enthusiasts worldwide.
B – His friends say his lifestyle has barely changed, however, as he uses his winnings purely to maintain his practice.
C – *His obsession with patterns and structures was apparent even as a young child, and he often spent hours playing number puzzles.*
D – What made this victory so astonishing was that Richards did not speak the language at all, nor had he even *attempted* to learn it.
E – This attention to detail, combined with his photographic memory, ensured that he dominated the competitions.
F – Perhaps this impression they get comes from the fact that it is Richard's calm concentration that unsettles his opponents.
G – What they tend to do is to study thousands of word lists of little-known vocabulary, but Richards' method seems to be uniquely his own.
H – Out of all of these successes, winning the French World Championship is perhaps the crown jewel in his career so far.
I – He was always excellent at spelling at school, never failing to achieve top marks in his tests.
J – He spends countless hours each week practising, often playing games on his own or with a carefully selected group of competitors.
K – When Richards first took an interest in Scrabble, he was living a quiet life in his native New Zealand.
L – Understandably, this can cause frustration for those who feel that his exceptional memory gives him an unfair advantage, and has led to some of his rivals losing their tempers.
M – Over the years, Richards has proven time and again that luck plays only a *minor* role in his impressive success.

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Nigel Richards: Scrabble's Grandmaster

Nigel Richards is widely regarded as one of the greatest Scrabble players of all time. Born in 1967 in New Zealand, Richards showed an aptitude for strategic thinking even as a boy in the 1970s. ***example*** C He progressed to more complex challenges than these, and he was drawn to games that required skill, memory and calculation. Scrabble, the famous game of words, became his game of choice when he got a little older, in the late 1980s.

In his early twenties, Richards began participating in regional Scrabble tournaments. His rise to the top of the Scrabble world was swift, thanks to his tactical ability and strategical planning ahead of the games. 1. This latter ability meant he could easily remember which tiles had been played and which ones his opponent must have, meaning that he could beat players who did even more preparation than him. 2. When this happens, however, Richards always remains calm and composed. This is also true on the rare occasion when *he* is the loser.

Richards is a man of few words in interviews, and his private nature has only added to the mystique surrounding him. 3. As a result, he has achieved fame across the globe, far beyond what he might be comfortable with. Richards has never sought fame or recognition beyond the Scrabble board. He is famously modest, even after achieving extraordinary feats in the world of competitive Scrabble. Perhaps Richards' most famous and surprising accomplishment came in 2015, when he won the French-language Scrabble World Championship. 4. Instead, he spent nine weeks before the tournament reading the French dictionary and remembering the words off by heart. The meant he knew the words, just not how to use them for communication.

Richards has won a total of about $200,000 from all the tournaments he has won. 5. This is in stark contrast to his rivals who have done what most of us would and bought new houses, cars and luxuries. He is most grateful for the fact he doesn't have to work and can live modestly and spend all his time improving his craft. The vast majority of top Scrabble players have generally agreed on a single best way of efficiently training for a tournament. 6. Instead of simply remembering words, Richards trains himself to recognise patterns and probabilities, calculating his moves several steps in advance. This specific approach to the game has led to his dominance at the highest levels of play.

Many of his competitors have spoken about him having a certain quality that makes him seem unbeatable during games. 7. They seem to find this disturbing, and it often provokes anxiety in less experienced players. This combination of psychological poise and unmatched technical skill does make him nearly unbeatable. To date, Richards has won numerous World Scrabble Championships, including several titles in both English and French. 8. According to Richards himself, this is the achievement in which he takes greatest pride. He's not retired yet, though, and remains a formidable opponent, with his reputation as a master strategist growing with each tournament victory.

Despite all of this, Richards remains a humble figure. Some have attributed his success to good fortune, but people who know him know better. 9. Far more significant is skill, which may or may not come naturally, but which always needs to be developed. Richards' longevity and success in the highly competitive world of Scrabble are not just a testament to his skill but also to his dedication. 10. This level of practice with high-level players has undoubtedly contributed to his continued dominance, even as new generations of players emerge on the scene.

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Section R4 (10 marks)

Read the two texts in the boxes and complete the sentence with the correct form of the word in brackets. There is one example.

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Gym Etiquette

To ensure everyone has a positive experience, good (example) **__behaviour__** ***(behave)*** and consideration of others is essential.

Proper sportswear is required. If your clothing does not adhere to regulations and is deemed (1)_____ (***appropriate***), you may be asked to change before entering the gym area.

Members should always wipe down equipment after use to maintain hygiene standards. Please use all equipment (2)_____ (***caution***) and ask a member of staff for help if required.

Please (3)_____ (***memory***) your locker number, as this is also your membership number.

Engaging in (4)_____ (***responsible***) behaviour, such as dropping or swinging weights, may result in a warning or removal from the facility.

Please be sensitive to others and keep all music and noise to a (5)_____ (***reason***) level.

Being an Athlete

An athlete is someone who competes in sports and must demonstrate (6)_____ (***athlete***) ability to succeed. An innate talent is usually combined with training routines which (7)_____ ***(able)*** athletes to reach peak performance. Athletes are often required to train for several hours every day, developing their skills and building strength. Competitors should undergo regular (8)_____ (***analyse***) of their performance to spot areas for improvement and work on them. Success in sport requires physical endurance. It requires the help and support of a coach and loved ones and yet also the ability to remain (9)_____ (***dependent***) in making crucial decisions during competitions. A key to long-term success is having the mental strength to face (10)_____ (***fail***) and use it as motivation to improve.

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Section R5 (10 marks)

Write the missing words on the lines. Write only one word in each space. There is an example.

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The Amazon Rainforest

The Amazon Rainforest is the largest tropical rainforest in the world, spanning over 5.5 million square kilometres. It is home to an incredibly diverse range of plants and animals. About 60% of the forest is located in Brazil, with the remaining part spread (example) **across** several other countries in South America. The rainforest plays a crucial role in regulating the Earth's temperature by absorbing large (1) _____ of carbon dioxide.

However, the Amazon is increasingly under (2) _____ due to human activities, such as logging and agriculture. Deforestation has (3) _____ to a significant reduction in biodiversity, as many species lose their natural habitats. Conservation projects are being carried (4) _____ to try and limit the damage, but it is challenging work. Local and international organisations are working to (5) _____ awareness about the importance of protecting this vital ecosystem. The rainforest also influences global weather patterns, which (6) _____ its preservation critical for climate stability.

Despite these efforts, the destruction of the rainforest continues as a (7) _____ of various economic pressures. It is essential that sustainable practices are adopted to (8) _____ the survival of both the forest and its inhabitants. Scientists are studying the effects of climate change on the rainforest to predict how it (9) _____ change in the future. Not only (10) _____ the wellbeing of the Amazon Rainforest a regional issue, but it has become a major global concern.

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