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Thời gian làm bài: 180 phút

I. LISTENING (50 pts)

Part 1: You will hear a lecture about the conservation of plant and animal species. Listen carefully and complete the sentences with no more than THREE words. (20pts)

		Endangered spec	ies	
Although we cannot	ot do anything about	the plants and ani	mals that are alrea	dy (1)
The main reason	for the growing nu	umber of (2)	is the des	struction of their (3)
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The rapid (4)	human popul	ation needs more	land and resources	s for (5) This
is changing and de	stroying habitats tha	at plant and anima	l species need for	(6) One way
we can save endang	gered species and pe	ermanently (7)	these habita	ats create and support
national parks and	l reserves. National	parks encourage	people to enjoy	the (8) of
species without ha	rming them. People	who visit these p	oarks must be sure	to obey a few rules.
These include follo	owing fire regulation	s, leaving pets at	(9) pl	lacing all rubbish in a
bin, not picking th	e flowers, and not	taking birds' eggs	. (10)	_ and awareness will
help ensure the sur	vival of our plant an	d animal species.		
Your answers:				
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.

Part 2: You will hear the master of a University Hall of Residence giving a short introductory talk to new students at the University Hall of Residence. Now listen carefully to the short introductory talk and answer questions. (10pts)

1.	1. When is breakfast served in Chelston Hall on Sundays?					serve	ed in		
_	****		.1						

^{2.} What method of food service is provided at Chelston Hall dining hall?

3. Where are coffee	ee and tea served after dinner at C	helston Hall?	
4. How much does	s it cost to do 1 wash in a washin	g machine at Chelston Hall?	
	n students buy washing powder in	side Chelston Hall?	
Your answer:	3.	5.	
2.	4.		
		between two students, Gary Decide these statements are TF	•

FALSE (F). Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided. (10pts)

- 1. Norway has completely eliminated homework in all grades.
- 2. One of the current educational goals in Norway is to have one teacher for every five students.
- 3. Gary mentions that motivation and focus are problems faced by students in Norway.
- 4. Gary says that Norway exclusively uses portfolio-based assessments without any grades.
- 5. Gary believes that combining different assessment methods is the best approach for student evaluations in Norway.

Your answer:



Part 4: You will hear two retiary science students called Diana and Tim discussing their work placements and their course modules. Now listen carefully and answer questions (10pts)

Work experience for veterinary science students

- 1. What problem did both Diana and Tim have when arranging their work experience?
 - **A.** make initial contact with suitable farms
 - **B.** organising transport to and from the farm
 - C. finding a placement for the required length of time

D. Securing	g accommodation	on near the farm	l		
2. Tim was p	leased to be ab	le to help			
A. a lamb t	hat had a broke	en leg.			
B. a sheep	that was having	difficulty givin	g birth.		
C. a newly	born lamb that	was having trou	ıble feeding.		
D. a calf th	at was separate	d from its mothe	er.		
3. Diana says	the sheep on l	ner farm			
A. were of	various differen	nt varieties.			
B. was mai	inly reared for the	heir meat.			
C. had bett	er quality wool	than sheep on tl	he hills.		
D. were kn	own for their ex	xcellent milk pro	oduction.		
4. What did	the students le	arn about addi	ng supplements to	o chicken fe	eed?
A. These sl	hould only be g	iven if especiall	y needed.		
B. It is wor	th paying extra	for the most eff	Sective ones.		
C. The amo	ount given at or	ne time should b	e limited.		
D. They are	e not necessary	for chickens.			
5. What hap	pened when D	iana was worki	ng with dairy cov	vs?	
A. She idea	ntified some cov	ws incorrectly.			
B. She acci	identally threw	some milk away	<i>I</i> .		
C. She mad	de a mistake wh	nen storing milk.			
D. She mix	xed up the feed	for the cows.			
Your answe	er:				
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	
II. LEXICO	AND GRAMM	IAR (30 pts)			
Part 1	: Choose the bo	est answer to ea	ach of the followir	ng questions	s. Write your
answers in th	ne correspondi	ng numbered b	oxes (15 pts)		
1. A greater _	of stude	ents are now cho	oosing online cours	ses over trad	itional classro
learning.					

2. The movie was in a fore	ign language, and I could	dn't the plot witho	ut subtitles.
A. go on	B. make out	C. call for	D. pick up
3. He's really got the bit be	etween his so th	at he can pass the exam w	ith flying colors.
A. neck	B. eyes	C. teeth	D. hands
4. The climbers stopped at	the top of the hill to adm	nire the magnificent	
A. scenery	B. scenario	C. surface	D. scene
5. We took the scenic route	e, a road which	the coat for fifty miles.	
A. hugged	B. surrounded	C. adjoined	D. bordered
6. It appears that Peter will	l forget his lost wallet. I s	suppose he is	
A. a hot potato	B. a lost cause	C. bucket down	D. at heart
7. She found it difficult to	forgive people w	ho abused animals.	
A. kind-hearted	B. heartless	C. warm-hearted	D. humane
8. I'm just the one giving s	suggestions. The	decision depends on her.	
A. complete	B. bright	C. cheap	D. ultimate
9. Winning the first prize i	n the competition seemed	d to her confid	lence.
A. decrease	B. bolster	C. remain	D. impact
10. The rescue services are	e still trying to	the fires.	
A. go through	B. come out	C. put out	D. go off
11. It's not easy to apply to	the university that has a	very selectivepo	licy.
A. permissions	B. admissions	C. acceptance	D. agreement
12. Neither of the boys ca	me to school yesterday, _	?	
A. didn't they	B. does they	C. did they	D. doesn't they
13. He decided to withdra	w from the powerboat ra	ce as he had a (n)	of danger.
A. omen	B. premonition	C. foreboding	D. prediction
14. On July 6, 20Question	18, in a separate move air	med at China, the Trump a	dministration
a tariff of 25 percent on 80	Question8 categories of g	oods imported from China	a worth \$50 billion
which led to China accusir	ng the U.S. of instigating	a trade war.	
A. pay	B. reduce	C. impose	D. rise
15. The flood victims	with food and clea	n water by the volunteers.	
A. provided	B. were provided	C. were providing	D. provide
Your answers:			

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
11.	12.	13.	14.	15.

Part 2: There are five mistakes in the following passage. Find out and correct them.(5 pts)

Things started to go wrong as soon as we got to the hotel. We were all completely exhausted after our long journey and looking forward to shower and a rest. However, we found that our room was not ready, which was very annoyed, although the manager was extremely apologetic. While we were waiting, we asked about the excursions to places of interest which we had read about in brochure. Imagine how we felt when we were told they had all cancelled! Apparently, the person responsible for organizing them had left suddenly and had not been replaced. Then Sally saw a notice pinned to the door of the restaurant, saying it has closed for decoration, and Peter discovered that the swimming pool was empty. When we eventually got our room we were horrified to find that it was at the back of the hotel, and we had a view of a car park, which seemed to be used as a rubbish dump. We seriously began to wonder whether or not to stay.

Your answer

Line	Mistake	Correction	
	1		
	2		
	3		
	4		
	5		

Part 3. Put the words in the brackets in the correct forms (10 points)

1. I sent her a letter last month but I have received no	from her.	(RESPOND)
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2. I don't think	Tom's getting	g too much	sleep	lately. His	eyes are	(BLEED)
terrible .						

3. It is con	mmon knowledge i	that oil and water are _	For example,	(MIX)
pouring o	live oil into water	results in two distinct	layers.	
4. Food a	nd clothing are	of life.		(NECESSARY)
5. To con-	(POSE)			
		n the accident was a c		(WRITE)
		to her financial tro	_	(SOLVE)
		— are delayed because o		(FLY)
		house left them no pla		(DESTROY)
		_ after the summer ho		(HEALTH)
10. WC an	1 100KCU	_ after the summer no	ndays.	(HEALTH)
Your ansv	<u>wer</u>			
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
	9.1.	our answers in corr SLEEP	The second second	(· F · · ·)
By th	e time we (1)	old age most of u	us have (2)	twenty years sleeping.
Yet nobody	knows why we do	o it. Most scientists be	elieve that by resting	our bodies, we allow
time for (3)	mainten	ance work to be done	. Any (4) tl	hat there is can be put
right more q	uickly if energy is:	n't being used up doin	g other things.	
reaching pea	aks that cause tire	edness. We can control	ol the effects of the	g the day, eventually se chemicals to some the medicines make us
while they s The heart (8' our eyes star is a (9) remember th	leep. They have () more so to twitch and wethat we've st nem. There are ma	7) that when lowly and our breathing go into what is called arted to dream . You have theories about why	n we first drop off ever ng becomes shallow. A REM (Rapid Eye M nave dreams every nig we dream, none of t	on in people's heads verything slows down. After about 90 minutes verment) sleep, which ght, even if you don't them conclusive. A lot while others seem to

(10)	on a lot l	ess. One thi	ng's for sure	e – we all ne	ed some	sleep. Goi	ng without it can
have some ve	ery strange	e effects.					
1. A. arrive	B.	become		C. reach		D. get	
2. A. passed	B.	used		C. occupied		D. spent	
3. A. essentia	ıl B.	elementary		C. needed		D. main	
4. A. harm	B.	suffering		C. damage		D. hurt	
5. A. stay	B.	maintain		C. make		D. keep	
6. A. exhibit	B.	study		C. work		D. think	
7. A. seen	В.	researched		C. watched		D. discovered	
8. A. beats	В.	hits		C. moves		D. tremble	es
9. A. clue	B.	proof		C. sign		D. signal	
10. A. manag	ge B.	need		C. get		D. deal	
Your answei	cs:						
1.		2.	3.		4.		5.
6.		7.	8.		9.		10.
Part 2	. Read the	e text below	and think o	of the word v	vhich be	st fits each	space. Use only
one word in	each spac	e. (10pts)					
Colon	ial settler	Lord Maur	ice Egerton	was(1)	dow	n twice by	y the woman he
loved, even	after build	ling a castle	especially t	for her. Hear	rtbroken,	he banned	d (2) from

loved, even after building a castle especially for her. Heartbroken, he banned ___(2)___ from the 52-room castle and its 100-acre grounds. "He pinned notices on trees warning that the grounds were out of ___(3)___ for women and that any woman who disobeyed the notice risked being shot," recalled Mr. Robert Onyiego 77, a worker on the estate. Men visiting the peer, the 4th Baron Egerton of Tatton, were asked to leave their wives several kilometers ___(4)___ "He also banned his male workers ___(5)___ ever bringing their wives to their servant's quarters," Mr. Onyiego said. Lord Egerton went even further, banning chickens and ___(6)___ from the castle and its grounds because the aristocratic lady who had turned him down had complained that his previous home was as small as a chicken coop and like a dog's kennel. So to impress the lady, who has never been named ___(7)___ who was brought up in a castle,

Lord Egerton built the sumptuous home for her near Njoro, modeled on his family's mansion in Knutsford, Cheshire. But when it was ready, his sweetheart revealed she had fallen in love with another man, and in ___(8)___ of a brief visit to Kenya, she refused his offer of marriage for a second time. The heartbroken peer then declared his estate a no-go ___(9)___ for women and spent the rest of his life alone until his ___(10)___ four years later, in 1958.

Your answers:

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.

Part 3. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. (10 pts)

Although both Luther Burbank and George Washington Carver *drastically* changed American agriculture and were close friends besides, their methods of working could hardly have been more dissimilar. Burbank's formal education ended with high school, but he was inspired by the works of Charles Darwin. In 1872, on his farm near Lunenberg, Massachusetts, he produced his first "plant creation" – a superior potato developed from the Early Rose variety. It still bears his name. After moving to Santa Rosa, California, in 1875, Burbank created a stream of creations, earning the nickname "the plant wizard." He developed new varieties of fruits, vegetables, flowers, and other plants, many of which are still economically important. He began his work some thirty years before the rediscovery of Gregor Mendel's work on heredity, and while he did not participate in the developing science of plant genetics, *his* work opened the country's eyes to the productive possibilities of plant breeding. However, the value of his contributions was diminished by his methods. He relied on his keen memory and powers of observation and kept records only for his own use. He thus *thwarted* attempts by other scientists to study his achievements.

Carver, on the other hand, was a careful researcher who took *thorough* notes. Born a slave, he attended high school in Kansas, Simpson College in Iowa, and Iowa State College, which awarded him a master's degree. When the eminent black educator Booker T. Washington offered him a position at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, he accepted. While Burbank concentrated on developing new plants, Carver found new uses for existing ones. He produced hundreds of synthetic products made from the soybean, the sweet potato, and especially the peanut, helping to free Southern agriculture from the tyranny of cotton.

1. W	hat is the author's m	iain purpose in w	riting the passage?	
	A. To compare the	products created b	by two agricultural scient	entists
	B. To demonstrate	how Carver and B	urbank influenced Am	nerican agriculture
	C. To contrast the o	careers and method	ds of two scientists	
	D. To explain how	Charles Darwin in	nspired both Carver an	d Burbank
2. Th	ne word <u><i>drastically</i></u> in	bold is closest in	meaning to	·
	A. dramatically	B. initially	C. unintentionally	D. potentially
3. Ac	ccording to the passa	ge, which of the f	Collowing best describ	es the relationship between
Burb	oank and Carver?			
	A. They were comp	petitors.		
	B. Carver was one	of Burbank's teach	hers.	
	C. Burbank invited	Carver to work w	rith him.	
	D. They were perso	onal friends.		
4. It	can be inferred that	Burbank's first "	plant creation" is kn	own as the
	A. Early Rose pota	to		
	B. Burbank potato			
	C. Lunenberg potar	to		
	D. Wizard potato			
5. Th	ne word <u><i>his</i></u> in bold r	efers to	•	
	A. George Washing	gton Carver's		
	B. Gregor Mendel'	S		
	C. Luther Burbank	's		
	D. Charles Darwin	's		
6. W	hich of the following	a closest in mean	ning to the word <i>thwa</i>	urted in bold?
	A. restored	B. predated	C. nurtured	D. defeated
7. Th	ne word <u>thorough</u> in	bold is closest in	meaning to	
	A. complete	B. general	C. puzzling	D. precise
8. Th	he author implies tha	at a significant di	fference between the	techniques of Burbank and
those	e of Carver is that	•		
	A. while Carver ke	pt careful research	records, Burbank did	not.
	B. Carver popularia	zed his achieveme	nts, but those of Burba	ank were relatively unknown
	C. unlike Burbank,	Carver concentration	ted mainly on develop	ing new varieties of plants

- D. Burbank bred both plants and annuls, but Carver worked only with plants
- 9. According to the passage, what school awarded Carver a master's degree?
 - A. Simpson College
 - B. Iowa State College
 - C. Tuskegee Institute
 - D. The University of Alabama

10. Carver developed new uses for all of the following crops EXCEPT .

- A. cotton
- B. soybeans
- C. sweet potatoes D. peanuts

Your answers:

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.

Part 4: Read the text and do the following tasks (20 pts).

The reading passage has seven paragraphs, A–G. For questions 1-5, choose the correct heading for paragraphs A-G from the list below. Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided. (10 pts).

List of headings

- I. key people that made a difference
- II. An alternative to fingerprinting
- III. The significance of prints
- IV. How to identify a criminal
- V. Patterns in the making
- VI. An uncertain past
- VII. Family connections

A. To detectives, the answers lie at the end of our fingers. Fingerprinting offers an accurate and infallible means of personal identification. The ability to identify a person from a mere fingerprint is a powerful tool in the fight against crime. It is the most commonly used forensic evidence, often outperforming other methods of identification. These days, older methods of ink fingerprinting, which could take weeks, have given way to newer, faster techniques like fingerprint laser scanning, but the principles stay the same. No matter which way you collect fingerprint evidence, every single person's

print is unique. So, what makes our fingerprints different from our neighbors?

B. A good place to start is to understand what fingerprints are and how they are created. A fingerprint is the arrangement of skin ridges and furrows on the tips of the fingers. This ridged skin develops fully during fetal development, as the skin cells grow in the mother's womb. These ridges are arranged into patterns and remain the same throughout the course of a person's life. Other visible human characteristics, like weight and height, change over time whereas fingerprints do not. The reason why ever fingerprint is unique is that when a baby's genes combine with environmental influences, such as temperature, it affects the way the ridges on the skin grow. It makes the ridges develop at different rates, buckling and bending into patterns. As a result, no two people end up having the same fingerprints. Even identical twins possess dissimilar fingerprints.

C. It is not easy to map the journey of how the unique quality of the fingerprint came to be discovered. The moment in history it happened is not entirely clear. However, the use of fingerprinting can be traced back to some ancient civilizations, such as Babylon and China, where thumbprints were pressed onto clay tablets to confirm business transactions. Whether people at this time actually realized the full extent of how fingerprints were important for identification purposes is another matter altogether. One cannot be sure if the act was seen as a means to confirm identity or a symbolic gesture to blind a contract, where giving your fingerprint was like giving your word.

D. Despite this uncertainty, there are those who made a significant contribution towards the analysis of fingerprinting. History tells us that a 14th century Persian doctor made an early statement that no two fingerprints are alike. Later, in the 17th century, Italian physician Marcello Malpighi studied the distinguishing shapes of loops and spirals in fingerprints. In his honor, the medical world later named a layer of skin after him. It was, however, an employee for the East India Company, William Herschel, who came to see the true potential of fingerprinting. He took fingerprints from the local people as a form of signature for contracts, in order to avoid fraud. His fascination with fingerprints propelled him to study them for the next twenty years. He developed the theory that fingerprints were unique to an individual and did not change at all over a lifetime. In 1880 Henry Faulds suggested that fingerprints could be used to identify

convicted criminals. He wrote to Charles Darwin for advice, and the idea was referred on to Darwin's cousin, Sir Francis Galton. Galton eventually published an in-depth study of fingerprint science in 1892.

- **E**. Although the fact that each person has a totally unique fingerprint pattern had been well documented and accepted for a long time, this knowledge was not exploited for criminal identification until the early 20th century. In the past, branding, tattooing and maiming had been used to mark the criminal for what he was. In some countries, thieves would have their hands cut off. France branded criminals with the fleur-de-lis symbol. The Romans tattooed mercenary soldiers to stop them from becoming deserters.
- **F**. For many years, police agencies in the Western world were reluctant to use fingerprinting, much preferring the popular method of the time, the Bertillon System, where dimensions of certain body parts were recorded to identify a criminal. The turning point was in 1903 when a prisoner by the name of Will West was admitted into Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary. Amazingly, Will had almost the same Bertillon measurements as another prisoner residing at the very same prison, whose name happened to be William West. It was the only their fingerprints that could tell them apart. From that point on, fingerprinting became the standard for criminal identification.
- **G.** Fingerprinting was useful in identifying people with a history of crime and who were listed on a database. However, in situations where the perpetrator was not on the database and a crime had no witnesses, the system fell short. Fingerprint chemistry is a new technology that can work alongside traditional fingerprinting to find clues than ever before. From organic compounds left behind on a print, a scientist can tell if the person is a child, an adult, a mature person or a smoker, and much more. It seems, after all these years, fingers continue to point the way.

Your answers:

1. Paragraph A	2. Paragraph B	3. Paragraph C	4. Paragraph D	5. Paragraph E

For questions 6-10, decide whether the following statements are True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG). Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes provided. (10 pts)

- 6. Fingerprinting is the only effective method for identifying criminals.
- 7. The ridges and patterns that make up fingerprints develop before birth.
- 8. Malpighi conducted his studies in Italy.
- 9. Roman soldiers were tattooed to prevent them from committing violent crimes.
- 10. Fingerprint chemistry can identify if a fingerprint belongs to an elderly person.

Your answers:

6.	7.	8.	9.	10.

Part 5: You are going to read some reviews for festivals in the UK. For questions 1-10, choose from the reviews (A-F). The reviews may be chosen more than once. (10 pts)

In which review is the following mentioned?	
A cheap way to learn how to do an activity.	1
An event opened by young people.	2
Art reflecting life.	3
Watching a film in the fresh air.	4
Watching professionals fighting	5
The chance to make a long-term investment.	6
Someone who did quite well in a competition	7
Spending time with contemporary literary celebrities.	8
Music in a religious building	9
People pretending to be dolls	10

The Brighton festival runs from 1st-23rd May this year, and some 300,000 visitors are expected. More than 700 dance, theatre, music, art and literature events will take place throughout the city, ranging from outdoor events m the Lanes and by the seafront, to theatre and dance n the Dome auditorium. The festival kicks off on May Day in Sydney Street with the "Children's Classics" oarade of 4,000 children; they'll be dressed as characters from the books of authors such as one-time Brighton resident Lewis Carroll. Other events include exhibitions and street performances. There will be a special exhibition of work by recent graduates of the Jniversity of Brighton Fine Art Department. All the work will be for sale so it's pick good chance potential masterpiece. a to up a

B. Norfolk and Norwich

This year's offerings combine tradition with modern events such as a comedy evening. To help warm up for the festival, which runs from May 5th to the 23rd, a •ree street festival will take place on 24th April, with Human mannequin window displays at Jarrod's department store, acrobatic skateboarders and life-size garden gnomes. There will also be a beer festival with over 100 real ales and wine tasting offering a selection of British wines. For those people who are more adven-; turous there will be the opportunity to have a ride in a not air balloon, weather permitting. There will also be a I pook exhibition in the park and special storytelling afternoons for children by some of Britain's leading authors. Or your child can borrow a book and read for himself or herself.

C. Preston

Promoting its status as one of England's newest cities, Preston's International City Festival takes place llth-20th June. The festival will have an international flavour because this year the Preston Caribbean Festival will be incorporated into the proceedings with a lively carnival and Preston's Asian community will stage dance, art and music events. The 18 festival will have a gastronomic theme, with demonstrations from some of Europe's top chefs and cookery workshops given by the city's Indian and Chinese communities. There will also be a "proms in the park", an open-air cinema in Avenham Park and a street theatre.

D. Liverpool

The Mersey River Festival is the largest maritime event in England this year and will

take place around Albert Dock and Pier Head on 18th-21st June. Visiting tall ships will be open to the publiC. Blue Badge guides will lead tours around Liverpool landmarks such as the Cunard building, and voices will unite for the International Sea Shanty festival. Get into the festival spirit by trying out kayaking, water polo and a variety of other water sports for free at the Watersports Centre. If you sign up for a course of watersports lessons which start after the festival, you will receive a 50% discount. There will also be unarmed combat displays by the Royal Marines to raise money for charity, a river parade, an illuminated narrow boat parade through the docks, and an historic diving exhibition.

E. City of London

This year's festival, 21st June - 13th July, celebrates the 10th anniversary of democratic elections in South Africa. Events include a performance by Ladysmith Black Mambazo at St Paul's Cathedral, a varied programme of South African music at the Spitz Club and a range of free dance events in Guildhall Yard. There will also be performances of Beethoven's string quartets by the Borodin Quartet at various concert halls, as well as many other classical offerings, dance, theatre and literary events. There will also be an exhibition of art by local youths. The images all illustrate life in the city of London and provide some interesting insights into how London is viewed by its young inhabitants.

F. Exeter

The summer festival in Devon's principal city takes place 2nd-18th July. Hot tickets are likely to be the audiences with Joan Bakewell and director Ken Russell at the Northcott Theatre and a concert given by Mercury music Prize 2000 nominee Nitin Sawhney. Theatrical offerings include hit comedy *Art*, directed by Nigel Havers at Escot House, and a world premiere of the English Chamber Theatre's production of Chekov's *Leading Lady*. The 4th of July will also resound to a Latin beat, with dance performances from the Jaleo Flamenco Dance Company taking place around Exeter Quay. The London Community Gospel Choir, the Brodsky Quartet and the New Berlin Chamber Orchestra will also perform during the festival.

Your answers:

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.

IV. WRITING (60 pts)

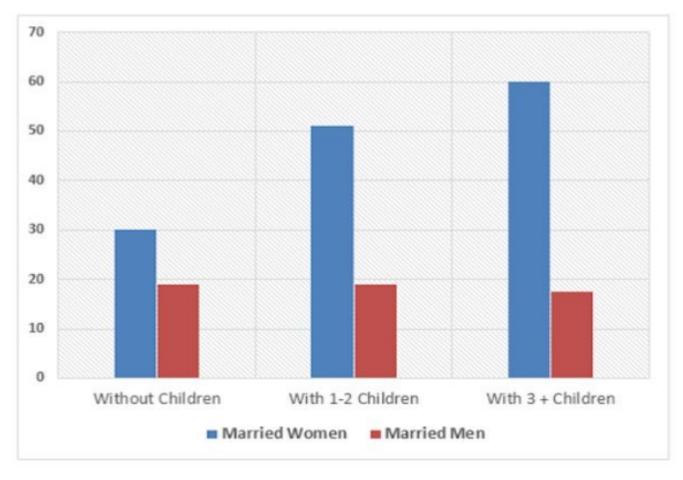
Part 1. Summarizing an extract (15 pts)

The Art of effective listening

Effective speaking depends on effective listening. It takes energy to concentrate on hearing and to concentrate on understanding what has been heard. Incompetent listeners fail in a number of ways. First, they may drift. Their attention drifts from what the speaker is saying. Second, they may counter. They find counter-arguments to whatever a speaker may be saying. Third, they compete. Then, they filter. They exclude from their understanding those parts of the message which do not readily fit with their own frame of reference. Finally, they react. They let personal feelings about a speaker or subject override the significance of the message which is being sent. What can a listener do to be more effective? The first key to effective listening is the art of concentration. If a listener positively wishes to concentrate on receiving a message his chances of success are high. It may need determination. Some speakers are difficult to follow, either because of voice problems or because of the form in which they send a message. There is then a particular need for the determination of a listener to concentrate on what is being said. Concentration is helped by alertness. Mental alertness is helped by physical alertness. It is not simply physical fitness, but also positioning of the body, the limbs and the head. Some people also find it helpful to their concentration if they hold the head slightly to one side. One useful way for achieving this is intensive note-taking, by trying to capture the critical headings and sub-headings the speaker is referring to. Note-taking has been recommended as an aid to the listener. It also helps the speaker. It gives him confidence when he sees that listeners are sufficiently interested to take notes; the patterns of eye-contact when the note-taker looks up can be very positive; and the speaker's timing is aided-he can see when a note-taker is writing hard and can then make effective use of pauses. Posture too is important. Consider the impact made by a less competent listener who pushes his chair backwards and slouches. An upright posture helps a listener's concentration. At the same time it is seen by the speaker to be a positive feature amongst his listeners. Effective listening skills have an impact on both the listener and the speaker.

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"The diagram below shows the average hours of unpaid work per week done by people in different categories. (Unpaid work refers to such activities as childcare in the home, housework and gardening.)". Describe the information presented below, comparing results for men and women in the categories shown. Suggest reasons for what you see. You should write at least 150 words



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Part 3. Essay writing (30 pts)
Computers are being used more and more in education. Some people say that this is
a positive trend, while others argue that it is leading to negative consequences.
Discuss both sides of this argument and then give your own opinion.
Write at least 250 words.

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