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PART II: WRITING SKILLS

(30 MARKS)

Yesterday your mobile phone stopped working.

Write an email to an English-speaking friend telling him/her about it.

In your email you should:

- explain what happened;
- describe a problem you faced;
- say how you feel without your mobile phone.

Your email should be about 150 words.

PART III: READING SKILLS

(30 MARKS)

Read the passage below and answer ALL the questions that follow.

House-sit and see the world for free

How does it work?

If you're familiar with the Home Alone movies, you'll understand that the moment a house is left vacant, a pair of clumsy criminals will try and break into it. That's where the house-sitter comes in. In exchange for free accommodation, homeowners hand over their keys to people willing to take care of their house while they're away.



It's a great way to have a cheap holiday, or to try living somewhere different. It can also be a great chance to stay in some wonderful residential properties you'd never normally be able to afford.

Who can do it?

Anyone! It can work particularly well for families looking for a large house to stay in while on holiday, but also suits independent travellers who are easy going about the exact location of their accommodation.

Rachael house-sat in France with her son and two friends in May this year. "It worked really well," she says. "My son was one at the time so going to a hotel would have been tricky because he was eating soft food and throwing much of it around; so being in someone's home meant we could relax and enjoy ourselves without worrying about the mess we were causing".

What will I need to do?

You will be expected to keep the house safe, tidy and in good condition until the owner returns. It is quite common for house-sitters to have to look after pets, too, so be prepared to find yourself in the company of a variety of animals. Some homeowners will **request** specific tasks for you to do, such as taking care of the garden, but this should all be discussed and agreed on in advance.

Nina, who has been house-sitting for more than three years, has had to look after cats, fish, dogs and rabbits. "As well as that I may need to water plants or perhaps open the homeowner's mail and let them know about anything that needs to be dealt with," she says. "The pets I've looked after have generally been low maintenance, though I had to deal with a rather annoying cat in Barcelona who attacked me every time I moved an inch".

Will I get paid?

In most cases house-sitting is a straight swap, with no money changing hands. However, sometimes the sitter will get a small fee, particularly if they have a large number of **chores** to take care of or are looking after a property in an isolated location. Likewise, if a house-sitter is staying in a property for a very long time, they may be asked to contribute some rent.

Advice from experienced house-sitters

"I would recommend asking exactly what you need to do," says Rachael. "And things like if there are any rooms they'd prefer you didn't go into, how the washing machine works, where the keys are to be left when you leave and whether they have **references** from anyone else who has house-sat for them before. And always get a mobile number and/or an email address for them in case anything goes wrong".

Nina also recommends having a fair amount of communication with the owner beforehand. "It's just good to either know the homeowner first, get a good sense of them from their online profile, or talk to them on Viber," she says.

Adapted from: <https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2013/dec/10/house-sitting-see-the-world-for-free>

A. Choose the best answer a, b or c according to the passage.

(5x2=10 marks)

1. House-sitting is often a way for homeowners to avoid ____.

- a. stress
- b. responsibility
- c. **break-ins**

2. House-sitting especially suits travellers who are not ____ about location.

- a. easy going
- b. **worried**
- c. flexible

3. Staying in someone else's house can be ____.

- a. **stress-free**
- b. stressful
- c. annoying

4. House-sitters may need to water plants or check the owner's ____.

- a. **mail**
- b. food
- c. car

5. What advice does Rachael give to new house-sitters?

- a. Never talk to the homeowner
- b. **Ask clear questions and get contact details**
- c. Avoid using appliances

B. Write whether the following sentences are True (T) or False (F).

(5x2=10 marks)

- 1. House-sitting can give people the chance to stay in houses they normally could not afford. **T**
- 2. Nina only had positive experiences with all the animals she looked after. **F**
- 3. House-sitters are never asked to contribute money, even for long stays. **F**
- 4. Some homeowners may ask house-sitters to avoid entering certain rooms. **T**
- 5. Nina suggests avoiding contact with the homeowner before the stay. **F**

C. Match the words in Column A (which are in bold and underlined in the text) with their meanings in Column B as they are used in the passage. (5x1=5 marks)

Column A	Column B
1. vacant	a. matches
2. suits	b. ask
3. request	c. tasks
4. chores	d. recommendations
5. references	e. empty

1. e	2. a	3. b	4. c	5. d
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D. Answer the following questions according to the passage. (5 marks)

- Name three (3) expectations the homeowner will have from the house-sitter.
ANY THREE: (3 marks)
 - to keep the house safe
 - tidy / in good condition
 - look after pets
 - take care of garden
 - water plants
 - open mail
- In which two (2) situations does a house-sitter receive money from the owner of the house? (2 marks)
 - Have a large number of chores (to take care of)
 - Looking after a property in an isolated location

PART IV: LANGUAGE USAGE

(20 MARKS)

A. Choose the correct option a, b or c so that the second sentence has a similar meaning to the first sentence. (5x2=10 marks)

1. We've arranged to meet outside the museum.

We ___ outside the museum.

- a. will meet b. are meeting c. be meeting

2. The last time I played tennis was three weeks ago.

I ___ tennis for three weeks.

- a. haven't played b. didn't play c. hadn't played

3. This book isn't as boring as I thought it would be.

This book is ___ than I thought it would be.

- a. as interesting b. the most interesting c. more interesting

4. Jessica is like her mother in so many ways.

Jessica ___ her mother in so many ways.

- a. takes after b. takes from c. takes up

5. I've been trying to contact him all morning!

Do you know where John is? I've been trying to get ___ him all morning!

- a. along with b. around to c. through to

B. Choose ONE of the words in brackets to complete the passage. (10x0.5=5 marks)

Alysa Liu's Olympic gold medal

Alysa Liu, a 20-year-old figure skater from the United States, won the Olympic gold medal in Milan. She became the first American woman in 24 years to win this medal. She said that winning was special, **1. (despite / but / because)** she mainly wanted to enjoy the experience. After the short program, she was in third place, but she performed very well in the final and moved **2. (up / on / over)** to first place.

A few years **3. (after / earlier / soon)**, Liu had a very different experience. After the 2022 Olympics, she stopped skating because she felt tired and stressed. She **4. (clearly / eventually / fortunately)** did not enjoy the sport anymore and wanted to try new things. She started studying Psychology at UCLA, travelled with friends, and spent time **5. (outwards / outdoors / inwards)**. During this time, she began to feel happier and more relaxed.

Later, Liu slowly returned to skating. She realised she still loved moving on the ice, but she wanted to do it in her **6. (own / self / single)** way. She made important changes in her life and decided to control her training, music, and schedule. She also focused less on results and more on **7. (express / expression / expressing)** herself.

Her new **8. (personality / attitude / feelings)** helped her feel calm during competitions. Her coaches supported her and followed her ideas. Instead of worrying **9. (about / for / with)** winning, they focused on enjoying the performance. This made a big difference.

Liu's story shows that taking care of your mental health is very important. **10. (From / As / By)** finding happiness and balance, she became successful again.

Adapted from: <https://www.theguardian.com/sport/2026/feb/20/alyssa-liu-olympic-figure-skating-gold>

C. Complete the following passage by using the correct form of the word in brackets.

(10x0.5=5 marks)

The importance of internships

An internship is a short period of work in a company or **1. organisation / organization (ORGANISE)**. It helps you learn about a job, practise your skills, and meet professionals before **2. entering (ENTER)** the workforce.

Internships are a great way for students to prepare for their future careers. They help young people build professional **3. relationships / relations (RELATE)** and learn new skills. They give students real-life experience of the workplace and show the practical use of **4. knowledge (KNOW)**. You join a team, take part in meetings, and work on simple tasks.

It is important for interns to be curious about the job, seize opportunities to try new things and show initiative. Internships also support the **5. development (DEVELOP)** of important professional skills. Good communication and problem-solving are very **6. important (IMPORTANCE)** in any job.

Mentors play a key role. With the help of mentors, students can grow and become more confident. A good mentor can give **7. useful (USE)** advice and support. Internships offer a safe environment where students can learn and make mistakes. During internships you meet people who can guide you, recommend **8. training (TRAIN)**, or even tell you about future positions. This network is practical when you update your CV or apply for your first job.

Finally, internships help students make better career **9. choices (CHOOSE)** as they are a great opportunity for students to gain **10. information (INFORM)** about their future profession before starting their career.

Adapted from: <https://www.forbes.com/councils/forbeshumanresourcescouncil/2022/08/12/the-importance-of-internships-and-the-invaluable-relationships-they-bring/>

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