

2. Write an article for an online magazine entitled: "The most remarkable place on earth."
(80-100 words) (15 marks)



A large rectangular box containing 15 horizontal lines for writing an article.

Part II: Reading Comprehension (30 marks)

Read the 3 passages and then do ALL the exercises that follow.



Passage 1

Giverny- A wonderful stone village

Dear Emily,

How are you? It sounds like you are having a great time in Italy. My parents told me that Sorrento is a fantastic tourist destination near Naples and Capri!

I'm writing from my grandparents' house where we are staying for a few weeks. They live near a village in France called Giverny. The famous painter Claude Monet lived in this village from 1883 to 1926 and lots of tourists visit his house throughout the year. It's really pretty with the colourful flowers in the garden, the famous water garden and the small wooden bridge which he used in most of his famous paintings.

Giverny is a wonderful stone village quite close to Paris, so we went there yesterday for a day trip. I went to see the Eiffel Tower with my dad and then we went to the Louvre museum. My mum and sister went shopping instead. Paris is beautiful, but it's certainly a very big and noisy city. My sister loves it though, but I prefer the peace and quiet of Giverny.

I really like it here. I can ride my grandpa's bike everywhere because there is not a lot of traffic. I just wish there weren't so many steep hills and the country roads weren't so bumpy! Yesterday my bike hit a sharp rock and I flew over the handlebars! Luckily, I was ok but the bike got a puncture and the mudguard was damaged. I thought my grandpa would be angry, but he didn't mind and said that he was glad I wasn't hurt.

We are coming back home to Manchester next week. Will you be back? Maybe we could meet up.

Write back soon and let me know,

Love,

Ann

A. Choose the best answer according to passage 1.

(5x2=10 marks)

1. Who is on holiday in Italy?
 - a. Ann
 - b. Ann's sister
 - c. Emily

2. Claude Monet the famous painter lived in ...
 - a. Giverny from 1883 up to 1926
 - b. Paris from 1883 up to 1926
 - c. Giverny from 1883 up to 1925

3. While Ann was in Paris for a day trip, her sister went to....
 - a. the Eiffel Tower
 - b. the shops
 - c. the Louvre museum

4. Ann fell off her bike because ...
 - a. she couldn't ride it
 - b. of a careless driver
 - c. her bicycle hit a rock

5. Ann's grandfather...
 - a. was very angry
 - b. was pleased that Ann was fine
 - c. felt dizzy

Passage 2



When nature goes nuts.....

Volcanic eruption

On May 8, 1902 Mt Pelee on the island of Martinique erupted and totally destroyed the nearby city of St. Pierre. As a result 36,000 people were killed! Ash had been falling like rain since April 23 and lots of small explosions had occurred, but the local people hadn't paid attention to the warning signs. Only four people survived the burning lava.

Tsunami

A tsunami, also known as a seismic sea wave, is a series of water waves caused by the displacement of a large volume of a body of water generally of an ocean or of a large lake. The 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami was among the deadliest natural disasters in human history: at least 290,000 people were killed or missing in 14 countries bordering the Indian Ocean.

Tornado

The most record breaking tornado in recorded history was the Tri-State tornado, which roared through parts of Missouri, Illinois and Indiana on March 18, 1925. Its duration was 7 hours, 695 people died and 2, 298 were injured in the violent wind storm. The damages cost around \$1.4 billion.

Most terrible of all times

On January 12, 2010 an earthquake that had a depth of 8,1 miles rocked Haiti, west of Port-au-Prince. Later, great floods were caused and rivers, which hadn't been there before, were created. Many cities were seriously damaged and buildings collapsed. It had led to over 200,000 deaths, 2 million homeless and 3 million people in need.

One of the most dramatic disasters was the Great Flood in 1931 of Huang He (Yellow River) in China. The flood caused more than 800,000 deaths and the displacement of about 4,000,000 people. The exact number is still unknown.

(Adapted from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

B. Complete the table below with the information in passage 2.

(10x 1=10 marks)

YEAR	PLACE	TYPE OF DISASTER	DEATHS
1925	(1)-----	tornado	(2)-----
(3)-----	St. Pierre , Martinique	(4) -----	(5)-----
(6) -----	(7) -----	(8) -----	200,000
1931	(9)- -----	(10) -----	800,000

Passage 3



Bob Geldof- Band Aid 30

Bob Geldof is an Irish singer-songwriter, author, sporadic actor and political activist. He became famous as the lead singer of the Irish rock band the Boomtown Rats in the late 1970s and early 1980s together with the punk rock movement. The band had hits with his songs "Rat Trap" and "I Don't Like Mondays". He co-wrote "Do They Know It's Christmas?" one of the best-selling singles of all times, and starred in Pink Floyd's 1982 film Pink Floyd – The Wall as "Pink".

Geldof is recognised for his activism, especially the anti-poverty efforts concerning Africa. In 1984 he and Midge Ure founded the charity super-group Band Aid to raise money for famine relief in Ethiopia. They went on to organise the charity super-concert the following year and the Live 8 concerts in 2005. Geldof at present serves as an adviser to the ONE Campaign, founded by the Irish singer Bono.

Band Aid 30 is the 2014 new form of the charity super-group Band Aid. The group was announced on 10 November 2014 by Bob Geldof and Midge Ure. Geldof said that he decided to do this step after the United Nations had contacted him, saying help was urgently needed to prevent the 2014 Ebola crisis in Western Africa spreading all over the world. The group covered the track "Do They Know It's Christmas?" which was written in 1984, this time to raise money towards the Ebola crisis, and the lyrics of the song have been re-formed to reflect the present situation in West Africa.

(Adapted from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

C. Put a (√) in the correct box to say whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE according to passage 3. (5x 2=10 marks)

		TRUE	FALSE
1	Bob Geldof was the lead singer of the group Pink Floyd.		
2	In 1984 the charity group Band Aid raised money for the Ebola virus in Western Africa.		
3	The ONE Campaign was founded by the Irish singer Bono.		
4	Band Aid 30 was announced on 10 November 2014		
5	The lyrics of "Do They Know It's Christmas?" have been modified in order to show the existing situation in West Africa.		

Part III: Use of English

(40 marks)

A. Read the following article and choose the correct alternatives. (6x0.5 = 3 marks)

There was a robbery last night at **Renaissance Art** gallery, where there are some really famous paintings. (1) _____ gallery which is in Saxton Street, (2) _____ at five o'clock as usual. Later, two men, who police officers believe are professional art

thieves, broke into the museum. They stole four paintings and a statue. The paintings, which are by well-known artists, cost the museum thousands of pounds. The police, whose aim is to catch the thieves before (3) _____ try to leave the country, are asking local people for information about the robbery. The crime took place (4) _____ around midnight, when (5) _____ was completely dark. The thieves climbed (6) _____ a small window at the back of the museum, where there are no street lights. However, the police hope there may be one or two witnesses to the crime, who can help them arrest the thieves.

1	A. the	B. a	C. -
2	A. close	B. closed	C. had closed
3	A. he	B. they	C. them
4	A. on	B. at	C. in
5	A. there	B. where	C. it
6	A. through	B. from	C. out

B. Underline the correct form of the verbs in the following dialogue. (7x1=7 marks)

Danny: Did you have a good time at your grandparents' house last weekend?

Emma: Yes, I did. We (1) **arrived / had arrived** at their house late, though. We all woke up late on Saturday morning because Dad hadn't set his alarm clock. My grandparents (2) **have been waiting / had been waiting** for us two hours before we arrived.

Danny: Were they angry?

Emma: No they never get angry! (3) **Have you ever met/ Did you ever meet** my grandparents?

Danny: No, I haven't.

Emma: I think you will meet them soon. They (4) **will come/ are coming** to visit us tomorrow.

Danny: That's good. I (5) **looking / am looking** forward to meeting them.

Emma: They want to meet you too. I (6) **have been telling/ was telling** them about you for years.

Danny: Great! Will your dad set the alarm clock this time?

Emma: If he doesn't, we (7) **would be /will be** asleep when my parents arrive!

C. Complete each of the following sentences, using the words given in brackets, in such a way that it means the same as the sentence before it.

(5x2=10marks)

1. I will come to the park, if it doesn't rain. (**unless**)
I will come to the park_____.

2. Rebecca, I want you to help me with my project. **(will)**
Rebecca, _____ me with my project?
3. The last time I saw my friends was six months ago. **(haven't)**
I _____ my friends for six months.
4. They will build the new stadium near the station. **(built)**
The new stadium _____ near the station.
5. "I can't find my keys." Tom complained. **(couldn't)**
Tom complained that _____ keys

D. Choose the correct adjective.

(7 x1 = 7 marks)

Shopping in London

London is an ideal place for shopping. There are so many different places to go shopping there and you can also get some good bargains in the sales.

Oxford Street is one of the most (1) **famous / embarrassing** shopping areas in London, but it can often get very busy and (2) **fascinating / crowded** and you have to be careful that no one steals your wallet. A more (3) **relaxing / helpless** place to shop is Covent Garden. Here you can walk around the shops, watch some street artists and have a coffee.

If you like department stores, London has some good ones. Harrods is the most famous one but it is quite (4) **expensive / tiring**. The motto of Harrods is 'All things for all people, everywhere.' In fact, a baby elephant was sold by Harrods as a present to Ronald Reagan. Selfridges is another famous department store and some people prefer it as a more (5) **confusing / modern** choice.

Camden Market is also a well-known, (6) **trendy / helpful** street market in London where there are lots of bargains all year round. If you don't have much to spend, you can find (7) **expensive / stylish** low-priced clothes and jewellery there, as well as many other items. When you've had enough of shopping, you can buy some great Chinese take-away food for a few pounds and sit by the canal.

E. Match the questions with the answers.

(7 x1= 7 marks)

1. That dog looks really angry. What should I do?
2. Why did he fail his exams?
3. Do you mind if we meet on Wednesday instead of tomorrow?
4. Why do you want to leave your job?
5. Jennifer, are you eating junk food again?
6. Did you arrive at the same time?
7. How can I contact her?

- a. *He wasn't very well-prepared.*
- b. *Yes, I am, and it tastes great!*
- c. *Just sent her an email.*
- d. *I don't get on with my colleagues.*
- e. *No, it's not a problem.*
- f. *Move away very slowly.*
- g. *No, he was here first.*

F. Complete the text with the correct form of the words in brackets. (6 x1 = 6marks)

Making Friends

If you wish you had a closer (1) _____ (**relation**) with a friend or neighbour, you're not alone. Researchers have found that teenagers are spending more and more time on their own. While (2) _____ (**friend**) used to mean playing in the neighbourhood park, today it is often based on Internet (3) _____ (**communicate**). In fact, the average teenager may spend more time (4) _____ (**write**) to a complete stranger online than talking to the kid next door. But while (5) _____ (**compute**) have made our lives easier, they haven't always brought us (6) _____ (**happy**).

GOOD LUCK!