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Paper C – 2009

CEFR – C1

Instructions to Candidates

- Candidates are to tick (☑) one box:
 Academic English
 General English
- 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.

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*Academic Certificate for English Proficiency Test

Choose **EITHER** Section A1 OR Section A2.

Section A1 (25 marks)

These essay options are for AcCEPT Proficiency candidates.

Write an essay of 300-350 words on ONE of the following topics:

1. A recent study has shown that most teenagers are taught simply to pass examinations in their final year of compulsory education. Exams, therefore, have a detrimental effect on the education of the young and students would be better off without them. Do you agree?
2. Some people say that it is only fair for university education to be free for everyone. Others believe that students should pay for the privilege as they are more likely to get higher paid jobs after graduation. What do you think?
3. Overcrowding in cities could be improved by moving large factories and industries into the countryside. Do you believe this would be an effective solution to the problem of urban overcrowding?
4. The energy problems of the world cannot be solved by politicians or even by people in general, but only by scientists. Do you think this is true?

Section A2 (25 marks)

These essay options are for General English Proficiency candidates who do NOT wish to write an academic essay and do NOT wish to qualify for an AcCEPT certificate:

Write an essay of 250-300 words on ONE of the following topics:

1. What are the advantages and disadvantages of owning a car?
2. Describe in detail your idea of what a school for 11-16 year olds should teach.
3. Write an account of a great difficulty overcome by bravery.
4. 'Before having children, people should attend classes and take an exam in being a parent' Discuss.

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Section C1 (20 marks)

Read the following passage and answer all the questions.

Buying a Zoo.

Five years ago Stuart Mee was an accountant, living in London with his wife and young family, and working over twelve hours a day. Today they own a zoo. For almost the exact asking price of their five-bedroom house in the city centre, they realised they could buy a 30-acre wildlife park in the countryside. It captured their imaginations and Stuart and his family, his two brothers and their mother set out together on a new adventure. They were shown around with other prospective buyers and Stuart became determined to overcome every obstacle between them and the park. Unfortunately one of his brothers who was due to invest had second thoughts and pulled out. This put an enormous strain on their finances, but luckily the owner held on as they were the only bidders who promised to keep it as a zoo.

In October 2006, with loans agreed, the extended family moved in. Once a grand, twelve-bedroom mansion, the house, with its peeling paper and smelly drains, needed urgent attention. This was a worry, but after one look across the seven miles of sunlit hills, they allowed themselves to feel excited. Their new neighbours included five Siberian tigers, three lions, a jaguar, nine wolves, three brown bears, flamingos, owls and reptiles.

Then, four days later, as Stuart was discussing future plans with the head keeper, his brother, Duncan came running in, shouting, "One of the cats is out!" and ran off again. Stuart raced through the park after him. At the tiger enclosure the jaguar, Sovereign, was inside with the tiger, Tammy. Tammy was none too pleased at having her enclosure invaded. Both animals were agitated and, if they began fighting, one would need to be shot. Kelly, the keeper, ordered all available men to assemble along the perimeter fence and, on command, they yelled as loudly as they could. Alarmed, the tiger's tail twitched, her ears flattened and she slunk into her house, leaving Sovereign safely alone outside. Such incidents are, of course, normal in a zoo, but even so they are incredibly stressful.

The following few months were a period of intense anxiety as atrocious weather and lack of money put a strain on them all. The animals had been a private collection, and to allow paying visitors through the door everything needed expensive upgrading, including the pathways, enclosures, restaurants and a lot of other things. Fortunately, six months later, a loan from the National Farmer's Union came through and work could begin towards obtaining a zoo licence.

Maintenance costs, water, electricity and vet bills all take a massive amount of money. Supermarkets in the area, however, feed the herbivores between them by providing unsold fruit and vegetables. The carnivores depend on animals that die or are culled on farms, or a horse struck by a car. When buying the exotic animals themselves, little money changes hands as their trade is illegal. Tammy the tiger would be worth £20,000 on the black market but, bought legally, would only cost about £200 in vets' bills and transport.

Currently everyone is working in a frantic effort towards one objective: getting the licence to open to the public. Coming up to inspection, everything is at stake. Despite the stress, Stuart regrets none of it and enthuses, "It's a job beyond my wildest dreams."

For questions 1-8 tick (✓) the box.

1. The five bedroom house was worth over a million pounds.
 True
 False
 Doesn't say

2. All members of Stuart's family joined together to buy the zoo.
 True
 False
 Doesn't say

3. The mansion needed a lot of redecoration.
 True
 False
 Doesn't say

4. Tammy the tiger managed to escape from her enclosure.
 True
 False
 Doesn't say

5. A zoo licence costs several hundred pounds to buy.
 True
 False
 Doesn't say

6. Stuart was successful in buying the zoo because
 A. no one else wanted to buy it.
 B. he wanted to keep it as a zoo.
 C. he had the most money.

7. The tiger went back into her house because
 A. she was scared of the jaguar.
 B. there was too much noise.
 C. she followed the keeper there.

8. Which of the following is likely to cost Stuart the most money?
 A. improving the park
 B. buying new exotic animals
 C. feeding the animals

Write the words on the lines.

9. Find the word or phrase in the passage which means the **SAME** as:

changed his mind (paragraph 1) _____

terrible (paragraph 4) _____

10. Find the word or phrase in the passage which means the **OPPOSITE** of:

calm (paragraph 3) _____

public (paragraph 4) _____

Section C2 (10 marks)

Write a summary in your own words of the **the difficulties faced by Stuart when managing the zoo**. You will find this information in paragraphs 3,4 and 5 of the text. Do not use less than 50 words or more than 75 words.

Section D (10 marks)

Rewrite the sentences to give the same meaning as the original, using the word or words given.

Do not change the given word or words in any way at all.

Rewrite all direct speech as reported speech.

Example:

Jack is taking care of our garden while we are on holiday. (being)

Our garden is being taken care of by Jack while we are away.

1. You really should make friends again. (high time)

2. "It would be a good idea to phone and ask for directions," said Sam. (suggested that we)

3. They had a terrible row because they were both so tired. (if)

4. Siberian tigers aren't often caught on camera. (Rarely)

5. I don't really want him to come and stay for the whole weekend. (rather)

6. The police believe the suspect stole £100,000 worth of jewellery. (The suspect is)

7. He really regrets not learning to swim as a child. (wishes)

8. Everyone will forget about the current scandal soon. (will soon be)

9. "Don't leave the camera behind tomorrow night, Jane," said Tim. (Tim told)

10. She doesn't normally eat at expensive restaurants. (used to)

Section E (10 marks)

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

Example:

He lost money because the business was unprofitable. (profit)

1. She needs more _____ to be an actress. (confident)
2. She's never been very _____, so I don't think she'll win the race. (athlete)
3. I was very _____ with the poor service in the hotel. (satisfied)
4. This knife is very blunt, you need to _____ it. (sharp)
5. She was feeling a bit _____ so she went to bed. (sleep)
6. The injection was really _____, but the operation didn't hurt at all. (pain)
7. The leaves of that plant are extremely _____. (poison)
8. I'm no good at maths. Can I borrow your _____? (calculate)
9. She tried to _____ him from buying a motorbike as she thinks they are dangerous. (courage)
10. They have made a very important _____ discovery. (science)

Section F (10 marks)

Write the missing words on the lines. Write only one word in each space. There is an example.

The Emperor Penguin

Emperor penguins are the largest penguin species. They are nearly 4 feet ^(example) tall and weigh up to 90 pounds. They are ⁽¹⁾ _____ only very big, but they are also easily identifiable by the orange "glow" on their cheeks.

Emperor penguins live, all year round, in the Antarctic, ⁽²⁾ _____ temperatures can fall _____ as minus 130 degrees Fahrenheit. Most penguin species lay two eggs _____ a time, but because of the difficulty of raising chicks in such a harsh climate, the Emperor penguin only lays ⁽⁵⁾ _____ egg.

Usually, after the egg ⁽⁶⁾ _____ laid, it's up to the male Emperor penguin to look after it and to ⁽⁷⁾ _____ it warm. He does ⁽⁸⁾ _____ for up to 9 weeks, without food, waiting for the chick to hatch. ⁽⁹⁾ _____ this time, the male may lose up to half its weight. Once the egg hatches, the female returns and the male heads out to the nest ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____ feed.

