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Certificate in English for Overseas Candidates

Masters Level – Paper B

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Time allowed – Three hours including listening.

Candidates should answer ALL questions.

Write your answers in PEN in the spaces provided.

You may use correcting fluid if necessary.

Ask for extra paper if you need it.

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Section A	Section B	Section C P1	Section C P2	Section D	Section E P1	Section E P2	Section F

Section A Listening. (10 marks)

You are going to listen to an interview with the Director of the Independent Broadcasting Company, the IBC, Bob Taylor.

Answer all the questions below by marking the correct box with a tick (✓).

1. When did Bob join the IBC?

a)	40 years ago.	
b)	15 years ago.	
c)	55 years ago.	

2. When Bob left home his mother was

a)	surprised.	
b)	angry.	
c)	mystified.	

3. He wanted to control the IBC because

a)	he couldn't make it as a singer.	
b)	he wasn't a funny enough comedian.	
c)	he had always thought it was his destiny	

4. After working in the wardrobe department, Bob

a)	went back to college to study all aspects of broadcasting.	
b)	started on an official IBC apprenticeship scheme.	
c)	had a job with general duties in the company.	

5. Bob says that in his career he has

a)	met 65 of the world's Prime Ministers.	
b)	seen the public do some very odd things.	
c)	come across a lot of really badly-behaved stars.	

6. What was the worst point of Bob's career?

a)	having to leave the news team	
b)	industrial action at the IBC	
c)	seeing scenes of disaster	

7. How did the IBC get its viewers back?

a)	by concentrating on top sport	
b)	by showing the best Hollywood films	
c)	by putting on traditional entertainment	

8. What has retirement got in store for Bob?

a)	freedom to see other places	
b)	time in the garden with his wife	
c)	rest and relaxation with his pipe	

9. What does Bob say will happen in September?

a)	He will begin to think about what to do in his retirement.	
b)	He will finally realise he's really left his job.	
c)	He will attempt to learn how to do nothing all day.	

10. In the future Bob plans to

a)	paint his grandchildren.	
b)	write a book with his wife.	
c)	dabble with new skills.	

Section B Listening and Writing. (10 marks)

You hear this advertisement on the radio for a festival near you. Write an email to a friend telling him or her about it and suggesting that you go. Include:

- *What the festival is called*
- *Where the festival is*
- *How long it is on for*
- *How much it costs*
- *The phone number for information.*
- *Information you think will persuade your friend to take up your suggestion.*

Write your notes here: *These notes are for your own use and are not marked by the examiner.*

Write your email here:

Section C Use of English Part One (10marks)

Write ONE word only in each gap.

1. His neighbours thought _____ of swearing all the time.
2. He's totally innocent, without a _____ of a doubt.
3. His business is failing and he's up to his _____ in debt.
4. The PM has been on the receiving _____ of a lot of criticism recently.
5. I've no idea how much the house is worth. Your _____ is as good as mine.
6. Her husband is _____ idle around the house. He does nothing at all.
7. What's been happening in the news? I'm rather out of _____.
8. There are several _____ of thought on how to teach reading.
9. He left under a cloud of _____, because money went missing whenever he was in the office.
10. The government claims the _____ majority is on its side over its foreign policy.

Section C Use of English Part Two (15 marks)

Write a new sentence which is as close to the meaning of the given sentence as possible, using the word or phrase given. You may not change the word or phrase in any way.

1. Simon couldn't help looking excited about his holiday. (HIDE)

2. An increasing number of people are speculating over the future of the Prime Minister. (AMOUNT)

3. The new manager made sure he was familiar with the department's work. (FAMILIARISE)

4. I really hate it when people smoke around me. (CAN'T)

5. She resigned from the job because of the unsociable hours. (NOTICE)

6. I don't think anything could have been done for her. (BEYOND)

7. Three of the team didn't come to the practice today. (SHOW)

8. She thinks she's going to be promoted very quickly, but this isn't realistic.
(EXPECTATIONS)

9. There are very few days when he comes home before 10 at night. (DOES HE)

10. He was so amazed when he received his exam results that he just stared at them.
(AMAZEMENT)

11. The label said it was gold but it wasn't gold at all. (THE SORT)

12. This book is similar to that one in a striking number of ways. (BEARS A)

13. There's absolutely no way they can lose now. (QUESTION)

14. Please tell me your new phone number when you get one. (KNOW)

15. I didn't believe his story for one moment. (TAKEN)

Section D Reading (10 marks)

There are fifteen headlines below and ten short news stories on the next page. In the answer grid below the headlines, match each story letter with the best headline number. There are five headlines you do not need.

1. SMOKERS WIN OVER PRIME MINISTER
2. REUNIONS SELL MORE
3. BETTER IN THE SUN
4. WINNING TICKET FOR TRAVELLERS
5. POLICE FIND MISSING ARTIST
6. POSTERS CAMPAIGN TO STOP CHILDREN SMOKING
7. "BIRDLIKE" VEGETARIAN
8. BACK FROM EXTINCTION
9. WINNERS GIVEN VIP TREATMENT
10. RECORD SALES FIGURES FOR LONDON
11. UNLUCKY WORKMATES
12. MASTERPIECE UNDER THEIR FEET
13. TEN YEARS LATER
14. NO REFORMING FOR ANNIVERSARY
15. ART SUSPECT HELD

WRITE YOUR ANSWERS HERE.

Match the number of the headline to the letter of the article:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J

A

An original sketch by Picasso not seen for over 70 years has been discovered in the basement of a café in Madrid. Its value has been estimated at between £15- 35 million.

B

Scientists have unearthed the skeleton of a new species of dinosaur, the *Falcarius Uthahensis*. The feathered dinosaur walked on two legs, had sharp four-inch claws but also a number of plant eating features. It had small sharp teeth much more suited to shredding leaves rather than tearing flesh. The find was made in the North of Spain.

C

Rumours that 80s supergroup ABBA are planning a reunion to mark the 30 years since their first number one in the UK have been dismissed by a spokesman. He stated that there are no plans for any such event.

D

Union officials representing air traffic controllers in Britain were claiming victory over their pay demands last night. They said that airport bosses have "climbed down" after union members voted unanimously for strike action over the bank holiday period. Bosses refused to comment.

E

Birdwatchers cried tears of joy last night as a woodpecker believed to have died out more than half a century ago has been found in a swamp in America. The Ivory-billed Woodpecker is considered by ornithologists around the world to be a "landmark discovery".

F

Police have arrested a man believed to be the mastermind behind the robbery at the Tate Gallery. Many masterpieces had been stolen and are believed to now be in the hands of private collectors.

G

Winners of a national poster designing competition for schoolchildren aimed at highlighting the dangers of passive smoking met the Prime Minister at Downing Street today and later had tea with the Queen at Buckingham Palace.

H

The South has come out on top in a survey carried out by the Tourist Board aimed at finding the most popular places to visit in Britain. The main reason stated in the survey appears to be the higher chance of warmer weather than in the North.

I

A lottery syndicate was in shock last night after discovering that its winning ticket was invalid because organisers hadn't paid the monthly subscription. The 20 members were back at work today contemplating the missed £5 million jackpot.

J

Sales of CDs of bands who performed at the free concert in London's Hyde Park at the weekend in aid of Africa have increased by up to 25%. Bands such as Pink Floyd who played together for the first time in over a decade have seen an increase in sales of nearly 35%.

Section E Reading (20 marks)

Read this article about the threat to air passengers due to a low oxygen levels in flight and answer all the questions *in your own words*.

Low Oxygen Risk for Air Passengers

Airlines were ***bracing*** themselves for a ***backlash*** after the publication of a report on the state of health for passengers during flight. It has been revealed that more than half of all air travellers suffer so much oxygen ***deprivation*** that they are at risk of deep vein thrombosis (DVT) according to a study carried out recently in a Belfast hospital. The proportion of oxygen in the air inhaled on board an aircraft in flight falls from 21 per cent to as little as 15 per cent. The research team in Belfast found that in 54 per cent of those they examined during flight many hospital doctors would have prescribed extra oxygen because their blood was unable to carry oxygen to the body's organs easily. Perhaps even more worrying for the airlines is the claim that as well as contributing to a dangerous thickening of the blood that can cause DVT, a drop in blood oxygen can ***impair*** mental performance, give passengers headaches and make them tired.

People with heart disease are more likely to suffer angina and those with unhealthy lungs have a greater risk of becoming ill. Dr Susan Humphreys, an anaesthetic specialist at Belfast City Hospital and one of those involved in the research to be published in *Anaesthesia* magazine next month, said "We believe that those falling oxygen levels, together with factors such as dehydration, ***immobility*** and low humidity, could contribute to illness during and after flights. This has become a greater problem in recent years as modern aeroplanes are able to cruise at much higher altitudes." This claim appears to be ***borne out*** by research undertaken by the airline operators themselves who accept that there has been an increase in the last decade or so of passengers complaining of feeling unwell during and after flight.

Oxygen saturation is the proportion of haemoglobin in the blood able to ***bond with*** oxygen and carry it to the body's organs and tissues. This was measured by Dr Humphreys and colleagues in 84 passengers aged from one year to 78 both at ground level and during flight. At ground level the saturation was at 97 per cent while at cruising altitude it was 93 per cent. In 54 per cent of passengers at cruising altitude it was 94 per cent or less - the proportion below which many respiratory specialists said they would prescribe extra oxygen. Even more alarming is the fact that in one passenger, oxygen saturation dropped to 85 per cent during flight. Passenger watchdog organisations ***voiced*** concerns over the studies claims that the results were similar for passengers on both long or short haul flights. Before, DVT was thought ***to occur*** in long haul flights only.

Previous fears over the risks of DVT associated with air travel have ***focused on*** immobility and dehydration. Those behind the new research believe reduction of oxygen saturation could also be a significant factor. Dr Rachel Deyermond, consultant anaesthetist at Ulster Hospital in Belfast, said "It has been shown that in low oxygen situations at altitude, the risk of blood clotting is greater. The blood becomes thicker due to ankle swelling and people are often dehydrated because they ***lack fluids*** and because of the dry air. The degrees to which oxygen levels in the blood drop in the general population during flying has never been measured before. We should be giving people with ill health more advice about things that they can do, such as drinking more water when they fly, to avoid problems." Airlines have assured the flying public they are taking the research seriously whilst at the same time they intend to carry out their own study.

Part One (10 marks)

Replace these phrases or words with other phrases or words of your own so that the article still reads correctly, both grammatically and in the sense of what is said. The words or phrases are all underlined in the article so that you can find their context easily. One of them has been done for you as an example. There may be more than one way of answering; answer the way you think best.

- a) bracing _____
- b) backlash _____
- c) deprivation _____
- d) impair _____
- e) immobility lack of movement _____
- f) borne out _____
- g) bond with _____
- h) voiced _____
- i) to occur _____
- j) focused on _____
- k) lack fluids _____

Part Two (10 marks)

Summarise in *no more than 100 words* the health risks faced by air travellers according to the research.

You may use the space below to make notes. Write your finished summary on the next page.

Write your summary here:

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Section F Writing (25 marks)

Use your own ideas, the notes below, and, if you wish, facts and ideas from the article in Section E, to write a structured composition of between 350 and 400 words on the following topic:

Outline the advantages and disadvantages of three different types of transport. Discuss what you feel are the important issues relating to each.

- Aeroplane
- Bicycle
- Hot air balloon
- Buses
- Cars
- Pollution
- Energy conscious
- Impact on local areas
- Reliability
- Cost
- Accidents
- Speed
- Fitness

These notes are here to help you with some ideas for lines of argument. You may use them or ignore them as you wish.

Use this space for rough notes of your own:

Write your composition here:

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