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ENGLISH LANGUAGE MATERIALS FOR CONDUCTING THE FINAL CONTROL EXAMINATION FOR THE 11TH GRADE STUDENTS OF GENERAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS IN THE 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

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The final control exam in English for the XI classes of general education schools is held to determine listening comprehension, reading comprehension, writing, and speaking skills.

The purpose of conducting the final control exam is to determine the knowledge, skills and qualifications of students in foreign language education. Exam questions consist of questions in 10 different options to assess Reading, Listening, Writing and Speaking skills. The exam is organized in a hybrid form. In the first part of the exam, the student chooses an option and completes listening comprehension, reading comprehension and writing tasks. A total of 105 minutes will be allocated for the first part. In the oral exam, 10 minutes will be allocated for preparation and 3 minutes will be spent on speaking. Grammatical and phonetic correct expression of the ideas expressed by the student, fluency of speech, not deviating from the topic, and logical connection of the expressed ideas are taken into account. When expressing thoughts, if there are two or more cases of incorrect expression of word combinations, non-compliance with grammatical and phonetic rules in one sentence, that sentence is not taken into account. If the student cannot fully answer the ticket questions, the teacher can ask the student a third question on the topic. One day before the date of the final state attestation of the given tasks, 2 options will be drawn up and announced by the Working Group by drawing lots.

Exam	Number of tasks	1 st task type	2 nd task type	Final score	Allocated time
Oral	2	Giving personal information	Giving personal opinion on a daily topics	20	10 minute for each student
Listening	1	5 multiple Choice Questions (ABC) / Fill in the Gap / Matching / Sentence	x	25	15 minute

		Completion / Short Answer			
Reading	2	5 multiple-choice questions (ABCD fill in the blank / true false not given / matching / complete the sentence)	5 ta bir tanlovli savol (ABCD bo'shliqni to'ldirish / to'g'ri noto'g'ri berilmagan / moslashish / jumlani yakunlash)	30	30 minut
Writing	1	Candidate writes an email / short story / essay on a specific topic (minimum 100 words)	x	25	30 minut

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR THE WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT

The written assignment will be evaluated according to the following evaluation criteria:

- 1) Content / task achievement – 10 ball
- 2) Coherency – 5 ball
- 3) Syntax – 5 ball
- 4) Vocabulary - 5 ball

Content / Task achievement		Coherency	
Contextually correct Almost error-free Genuine effort to write like a native speaker	10	Smooth flow Very good transition Appropriate punctuation	5
Comprehensible, generally correct Occasional error	8	Good use of transition, flow Each clause fits within context	4

Frequent errors that confuse reader and require guessing at meaning Obvious translation from English that is difficult to follow	6	Choppy Visibly translated Comprehensible	3
Errors interfere with comprehensibility	4	Many restatements of same information Uses language significantly below expected level	2
Most clauses contain errors Many phrases are incomprehensible Fails to communicate main ideas	2	Inappropriate phrases, isolated words Uses unrelated vocabulary	1
No response Does not fit topic	0	Incomprehensible No response	0
Syntax		Vocabulary	
No grammatical errors	5	Very good; wide range Uses appropriate and new words and expressions Interesting response	5
Few syntax errors Minor errors that do not impede communication	4	Good, appropriate vocabulary Generally good response	4
Frequent errors	3	Vocabulary is just adequate to respond No attempt to vary expressions Basic	3
Many errors (agreement, verb forms) Errors in basic structures Errors impede communication	2	Inadequate vocabulary or incorrect use of lexical items Communication difficult	2
Most structures incorrect Constant use of infinitive; no conjugation Reader understands only because of past experience	1	Incomplete sentences or fragments Vocabulary repeated Inappropriate vocabulary	1
No attempt Indecipherable or illegible response	0	No attempt Totally irrelevant answer	0

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR THE SPEAKING

The oral assignment will be evaluated according to the following evaluation criteria:

- Pronunciation – 5 ball
- Fluency – 5 ball
- Syntax – 5 ball
- Vocabulary – 5 ball

This rubric uses four 5-point scales (total of 20 points).

Pronunciation		Fluency	
Phonetically correct Almost error-free Awareness of accent Genuine effort to sound like native speaker	5	Smooth flow Quick, continuous flow Natural pauses	5
Comprehensible, generally correct Occasional error	4	Occasional hesitation, searching for words Speaker can self-correct and respond to cues	4
Frequent errors that confuse listener and require guessing at meaning	3	Halting, hesitating Visibly translating before responding Can rephrase and respond	3
Many errors that interfere with comprehensibility	2	Frequent hesitations, searches for words Overly translates questions before response Repeats question word before response Eventually responds	2
Most utterances contain errors Many utterances are incomprehensible Little communication	1	Constant searching for vocabulary, verb tense Does not complete utterances	1
No attempt	0	No attempt May repeat cue	0
Syntax		Vocabulary	
No grammatical errors Speaker self-corrects without hesitation	5	Very good; wide range Uses appropriate and new words and expressions Interesting response	5
Few syntax errors Minor errors that do not impede communication	4	Good, appropriate vocabulary Generally good response	4

Frequent errors Self-corrects on some	3	Vocabulary is just adequate to respond No attempt to vary expressions Basic	3
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Examination Specification Level B1 (Grade 11)

The examination specification for level B1 provides teachers, Candidates, and other stakeholders with comprehensive information about the content of the examinations.

Examinations Overview

Final examination for Level B1 consists of four examinations:

Examination	No. of Tasks	Task 1 Type	Task 2 Type	Overall mark	Time Allowed
Speaking	2	Communicating personal information	expressing personal opinions on everyday topics describing	20	Up to 10 minutes per 1 Candidate
Listening	1	5 x multiple choice questions (ABC) / gap filling / matching / sentence completion/short answer	x	25	Approximately 15 minutes

Reading	2	5 x multiple choice (ABCD Gap Fill / True False Not Given / Matching / Sentence completion)	5 x multiple choice(ABCD Gap Fill / True False Not Given / Matching / Sentence completion)	30	30 minutes
Writing	1	Candidate writes an email / / letter on a given topic email or letter (minimum 120 words)	x	25	40 minutes

B1 Language Specification

Functions	Grammar	Discourse markers	Topics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing experience & events in the indefinite & recent past Describing the future, informing & predicting, expressing intention Expressing certainty & uncertainty, obligation & necessity Expressing opinions Expressing preferences Expressing purpose & giving reasons Expressing feelings & emotions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> determiners -ing forms present tenses past simple used to past simple and continuous modals, i.e., obligation, necessity, and advice present perfect and past simple comparative and superlative adjectives future forms: future continuous conditional sentences: second conditional past perfect the passive: modal passives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connecting words expressing cause and effect, contrast, etc Discourse markers to structure formal speech Linkers: although, in spite of, despite Linkers: sequential – past time – subsequently 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relationship Shopping Sport Weather Health Music Technology Nature At school

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● defining relative clauses and non-defining relative clauses ● articles: a/an, the, and zero article ● reported speech ● reported questions ● have something done ● different types of clause ● verbs with two objects 		Travelling Social media Cooking Films Communication Work Hopes and dreams
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Overview of the B1 Speaking Examination

The total guide time for the Speaking examination is 10 minutes, including an introduction read by the Interlocutor. There are 2 tasks in total.

The Speaking examination takes place with one Candidate and the Interlocutor present.

Successful B1 Candidates will demonstrate the following competencies across the examination:

- Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity on a number of familiar subjects
- Can take active part in a discussion, presenting and justifying their views
- Can present clear, detailed descriptions on a wide range of subjects
- Can explain a viewpoint
- Can give advantages and disadvantages of each option

Candidates' performance is assessed across four categories:

- Pronunciation – 5 points
- Fluency – 5 points
- Syntax – 5 points
- Vocabulary – 5 points

This rubric uses four 5-point scales (20 total points).

Pronunciation	Fluency
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Phonetically correct Awareness of accent Genuine effort to sound like native speaker	5	Smooth flow Quick, continuous flow Natural pauses	5
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Content of the B1 Speaking Examination

B1 Speaking Examination (total time: up to 10 minutes)		
Task	Summary	Timings
Task 1: Conversation	<p>The Candidates listen and talk to the Interlocutor and each to introduce themselves and exchange personal information.</p> <p>Example questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your favourite means of transport? Why? • How do you normally spend your free time? • What jobs do your parents and older relatives do? 	3 minutes
Task 2: Prepared topics	<p>The topics are published in advance to allow Candidates to prepare for this task.</p> <p>Each Candidate is expected to speak for up to 1.5 minutes.</p> <p>Example topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imagine that you have a friend who is often bored. Suggest several activities that he or she might like to try and say why each one would be a good idea. Talk about an invention you know about. • How has the world of work changed in the last 50 years? 	5 minutes
Total Marks Available in the Speaking Examination: 20		

Overview of the B1 Listening Examination

The approximate time allowed for the Listening examination is 15 minutes. There is 1 task in total.

The Listening examination is completed under the supervision of an Invigilator, under controlled examination conditions. The Examination may be conducted with one or multiple Candidates at the same time.

Successful B1 Candidates will demonstrate the following competencies across the examination:

- Can understand standard spoken language on both familiar and unfamiliar topics
- Can follow the essentials of lectures, talks and reports
- Can understand animated conversation between native speakers
- Can understand the main ideas of propositionally and linguistically complex speech on both abstract and concrete topics
- Can follow complex lines of argument, provided the topic is reasonably familiar
- Can understand speech delivered in a standard dialect and at normal speed

Candidates' performance in this examination is assessed based on the number of correct answers they chose in each task. All of the questions across the assessment tasks are equally weighted.

Content of the B1 Listening Examination

B1 Listening Examination (total time: approximately 15 minutes)		
Task	Summary	Marks Available
Task 1: Listen to a conversation	<p>The Candidates listen to a conversation between two speakers and answer 5 multiple choice ABC questions about the content of the conversation. The Candidates hear the recording twice.</p> <p>Several question types, such as multiple choice questions (MCQs), matching exercises, gap filling, sentence completion, and short answer exercises, are possible.</p>	25
Total Marks Available in the Listening Examination: 25		

Overview of the B1 Reading Examination

The total time allowed for the Reading examination is 30 minutes. There are 2 tasks in total.

The Reading examination is completed under the supervision of an Invigilator, under controlled examination conditions. The Examination may be conducted with one or multiple Candidates at the same time.

Successful B1 Candidates will demonstrate the following competencies across the examination:

- Can read correspondence relating to his/her field of interest and readily grasp the essential meaning
- Can scan longer texts in order to find the required information, or gather information from different parts of the text
- Can gather information from different texts to fulfil a specific task
- Can read for information, ideas and opinions from highly specialised sources across their field
- Can understand specialised articles outside of their field
- Can understand lengthy, complex instructions

Candidates' performance in this examination is assessed based on the number of correct answers they chose in each task. All of the questions across the assessment tasks are equally weighted.

Content of the B1 Reading Examination

B1 Reading Examination (time allowed: 30 minutes)

Task	Summary	Marks Available
Task 1: Gap fill – a continuous text	<p>The Candidates read a continuous text which contains 5 gaps, and choose the most suitable word to complete the text from a choice of four options.</p> <p>Several question types, such as multiple choice questions (MCQs), matching exercises, gap filling, sentence completion, and short answer exercises, are possible.</p>	15
Task 2: Multiple choice - long text	<p>The Candidates read a continuous text, and answer 5 multiple choice ABCD questions based on the content of the text.</p> <p>Several question types, such as multiple choice questions (MCQs), matching exercises, gap filling, sentence completion, and short answer exercises, are possible.</p>	15
Total Marks Available in the Reading Examination: 30		

Overview of the B1 Writing Examination

The total time allowed for the Writing examination is 40 minutes. There is 1 in total.

The Writing examination is completed under the supervision of an Invigilator, under controlled examination conditions. The Examination may be conducted with one or multiple Candidates at the same time.

Successful B1 Candidates will demonstrate the following competencies across the examination:

- Can write letters conveying degrees of emotion and highlighting the personal significance
- Can comment on the correspondent's news and views
- Can write clear, detailed descriptions of real or imaginary events
- Can mark the relationship between the ideas in clear, connected text
- Can write an essay that develops an argument systematically
- Can appropriately highlight relevant points
- Can include relevant supporting details
- Can evaluate different ideas or solutions

Candidates' performance is assessed across four categories:

- 1) Content/Task achievement – 10 points
- 2) Coherency – 5 points
- 3) Syntax – 5 points
- 4) Vocabulary – 5 points

Content	Coherency
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Contextually correct Almost error-free Genuine effort to write like a native speaker	10	Smooth flow Very good transition Appropriate punctuation	5
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Frequent errors that confuse reader and require guessing at meaning Obvious translation from English that is difficult to follow	6	Choppy Visibly translated Comprehensible	3
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Few syntax errors Minor errors that do not impede communication	4	Good, appropriate vocabulary Generally good response	4
Frequent errors	3	Vocabulary is just adequate to respond No attempt to vary expressions Basic	3
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Most structures incorrect Constant use of infinitive; no conjugation Reader understands only because of past experience	1	Incomplete sentences or fragments Vocabulary repeated Inappropriate vocabulary	1
No attempt Indecipherable or illegible response	0	No attempt Totally irrelevant answer	0

Content of the B1 Writing Examination

B1 Writing Examination (time allowed: 40 minutes)	
Task	Summary
Task 1: e-mail letter report short story essay	<p>Candidates are expected to produce either a letter or an email on a given topic. Guidance is provided.</p> <p>Candidates should spend approximately half of the total time allowed on this task. Word Count: Candidates are expected to write a minimum of 120 words in this task. Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An international magazine has asked students from all over the world to write about jobs that are popular in their country (eg: electrician, doctor, teacher, etc). Write about two or three jobs that you know about in your country, mentioning the advantages and disadvantages of each one. Write a report. Write between 120 and 180 words. • A friend has written to you and told you that he or she has some money to spend but can't decide between getting a home computer, a laptop, a tablet or a smartphone. You have some ideas about these things. Write an email to your friend suggesting what to buy and why. Write an email. Write between 120 and 180 words.
Total Marks Available in the Writing Examination: 25	

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**FINAL EXAMINATION FOR THE STUDENTS OF THE 11TH GRADE OF
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ACADEMIC YEAR**

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE INVIGILATORS!

AT THE END OF THE PAPER, THE INVIGILATOR WILL COLLECT THE QUESTION PAPER.

NO MATERIALS CAN BE REMOVED FROM THE EXAMINATION ROOM.

DO NOT OPEN THE QUESTION PAPER UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO!

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Total time allowed: 100 minutes.

This paper is divided into four sections.

SECTION 1. Listening (15 minutes)

Recording will be played **twice**.

5 questions.

Each question carries FIVE marks.

SECTION 2. Reading (30 minutes)

Part 1: 5 questions

Part 2: 5 questions

Each question carries THREE marks.

SECTION 3. Writing (40 minutes)

SECTION 4. Speaking (10 minutes)

(Candidate's full name)

(class)

Please sign here:

(Signature)

Variant 1.

SECTION 1. Listening (15 minutes)

Listen to five people talking about social media. Choose from the list what each speaker says about it.

1. _____ a. I'm sometimes bored by all the photos on it.
2. _____ b. It's the main way I keep in touch with my friends.
3. _____ c. I use it to find out what my friends think about films.
4. _____ d. It won't be fashionable for much longer.

5. _____
future.

e. I'd like a job related to social networking sites in the

ANSWERS FOR THE LISTENING

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SECTION 2. Reading (30 minutes)

Part 1.

Read the article about teenager called Tina who tries to live without throwing things away. For each question, choose the best answer, a, b or c.

Zero-waste teenager

Tina Garratt is, in many ways, an ordinary teenager. She goes to school, enjoys hanging out with friends, and does a bit of sport. There's one thing, however, that makes Tina unusual: she tries never to put anything in the waste bin. Some parents might say that a lot of teenagers live like that anyway, but Tina is doing it for a reason.

According to Tina, who writes a blog about 'zero waste' (living without throwing things away unless they can be recycled), quite a lot of people are interested in what she's doing and read her blog regularly. Her parents are encouraging, too. However, although a few of her friends believe in helping the environment and had often discussed different things they could do before Tina started her zero-waste lifestyle, she was the only person in the group to make this choice. She's also certain that she'll live this way for the rest of her life.

Tina says that her family have always been careful not to produce too much rubbish, taking their own bags with them when they went shopping rather than using the plastic ones provided, and only very occasionally eating takeaway food. They've always enjoyed plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables, avoiding anything covered in plastic, and that hasn't changed since they've started trying to help Tina with her waste-free lifestyle.

Tina admits it's sometimes hard to live this way, but her family have really helped her. Her mum has given her a special cup which she takes with her everywhere, so she doesn't have to use paper ones when she's out. She doesn't mind when people she's never met before ask her why she's using her own cup in a café. 'It's an opportunity to let people know what I'm trying to do,' she says. 'Takeaway cups are often covered in a thin layer of plastic so can't be easily recycled like ordinary paper that's used in magazines, or cardboard. The thing that's most of a challenge is finding ways of re-using the materials in T-shirts and jeans I no longer wear.'

Tina says that since she started waste-free living a year ago, lots of new websites have been set up about it, on which people share their experiences and give each other tips. 'It's not always easy, but it's definitely worth it – I feel I'm doing something useful and important. A lot of people save money this way too, though as my parents still pay for most things for me, it's not something I've managed to do yet,' says Tina.

1. What does Tina say about her decision to live waste free? _____

- a) Her friends agreed to do it with her.
- b) She got the idea for it from her parents.
- c) It has attracted a lot of attention.

2. What does Tina say about her family's previous shopping habits? _____

- a) They used plastic bags more than once.
- b) They often had takeaway meals.
- c) They always asked for plastic bags in shops.

3. What does Tina say is difficult about waste-free living? _____

- a) thinking of what to do with old clothes
- b) having to explain it to strangers
- c) avoiding using paper cups in cafés

4. How does Tina feel about her lifestyle now? _____

- a) pleased that it has saved her so much money
- b) proud that she has managed to keep doing it
- c) disappointed that so few other people live waste-free

5. What would Tina say in her blog? _____

- a) I really wish I could buy a magazine or a notebook sometimes!
- b) When I leave home, it'll be impossible for me to live waste-free!
- c) I'm so grateful to my parents for all the support they've given me!

Part 2.

Sabina's holiday blog

Hi everybody! I'm Sabina and I live in Finland. My summer holidays have started at last, and this year I've decided not to spend them in front of the TV. So here's what I do every day! It's not a strict timetable of course, but it helps me organise my time well.

I don't get up very early – around nine o'clock. Not like when I had school and had to get up at half past seven. I have a good breakfast. When I go to school, I don't usually have time to sit down and have breakfast, so this is a luxury for me! Then I help my mum a bit around the house, tidy my room and then I spend an hour on the laptop chatting to my friends. I don't spend a lot of time on that because my parents aren't too happy when I'm on the computer for hours on end. So ...

Around half past eleven, I usually go out to meet my best friend, Marianne. We live close by and we meet every day. Sometimes we go to the shopping centre and other times we go to the youth club.

There we meet other friends from school or from the sports team. We are both very fond of ice-skating and are members of the school team. Marianne is much better than me at figure skating, but I'm faster so we're both happy! Sometimes we hang out with the other kids there, but sometimes we have a lesson! I know, I know ... 'a lesson in the holidays?', you ask. Well, let me explain. It isn't a lesson on a school subject, although I believe it'll be very useful for my future. Marianne and I are doing a course on computer programming! We both enjoy using computers but we also want to be able to make computers do what we want them to do!

After I get back home in the afternoon, I relax a bit and then I usually go to the swimming pool or the tennis courts. Now in the summer, I believe tennis is the perfect sport for me. In the evenings, I don't go out much, but on Saturday I go to the cinema with Marianne or my brother and his friends or sometimes we go to the youth club when they organise a dance night. I always look forward to these evenings because they're great fun!

So, what about you? Write to me and tell me how you spend your summer holidays. Do you have a programme like mine or not?

Circle the correct words or numbers.

1. In the summer, Sabina gets up at 7.30 / 9.00.
2. She spends *hours* / *an hour* on the computer.
3. She goes out *with Marianne* / *alone*.
4. Marianne and Sabina are having *ice-skating* / *computer* lessons.

5. On Saturdays, Sabina goes to the *cinema / tennis court*.

ANSWERS FOR THE READING

Part 1		Part 2	
1		1	
2		2	
3		3	
4		4	
5		5	

SECTION 3. Writing (40 minutes)

Read part of an email from an English-speaking friend.

I've suffered from lots of colds recently and am feeling quite unhealthy. How do you stay healthy? What do you do to keep fit? Do you play any sports? What do you think I should do to feel better?

Now write an email to your friend answering the questions. Write about 100-120 words.

SECTION 4. Speaking (10 minutes)

Shopping

Part 1

(Any three questions from this list can be asked)

1. Do you like shopping?
2. What's your favourite shop?
3. Do you prefer shopping alone or with others?
4. What kinds of shops are there where you live?
5. Have you ever bought anything online?
6. Do you think men and women have different opinions about shopping?

Part 2

Describe a shopping mall that you have visited.

You should say:

where the mall is located

what stores are in the mall

what you like about the mall

and explain why you would or wouldn't recommend this mall to others.

Variant 2.

SECTION 1. Listening (15 minutes)

Listen to five people talking about social media. Answer to the questions.

1. What is Amy's main reason for using social media?
 - a) To waste time
 - b) To communicate with friends
 - c) To avoid doing homework
 - d) To explore new hobbies

2. According to Brian, what is a downside of social media?
 - a) Lack of communication
 - b) Overloading with photos
 - c) Limited fun activities
 - d) Irrelevant updates

3. What is Carol's perspective on the future of social media?
 - a) It will remain the dominant mode of communication indefinitely.
 - b) People will eventually move on to other communication platforms.
 - c) Social media will become less popular due to boredom.
 - d) Carol has no opinion on the future of social media.

4. How does David use social media in relation to his career aspirations?
 - a) He shares personal stories with his friends.
 - b) He engages in political debates.
 - c) He posts reviews of cultural events.
 - d) He avoids social media for professional reasons.

5. What does Emma primarily use social media for?
 - a) Keeping up with current events
 - b) Sharing photos and videos of sports events
 - c) Connecting with friends who live abroad
 - d) Promoting her school work

ANSWERS FOR THE LISTENING

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SECTION 2. Reading (30 minutes)

Part 1.

Read the text. For each question, choose the correct answer a, b or c.

Ray: I went somewhere amazing last week – a recording studio! Not somewhere I'd ever thought I'd go, to be honest, and it was great. As you know, I'm interested in going into the music industry when I'm older. I love playing the guitar. I'd need to be much better at it to be a professional guitarist, though. I used to think that being a DJ would be great – getting paid to play records and listen to them – but what really interests me now is the idea of being a sound technician – and I'll tell you why.

Last week – you know it was the school holidays – well I was staying at my cousin's – he lives on the coast, so it's really cool at his place and I often go and stay during the holidays. Well that's when I was invited to go to the recording studio! We were having dinner, and my cousin and I were talking about music and things like that. My aunt was listening, and she works in advertising. She said she was doing something for a recording studio, and asked me if I'd like to go there for the day! She said she had a good friend who worked there, called Kate, and she'd ask her if I could spend some time with her while they were actually doing a recording. I was just so excited!

The studio's quite far from where I live – it's near the main train station in the next town. So the morning after I got back home, I got up really early to catch the bus there. I was standing at the bus stop when I saw my best friend's dad driving past. He stopped and gave me a lift because he works in the next town near the station. So that was a good start to the day!

I had a great time there, seeing how they do stuff like recording the voices and the instruments separately – I must say, there were plenty of retakes! And they showed me how they do mastering to even out the sound after the recording, that sort of thing. It was really interesting. Kate, who took me round, was just so nice, and she gave me some advice. She said she was sure I already know loads about music and watch plenty of bands online – but if I really wanted to achieve my goals, I ought to

work hard at school, that was the most important thing. She said people in the entertainment industry don't just go to lots of concerts and go to parties with celebrities, it's about more than that and you need to be good at what you do.

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1. What job would Ray like to do when he's older? ____
a) guitarist b) sound technician c) DJ
2. Who invited Ray to visit the recording studio? ____
a) his aunt b) his friend c) his cousin
3. How did Ray get to the recording studio? ____
a) by bus b) by car c) by train
4. What did the woman at the recording studio say Ray should do? ____
a) watch bands online b) go to lots of concerts c) work hard at school ____
5. What did Ray send the people at the recording studio after his visit? ____
a) a postcard b) an email c) a video

Part 2.

Read the text and circle the correct words or numbers.

Sabina's holiday blog

Hi everybody! I'm Sabina and I live in Finland. My summer holidays have started at last, and this year I've decided not to spend them in front of the TV. So here's what I do every day! It's not a strict timetable of course, but it helps me organise my time well.

I don't get up very early – around nine o'clock. Not like when I had school and had to get up at half past seven. I have a good breakfast. When I go to school, I don't usually have time to sit down and have breakfast, so this is a luxury for me! Then I help my mum a bit around the house, tidy my room and then I spend an hour on the laptop chatting to my friends. I don't spend a lot of time on that because my parents aren't too happy when I'm on the computer for hours on end. So ...

Around half past eleven, I usually go out to meet my best friend, Marianne. We live close by and we meet every day. Sometimes we go to the shopping centre and

other times we go to the youth club.

There we meet other friends from school or from the sports team. We are both very fond of ice-skating and are members of the school team. Marianne is much better than me at figure skating, but I'm faster so we're both happy! Sometimes we hang out with the other kids there, but sometimes we have a lesson! I know, I know ... 'a lesson in the holidays?', you ask. Well, let me explain. It isn't a lesson on a school subject, although I believe it'll be very useful for my future. Marianne and I are doing a course on computer programming! We both enjoy using computers but we also want to be able to make computers do what we want them to do!

After I get back home in the afternoon, I relax a bit and then I usually go to the swimming pool or the tennis courts. Now in the summer, I believe tennis is the perfect sport for me. In the evenings, I don't go out much, but on Saturday I go to the cinema with Marianne or my brother and his friends or sometimes we go to the youth club when they organise a dance night. I always look forward to these evenings because they're great fun!

So, what about you? Write to me and tell me how you spend your summer holidays. Do you have a programme like mine or not?

1. In the summer, Sabina gets up at 7.30 / 9.00.
2. She spends *hours* / *an hour* on the computer.
3. She goes out with *Marianne* / *alone*.
4. Marianne and Sabina are having *ice-skating* / *computer lessons*.
5. On Saturdays, Sabina goes to the *cinema* / *tennis court*.

ANSWERS FOR THE READING

Part 1		Part 2	
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Sport

Part 1

(Any three questions from this list can be asked)

1. What types of sports do you like?
2. Do you like to watch sports on TV?
3. What is the most popular sport in your country?
4. Do you prefer team or individual sports?[Why?]
5. Did you play any sport in your childhood that you no longer play? [Why?]

Part 2

Describe a sport you would like to learn more about.

You should say:

what sport it is

how it is played or performed

why you would like to learn more about it

and explain what benefits this sport can bring to people's health.

Variant 3.

SECTION 1. Listening (15 minutes)

Listen to five people talking about social media. Listen and write T for true, F for false or NG for not given.

1. Amy spends most of her time on social networking sites. _____
2. Brian believes that uploading too many pictures on social media is reasonable.

3. Carol predicts that social media will remain the dominant mode of communication indefinitely. _____
4. David believes that social networking will not be relevant to his future career as a journalist. _____
5. Emma primarily uses social media to share her academic achievements with friends. _____

ANSWERS FOR THE LISTENING

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SECTION 2. Reading (30 minutes)

Part 1.

Read the text. For each question, choose the correct answer a, b or c.

Ray: I went somewhere amazing last week – a recording studio! Not somewhere I'd ever thought I'd go, to be honest, and it was great. As you know, I'm interested in going into the music industry when I'm older. I love playing the guitar. I'd need to be much better at it to be a professional guitarist, though. I used to think that being a DJ would be great – getting paid to play records and listen to them – but what really interests me now is the idea of being a sound technician – and I'll tell you why.

Last week – you know it was the school holidays – well I was staying at my cousin's – he lives on the coast, so it's really cool at his place and I often go and stay during the holidays. Well that's when I was invited to go to the recording studio! We were having dinner, and my cousin and I were talking about music and things like that. My aunt was listening, and she works in advertising. She said she was doing something for a recording studio, and asked me if I'd like to go there for the day! She said she had a good friend who worked there, called Kate, and she'd ask her if I could spend some time with her while they were actually doing a recording. I was just so excited!

The studio's quite far from where I live – it's near the main train station in the next town. So the morning after I got back home, I got up really early to catch the bus there. I was standing at the bus stop when I saw my best friend's dad driving past. He stopped and gave me a lift because he works in the next town near the station.

So that was a good start to the day!

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Part 2.

Read the text. Write 'R' for Right, 'W' for Wrong or 'DS' for Doesn't Say.

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Martin, Nebraska

1. Jerry's favourite actress has played in Kung Fu Panda. _____
2. Jerry has managed to get Angelina Jolie's autograph. _____
3. Samantha has been to the premiere of all the Madagascar films. _____
4. Josie has been listening to Adele's music since she was twelve. _____
5. Martin talks to Owen Wilson regularly. _____

ANSWERS FOR THE READING

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SECTION 3. Writing (40 minutes)

Your teacher has asked you to write a review of an adventure film you have seen.

Write about 100-120 words.

SECTION 4. Speaking (10 minutes)

Weather

Part 1

(Any three questions from this list can be asked)

1. What's the weather like where you live?
2. Do you like the weather in your hometown?
3. How does the weather affect your daily routine?
4. What kind of weather do you like?
5. Have you ever been in extreme weather conditions?
6. Do you have a habit of checking the weather forecast?
7. Is there any type of weather you really don't like?

Part 2

Describe your favorite season or time of the year

You should say:

when this time is.

what the weather is like at this time.

what you usually do at this time and explain why it is your favorite time of the year.

Variant 4.

SECTION 1. Listening (15 minutes)

Listen to five people talking about social media. Listen and write T for true, F for false or NG for not given.

1. Amy: Social media is an essential part of everyone's life. _____
2. Brian: Brian believes that putting too many pictures online is sensible. _____
3. Carol: Carol believes that social media will remain the main form of communication due to its current popularity. _____
4. David: David thinks people are more truthful about their opinions on social media than in person. _____
5. Emma: Emma uses social media primarily to connect with her friends for sport-

related activities. _____

ANSWERS FOR THE LISTENING

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SECTION 2. Reading (30 minutes)

Part 1.

Read the conversation between two friends, Maria and Ben, about being famous. Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

Maria: Hi Ben, did you hear about that actor yesterday who went...

Ben: No, Maria; I didn't, and to be honest, I don't want to.

Maria: OK, OK. But why not? It's only natural to be interested in other people's lives.

Ben: Maybe, but I don't understand why everybody wants to talk about people they don't even know. I think that's strange!

Maria: I really don't agree. In my opinion, famous people are just like everybody else. I mean, a lot of the difficulties they have in life are different, but they're still humans. They need to eat, sleep, they get bored sometimes, they need friends...

Ben: Yeah, but that still doesn't explain why some people seem to be as interested in celebrities they've never met as they are in their own friends!

Maria: Well yes, maybe you're right, it is a bit strange. But I suppose you can find out lots of things about them on the internet, so you can begin to feel that you actually know them.

Ben: Yes, but all that information about them online doesn't mean you know what they're really like. It's just an image.

Maria: That's true, but on social media you can find lots of conversations between stars and their fans. The stars answer questions and are often very honest, I think.

Ben: I'm not sure... I think they're very careful about what they say.

Maria: But don't you think that when we see all the great things they've done, it makes us want to do better ourselves? I really believe it makes people aim higher in

life! Or even just do things they wouldn't think of trying if they didn't see celebrities doing them.

Ben: Perhaps some people feel like that, but I think your friends, your family, your teachers are the people who should help you decide what to do in life, don't you?

Maria: Of course! But celebrities have an effect too. They need to behave well in public – I mean they have responsibilities because so many people watch what they do, especially young kids. They always need to think about that.

Ben: Well if you have a lot of fans, yes, you do need to remember that there will always be someone watching you, wherever you are. That must be difficult. I'd hate not to be able to go out without people taking my photograph, or wanting to talk to me.

Maria: But it's not all bad, is it? I wouldn't mind people knowing about me because I'd done something really special, or was really good at something. I'd feel proud. And I'd enjoy the good things about it, like meeting interesting people, travelling all over the world. It would be great to have so many opportunities.

Ben: Yeah, I'm sure you're right. But I still don't understand why people are so interested in them. I love watching films, but I don't need to know all about the actors' personal lives...

1. Maria says that celebrities' problems are the same as everybody else's. T / F
2. Ben believes that there is too much information about celebrities online. T / F
3. Maria thinks that knowing about celebrities encourages people to achieve more. T / F
4. Ben says that celebrities should behave in a more professional way. T / F
5. Maria believes that there are advantages to being famous. T / F

Part 2.

Read the text and circle correct words.

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1. Angelina Jolie is a *fan / film* star.
2. Jerry has watched *Maleficent / Madagascar*.
3. Ben Stiller is very *funny / has* a good voice.
4. Josie has got all Adele's *music / films*.
5. Martin has a signed *poster / signed* photograph of Owen Wilson.

ANSWERS FOR THE READING

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SECTION 3. Writing (40 minutes)

This is part of a letter you receive from an English-speaking friend.

My parents want me to learn to cook, but I don't think it's necessary. Do you like cooking? Do you think teenagers need to learn to prepare meals? Is it better to learn to cook at school or at home?

Write about 100-120 words.

SECTION 4. Speaking (10 minutes)

Music

Part 1

(Any three questions from this list can be asked)

1. Do you often (like to) listen to music? Or do you like listening to music?
2. When do you listen to music?
3. How much time do you spend listening to music every day?
4. What kinds of music do you like to listen to? Or What's your favourite kind of music?
5. Have you ever been to a concert before? Or Have you ever been to a musical performance?
6. Do you like to listen to live music?

Part 2

Tell me about your favourite music band.

You should say:

what it is and why you like it

how do people react to the music of this band

when you first heard their songs

and explain the necessity of listening music.

Variant 5.

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1. Amy spends most of her time on social networking sites. _____
2. Brian believes that putting too many pictures on social networking sites is a waste of time. _____

3. Carol thinks that social media will eventually be replaced by a more exciting form of communication. _____

4. David believes that people are more honest about things on social media. _____

5. Emma uses social media primarily to keep in touch with her cousins who live abroad. _____

ANSWERS FOR THE LISTENING

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SECTION 2. Reading (30 minutes)

Part 1.

Read the blog. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

Lara's blog: Recycled art competition

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pieces of wood, all tied together with old bits of string, balloons and old (clean) socks.

We decorated the cart with sweet wrappers and coloured paper from old magazines. Though you could only just about see it was a horse and cart, we thought it was the best thing ever. We didn't win a prize, but we had a lot of fun doing it!

1. The teenagers could use both new and recycled materials in their sculpture. T / F
2. The teenagers took some things they needed from bins in the street. T / F
3. The group decided what to make after seeing a picture online. T / F
4. The competition organisers sent the sculpture back. T / F
5. It was hard to see that the sculpture was a horse and cart. T / F

Part 2

Read the text. Complete each sentence with one word from the text.

We all use computers, smartphones and tablets in our everyday life. The time when these things were considered luxury items for the elite few is well in the past. But how is technological progress going to affect our lives in the future?

Many think that as computers are becoming smarter and smarter, they will soon take over several tasks which until now have required human intelligence. Computers or AI (artificial intelligence) will most probably regulate traffic in the future, control production in factories, operate delicate machines and drive boats and trains. Some of these things are no longer part of science fiction, but have been happening for the last thirty years or so. But what will happen as computers evolve further?

For those of us who have watched the Matrix trilogy, the evolution of computers to such a degree feels like a nightmare. Are computers going to take over from man? Are we going to become their slaves sometime in the distant future? Are they going to turn evil and destroy the Earth?

Other science fiction works foresee a more favourable future for the human race. Computers and robots become very intelligent, but they have in-built laws that don't allow them to harm people. These intelligent machines are (according to some writers) going to help mankind conquer space travel and protect it from yet unknown enemy life forms.

What does the future hold for computers, robots and us? Are we going to continue developing computers, robots and the software that runs them to the point where we,

humans, become completely unnecessary for their survival? We'll just have to wait and see.

1. Technological _____ is going to change our lives.
2. Computers have already taken _____ some tasks from people.
3. In the _____ future, people may become the slaves of computers.
4. There will be some kind of software programs that won't _____ computers to harm people.
5. In the future, computers may not be dependent on humans for their _____.

ANSWERS FOR THE READING

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SECTION 3. Writing (40 minutes)

Your teacher has asked you to write a story. Your story must begin with this sentence:

When I saw the photograph, I knew I had to do something.

Write about 100-120 words

SECTION 4. Speaking (10 minutes)

Technology

Part 1

(Any three questions from this list can be asked)

- 1. What technology do you often use, computers or cellphones?
- 2. What electronic devices have you bought lately?
- 3. Is there any technology you want to buy?
- 4. Is technology important in your life?
- 5. Is there any technology you don't like?

Part 2

Describe your favourite gadget. You should say:

What is it
When did you get it
How often do you use it
and say why is it so important to you

Variant 6.

SECTION 1. Listening (15 minutes)

Listen to five people talking about social media. Answer to the questions.

1. How does Amy primarily use social media?
A) To do homework
B) To communicate with friends
C) To watch sports events
D) To explore new technologies
2. What does Brian find unnecessary about social media posts?
A) Chatting with friends
B) Uploading too many pictures
C) Communicating online
D) Checking for updates
3. According to Carol, what might replace social media in the future?
A) Traditional communication methods
B) New technological developments
C) Face-to-face interactions
D) Social networking industry growth
4. How does David use social media in relation to his career aspirations?
A) To watch concerts online
B) To read reviews of theatre shows
C) To communicate with friends
D) To post his own reviews
5. Why does Emma use social media?
A) To avoid school work
B) To communicate with cousins
C) To watch sports events live
D) To focus on farm life
abroad

ANSWERS FOR THE LISTENING

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SECTION 2. Reading (30 minutes)

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1. Maria says that celebrities' lives are often boring. T / F
2. Ben says that people can get to know celebrities online. T / F
3. Maria thinks that people are more likely to try new things because of celebrities. T / F
4. Ben says that celebrities behave badly. T / F
5. Maria says she'd like to be famous. T / F

Part 2.

Read the text. Complete each sentence with one word from the text.

Opera

My uncle used to love this kind of music. He would listen to it for hours at home and I loved going with him to watch performances. The singers, the clothes and the

settings are amazing when you watch live performances! It's not ballet but there's choreography and the singers aren't actors, but they have to be able to express their feelings. It's a great show, really! I've learnt to enjoy this type of music because of my uncle.

Circus

When I was little, my parents used to take me and my brother and sister to watch the acrobats, the jugglers and the wild animals performing. Now, of course, they aren't allowed to use animals, and in my opinion that's a good thing. Animals don't belong in places like that. They should be free. However, I still consider this to be a top form of entertainment, so now I take my own kids to look at the acrobats.

Gallery

I always look forward to visiting this place when there's a new exhibition. I'm very good at drawing and I want to see how other artists may have dealt with a subject that I have painted as well. Next week I intend to visit a new exhibition of impressionist painters. Some of their works have come to my country for the first time.

Theatre

When I was younger, I was too shy and I didn't want to perform in front of audiences. However, my drama teacher has convinced me that I'm very good at acting and that I should take part in the next school performance. He encouraged me to study the part of Othello and try to take it. I'm actually looking forward now to appearing on stage!

Ballet

The first time my mum took me to see a performance, I was left speechless! The dancers seemed to float on air! They were flying like birds! And their costumes, it was like a fairy tale. The music, too, was full of feelings. I loved every minute of the performance and I decided there and then that I would become a dancer, too!

1. Live _____ of opera are an amazing sight!
2. When you go to the circus, you can see _____ doing dangerous acts.
3. There's a new art _____ in Tucker's Gallery.
4. If you want to take part in the school play, talk to the _____ teacher.
5. Becoming a ballet _____ involves practising very hard for hours every day.

ANSWERS FOR THE READING

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SECTION 3. Writing (40 minutes)

Read part of an email from an English-speaking friend.

I've suffered from lots of colds recently and am feeling quite unhealthy. How do you stay healthy? What do you do to keep fit? Do you play any sports? What do you think I should do to feel better?

Now write an email to your friend answering the questions. Write about 100-120 words.

SECTION 4. Speaking (10 minutes)

Travelling

Part 1

(Any three questions from this list can be asked)

1. Do you like travelling?
2. Whom do you often spend the holiday with?
3. What kind of places have you visited in your life?
4. When you visit new places, what do you like to do?
5. Do you prefer travelling alone or in a group?
6. Do you often travel abroad?
7. In which seasons do you prefer to travel?
8. What is the best season to travel in your country?

Part 2

Describe a foreign country you have never been to.

You should say:

where the country is

when you will go there

why you would like to go there

and explain why this is a good country to visit.

Variant 7.

SECTION 1. Listening (15 minutes)

Listen to five people talking about social media. Answer to the questions.

1. What is Amy's view of social media in her life?
A) Essential
B) Time-consuming

C) Unnecessary

D) Irrelevant

2. How many social networking sites does Brian use daily?

A) One

B) Three

C) Two

D) Four

3. What is Carol's opinion about the future of social media?

A) It will remain the main form of communication

B) It is already outdated

C) People will move on to newer communication methods

D) It will become less popular

4. What career path is David interested in pursuing?

A) Musician

B) Teacher

C) Journalist

D) Scientist

5. How does Emma primarily use social media?

A) Stay updated with friends

B) Share schoolwork

C) Connect with family abroad

D) Watch sports events

ANSWERS FOR THE LISTENING

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SECTION 2. Reading (30 minutes)

Part 1.

Read the article from a school magazine about holidays.

What I did during the summer holidays

A Harry

I spent two weeks on a cruise ship with my family last year. We landed at lots of different places and were given a few hours to visit shops, markets and all the touristy places on foot. I wanted to buy presents for my friends back home, but I didn't have enough money! We always had to make sure we were back at the ship on time! But of course most of the time we were at sea. It was fun exploring the cruise ship, and there were some other teenagers I met on board. We had a good time together and it would be great if I could see them again one day.

B Maya

I did a tennis course for a week during the summer holidays. The teacher was really good and showed me how to stand in the right position when I hit the ball. I think I've really improved my technique. I'll never be an amazing player – if I wanted to be, I'd have to play a lot more often than I do! But I've already had better results when I've played matches for fun with my friends. I enjoyed doing the course, but I also like spending time relaxing during the holidays – without having to use up too much energy!

C Tim

My main interest is cooking, so during my last summer holidays, that's what I did nearly every day! My aunt's a very good cook, so she helped me choose recipes that I could manage. She also went shopping with me to buy all the ingredients for the dishes I wanted to prepare. We had a lot of fun going to local markets and choosing from all the lovely vegetables on display. A lot of the things we needed were also on sale at the supermarket. I even made a special meal for my friend's birthday.

D Louise

I went on a science course last summer with some friends. It wasn't at all like our science classes at school, because we had a lot more time to do experiments. They gave us a list of all the ones we could try every day, and we decided which ones we each wanted to do. We also learned about new inventions, and a bit about satellites. If I can, I'd like to be a scientist in the future. I'd like to work on cars which use electricity as fuel, and developing ways of charging all sorts of devices using the sun.

Which person...

1. says they don't practise enough to do something very well? _____
2. is interested in various types of energy? _____
3. bought things from different places? _____
4. made some new friends? _____
5. did something nice for someone? _____

Part 2.

Read the text. Write 'R' for Right, 'W' for Wrong or 'DS' for Doesn't Say.

Opera

My uncle used to love this kind of music. He would listen to it for hours at home and I loved going with him to watch performances. The singers, the clothes and the settings are amazing when you watch live performances! It's not ballet but there's choreography and the singers aren't actors, but they have to be able to express their feelings. It's a great show, really! I've learnt to enjoy this type of music because of my uncle.

Circus

When I was little, my parents used to take me and my brother and sister to watch the acrobats, the jugglers and the wild animals performing. Now, of course, they aren't allowed to use animals, and in my opinion that's a good thing. Animals don't belong in places like that. They should be free. However, I still consider this to be a top form of entertainment, so now I take my own kids to look at the acrobats.

Gallery

I always look forward to visiting this place when there's a new exhibition. I'm very good at drawing and I want to see how other artists may have dealt with a subject that I have painted as well. Next week I intend to visit a new exhibition of impressionist painters. Some of their works have come to my country for the first time.

Theatre

When I was younger, I was too shy and I didn't want to perform in front of audiences. However, my drama teacher has convinced me that I'm very good at acting and that I should take part in the next school performance. He encouraged me to study the part of Othello and try to take it. I'm actually looking forward now to appearing on stage!

Ballet

The first time my mum took me to see a performance, I was left speechless! The dancers seemed to float on air! They were flying like birds! And their costumes, it was like a fairy tale. The music, too, was full of feelings. I loved every minute of the performance and I decided there and then that I would become a dancer, too!

1. The writer in paragraph 1 went to the opera for the first time with his uncle. _____
2. The writer in paragraph 2 goes to the circus with his children. _____
3. The writer in paragraph 3 is looking forward to a new art exhibition. _____
4. The writer in paragraph 4 has performed in many school plays. _____
5. The writer in paragraph 5 wants to learn to fly like a bird. _____

ANSWERS FOR THE READING

Part 1		Part 2	
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SECTION 3. Writing (40 minutes)

Your teacher has asked you to write a story. Your story must begin with this sentence:

When I saw the photograph, I knew I had to do something.

Write about 100-120 words.

SECTION 4. Speaking (10 minutes)

Social media

Part 1

(Any three questions from this list can be asked)

- 1. Do you like using social media?
- 2. How often do you use social media?
- 3. What's your favourite social media platform?
- 4. Do you think some people spend too much time on social media?
- 5. What's the most popular social media app / platform in your country?
- 6. Is social media popular in your country?
- 7. Do you use social media often?
- 8. Why do some people choose not to use social media?

Part 2

Describe a time you saw something interesting on social media

You should say:

When was it?

Where did you see it?

What did you see?

And explain why you think it was interesting?

Variant 8.

SECTION 1. Listening (15 minutes)

Listen to five people talking about social media. Complete the sentences with one word.

1. Amy spends quite a lot of time every day on social networking sites, checking what all her friends are doing, _____, and looking at their photos – they take a lot when they're bored!

2. Brian uses two social networking sites for about three hours a day in total. It's normal and even _____ to communicate online, and he's always up to date with what's going on.

3. Carol believes that because there are so many new developments in technology all the time, it won't be _____ before people move on to another way of communicating with each other.

4. David likes to write reviews of things he's seen at the theatre, cinema, or concerts and post them on different sites. He also enjoys reading what his friends say about them _____.

5. Emma uses social media as a good way to keep in touch with her cousins who live abroad. She also _____ looking at photos and videos of sports events that her friends have filmed and uploaded.

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Which person...

1. says they aren't as good at something as they could be? _____
2. was glad to be able to choose the activities they preferred? _____
3. spent less money than he/she expected? _____
4. made new friends? _____
5. says they are better at something than they used to be? _____

Part 2.

Read the text. Write 'R' for Right, 'W' for Wrong or 'DS' for Doesn't Say.

How many pairs of jeans have you got? Five? Ten? Which one is your favourite? How many pairs of jeans or denim shorts are there in the world? Denim must be the most popular type of clothing material there is in the western world. It's made of cotton and it can be worn in practically any circumstances. So jeans and denim are innocent, environmentally friendly clothes, right? Wrong!

As it turns out, what most people don't know is that denim jeans are truly environmentally unfriendly! To start with, vast quantities of water are needed for the cotton plants – in fact, 1,600 gallons of water are needed for just one pair of jeans. Then, a large amount of oil is also required to move the machines that spray cotton plants with chemicals so they aren't destroyed by insects or other pests! To make matters worse, to give denim its blue colour many harmful chemicals are used, which are afterwards released into the environment, poisoning and polluting the ground water, killing all life there. They also poison drinking water, making it unsuitable for human consumption.

Had enough? Sorry, there's more! After a pair of jeans has been made, it is washed countless times to give it the trendy faded look that it needs if it's to be sold in fashionable shops. So, a lot more water is wasted like that. Finally, jeans also contribute to global warming – for each pair of jeans 32 kg of CO₂ is released into the atmosphere!

Should we then give up our beloved jeans? Is there a solution? Happily, yes, there is. Some companies are now having research done into producing environmentally friendly jeans and denim clothes. They're using recycled materials such as plastic and even glass, which helps the environment by removing harmful substances, as well!

1. Jeans are very popular. _____
2. Jeans are made of cotton. _____
3. The chemicals used to make denim are environmentally friendly. _____
4. The water used for washing jeans is recycled. _____
5. Jeans can be recycled and reused. _____

ANSWERS FOR THE READING

Part 1		Part 2	
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SECTION 3. Writing (40 minutes)

Your teacher has asked you to write a review of an adventure film you have seen.

Write about 100-120 words.

SECTION 4. Speaking (10 minutes)

Films

Part 1

(Any three of these questions can be asked)

1. Do you like to watch films?
2. What kinds of movies do you like best?
3. Do you prefer foreign films or films made in your country?
4. How often do you watch films?
5. How often do you go to a cinema to watch a movie?
6. Do people in your country like to go to a cinema to watch a film?
7. What was the first film that you watched?
8. Do you like to watch movies alone or with your friends?
9. Would you like to be in a movie?
10. What was the best movie you watched?

Part 2

Describe a film/movie you would like to share with your friends.

What is the movie?

Where did you watch it?

Who did you watch it with?

And why do you want to share it with your friends?

Variant 9.

SECTION 1. Listening (15 minutes)

Listen to five people talking about social media. Complete the sentences with one word.

1. Amy admits that she probably _____ quite a lot of time every day on social networking sites.
2. Brian mentions that it's _____ to communicate online.
3. Carol believes that people will soon move on to another way of _____ with each other.
4. David writes reviews of things he has seen at the _____ or the cinema or concerts.
5. Emma uses social media to keep in touch with her cousins who live _____

ANSWERS FOR THE LISTENING

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SECTION 2. Reading (30 minutes)

Part 1.

Read a teenager called Jim's blog about moving away from the city to live in the countryside. For each question, choose the best answer, a or b.

A year ago, just before the summer holidays, my parents announced that they were planning to move out of the city to live in the countryside. They said they were tired of their stressful lives in the city, and the high prices. My mother's a writer, so if there's an internet connection, she can work wherever she is. My father's a musician, so it isn't that simple for him, but he explained that he hoped he could find work locally, teaching children to play the piano and the guitar.

Well, the news was completely unexpected, and of course my sister and I weren't interested in hearing about all the advantages of being out of the city – the open

spaces, the wildlife, enjoying the changing seasons, no pollution, all that sort of thing. We didn't want to leave our friends, or all the facilities available to us. My sister's mad about skateboarding, and we both suddenly realised that our school wasn't too bad, despite all the homework!

Instead of listening to us and changing their minds, my parents insisted that it was a great idea. According to them, we were young enough to handle such a big change in our lives fairly easily, and they said they had dreamed of doing this for years. Even worse, they told us they had found a big house in a small village, and that they were selling the flat we lived in so they could buy it. My sister and I imagined it must be a ruin. After all, how could we possibly afford a big house? But actually, we could, because houses are reasonably cheap in the countryside compared to those in the city, and when they showed us pictures of it online, we saw that, in fact, it looked pretty nice.

A month later, here we all are, in a tiny village thirty kilometres from the nearest town. We'll have to get up early to catch a bus to school when the new term starts, which I'm definitely not looking forward to. My sister's taken up mountain biking with some of the local kids, so she's happy. I still miss my friends, but some of them are coming to stay next week, and I've made some new ones, too. One of them's into making animated films, and I've discovered that's really interesting. Who knows, maybe I'll be a famous film-maker one day!

1. Why had Jim's parents decided to leave the city?
 - a) They wanted to feel less worried and more relaxed.
 - b) They couldn't afford to live there any longer.
 - c) The jobs they did had changed.
2. How did Jim feel about moving?
 - a) surprised his parents hadn't asked him what he thought about it
 - b) worried about the way his life would change
 - c) grateful for the chance to go to a different school
3. Jim's parents said that Jim and his sister were
 - a) able to deal with the move.
 - b) right to be excited about the future.
 - c) lucky to have this opportunity.
4. What does Jim say about their new house?

- a) It was older than their flat in the city.
- b) It was better than he had expected.
- c) It was extremely expensive.

5. What is Jim pleased about now?

- a) He has found a new hobby.
- b) He lives fairly near his new school.
- c) He is going to visit his old friends soon.

Part 2.

Read the text and circle the correct words.

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1. Denim clothes can be *worn* / *bought* anywhere.

2. A lot of *water / oil* is needed for the cotton plants.
3. *Dangerous / Environmentally friendly* chemicals are used to colour denim material.
4. A pair of jeans must be washed *just once / many times* before it is sold.
5. New techniques are being researched to make jeans *cheaper / greener*.

ANSWERS FOR THE READING

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SECTION 3. Writing (40 minutes)

This is part of a letter you receive from an English-speaking friend.

My parents want me to learn to cook, but I don't think it's necessary. Do you like cooking? Do you think teenagers need to learn to prepare meals? Is it better to learn to cook at school or at home?

Write about 100-120 words.

Variant 10.

SECTION 1. Listening (15 minutes)

Listen to five people talking about social media. Complete the sentences with one word.

1. Amy mentions that social media is how she _____ with her friends.
2. Brian thinks that it's a bit silly to keep on _____ more and more pictures on social media.
3. Carol expresses uncertainty about _____ will replace social media.
4. David loves reading what his friends say about the _____ online.
5. Emma enjoys looking at photos and videos of _____ events that her friends have filmed and uploaded.

ANSWERS FOR THE LISTENING

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SECTION 2. Reading (30 minutes)

Part 1.

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1. The narrator's parents decided to move to the countryside due to the low cost of living and their desire for a less stressful life. _____
2. Both of the narrator's parents work remotely, which makes it easier for them to relocate. _____
3. Houses in the countryside are generally more expensive compared to those in the city. _____
4. The narrator's sister has started mountain biking with some local kids and is enjoying it. _____
5. The narrator's friends are not interested in visiting them in the countryside. _____

Part 2.

Read the text and complete each sentence with a word or phrase from the text.

Ann, 13

I don't buy expensive things. Some of my classmates love wearing brand names, but I think it's silly to spend so much money on clothes, especially since I'm still young and next year my clothes won't even fit me. I usually go shopping with my mum, because she's got great taste and she knows what suits me and what doesn't, but it's

always me who makes the final decision. I spend my pocket money on computer games, but again, I don't spend much. I prefer to exchange used games with my friends. That way I get to enjoy more games than I would ever be able to afford.

Tanya, 16

I love clothes and I love shopping – you could say I'm addicted! I hang out at the shopping centre with my friends and I always buy something new every week. My parents are a bit worried and tell me I should spend less, but I don't want to. I have the nicest clothes at school and great style and everybody asks me where I buy clothes from! I don't have my own credit card yet, but when I get a job in a few years, I'm definitely going to get one. My favourite sites on the internet are fashion sites of course and I've also got my own blog where I talk about – what else? – clothes and fashion!

Mark, 15

I never go shopping. It's so boring! My mum gets me my clothes and I just wear them. I spend most of my time on the basketball court. I hang out with my friends there and we have fun. I think that consumers should be more aware of what they buy. We live in a period where people don't buy what they need, but what they want and that means we spend time and money on useless things. I believe we should be more aware of what consumerism does to the environment, too.

Carl, 17

I usually spend a little money on clothes and stuff, but not very often. I like to be in fashion but I also believe that we should think about whether we need something before we buy it. Take my sister for example – she's got a room full of clothes she doesn't wear and things she doesn't use! I don't want to be like that. I usually do my shopping in the sales because then I can find good bargains. And I sometimes buy stuff over the internet, because it's fun and fast.

1. Ann spends her _____ money on computer games.
2. Tanya wants to get a _____ when she's older.
3. Tanya's favourite internet _____ are about fashion.
4. Mark likes to _____ out at the basketball court.
5. Carl doesn't spend a lot but he enjoys being in _____.

ANSWERS FOR THE READING

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SECTION 3. Writing (40 minutes)

Read part of an email from an English-speaking friend.

I've suffered from lots of colds recently and am feeling quite unhealthy. How do you stay healthy? What do you do to keep fit? Do you play any sports? What do you think I should do to feel better?

Now write an email to your friend answering the questions. Write about 100-120 words.

SECTION 4. Speaking (10 minutes)

Hopes and dreams

Part 1

1. What was your dream when you were a child?
2. What's your main ambition in life now?
3. What's your dream job?
4. Are you the kind of person who never gives up on your dreams?
5. What was your dream job when you were at a young age?
6. What are you planning to do in the next five years?
7. What plans do you have for your future?
8. Do you want to learn a skill that you do not have?
9. Why should we plan for our future?
10. What are some plans you had a few years ago but you did not fulfil them?
Why?

Part 2

Describe a future plan which is not related to work or study. You should say

what the plan is

when you thought of the plan

who is involved in the plan

and say how you think you will achieve the plan.