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Certificate in English for Overseas Candidates

Advanced Level – Paper Ai

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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	Section D	Section E	Section F	Section G

Section B (15 marks)

Write a letter of about 100 words on ONE of the following topics. Set out the letter correctly and appropriately. Include the address or addresses but do not count them in the number of words.

- 1 Write a letter to a company selling CDs, complaining that the CD you ordered has not arrived.
- 2 Write a letter to a friend, explaining why you won't be able to attend his/her birthday party

A large rectangular box containing 25 horizontal dotted lines for writing the letter.

Section C (20 marks)

Read the following passage and answer all the questions.

The Giant Guinea-Pig

Recently, scientists digging in a hot desert region of Venezuela called Urumaco, 250 miles west of Caracas, found some large fossilised bones. At first, they had no idea what kind of creature they had found. When they found the jaw, however, they realised that they had found a rodent 10 times bigger than any on earth today. When they examined the almost complete skeleton more closely, they realised that they had a *caviomorph*, exactly the same kind of creature as the modern guinea-pig.

Today, there are around 5,000 kinds of mammal, and about 2,000 of these are rodents. Rodents are animals whose teeth never stop growing, like the guinea-pig, squirrel, mouse or rat. They eat tough food like strong grasses or hard nuts. The largest rodent alive today is the capybara. This can grow up to two metres long and weigh 35 kilos. The guinea-pig, a favourite children's pet, can weigh up to 1kg and reach 20cm in length. The fossil which has just been found was 3m long, weighed about 700kg and stood 1.3m high at the shoulder.

The scientists who made the discovery have named the animal *Phoberomys Pattersoni* meaning '*Patterson's frightening mouse*'. Professor Brian Patterson was an American scientist who was the first to study the area where it was found. When *Phoberomys* lived in Urumaco it was very different. Instead of desert, it had a tropical climate, with rivers filled with enormous crocodiles, turtles and catfish. There was plenty of thick grass to eat on the river banks. *Phoberomys* was probably equally at home in water and on land. "If you saw this animal a long way away it would look much more like a cow or a buffalo than a guinea pig," said Macneill Alexander, Professor of Zoology at the University of Leeds in the UK.

Could such a big animal eat enough grass to keep alive? The scientists certainly think so. "It's much cheaper to feed a five-tonne elephant than it is to feed five tonnes of mice," said Professor Alexander. "The bigger the animal, the more it saves its energy, and the easier it is to satisfy its appetite."

For full marks for questions 1-3 you must answer in complete sentences

- 1 What kind of land and climate were the scientists digging in when they found the fossilised bones?

- 2 Which bone made the scientists realise that they had found a very big rodent?

- 3 What was the Urumaco like when the *Phoberomys Pattersoni* used to live there?

For questions 4-8 tick (✓) the box.

4 *Phoberomys Pattersoni* was bigger than a capybara

True False

5 *Phoberomys Pattersoni* probably lived both in and out of water.

True False

6 Which of these types of food is a rodent least likely to eat?

- A soft fruits
- B tough grasses
- C hard nuts

A B C

7 The scientists named the creature *Phoberomys Pattersoni* because

- A Professor Patterson was frightened of mice.
- B Professor Patterson explored Urumaco first.
- C Professor Patterson found the bones.

A B C

8 Which of these would eat the most food in a week?

- A a 5-tonne elephant
- B a *Phoberomys Pattersoni*
- C 5 tonnes of mice

A B C

Write the words in the box

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

looked at (paragraph 1)

huge (paragraph 3)

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

thin (paragraph 3)

spends (paragraph 4)

Section D (10 marks)

Choose the correct answer in each sentence and write it on the line.

Example:

Most people enjoy*eating*..... in restaurants.

A eat B eaten C to eat D eating

- 1 The film star her nose changed by a plastic surgeon.
A did B made C had D is
- 2 Would you mind the door for me, please?
A to open B opening C open D on opening
- 3 He to be poor, but now he's extremely rich.
A was used B is used C used D had been used
- 4 If she that cake before dinner, she would have finished all her food.
A hadn't eaten B didn't eat C wouldn't eat D wasn't eating
- 5 Don't throw the ticket away in case you to show it again.
A needing B will need C would need D need
- 6 You'd better not after 10pm. We're usually asleep by then.
A calling B to call C call D called
- 7 The traveller told such strange stories that we all thought he had made them
A up B on C out D in
- 8 There is no milk in the fridge. Someone finished it.
A will be B must have C would be D had to
- 9 I wish you to go.
A didn't have B haven't had C won't have D aren't having
- 10 Flowers should in a cool place, out of direct sunlight.
A be keeping B to keep C have kept D be kept

Section E (10 marks)

Rewrite the sentences to give the same meaning as the original.

Example:

“Freddie, don’t touch the computer,” the teacher said.

The teacher told *Freddie not to touch the computer.*

1 The election had never been so close before.

Never

2 The students will organise the party.

The party

3 They really should make a decision!

It’s high

4 “Let’s have another meeting next week.”

She suggested

5 I want the cats to sleep downstairs.

I’d rather

Section F (10 marks)

Write the missing words on the lines.

Canada

Canada is ...**an**... (e.g.) extremely large country. A journey from the east (1) the west coast on (2) world’s longest national highway takes you through 8,000 kilometres of beautiful landscape. It (3) a population of 26 million people. Most Canadians live (4) cities in the warmer southern part of the country, near the border with the United States, but some, such as the Inuit people, (5) lived in the Arctic north for thousands of years. The French (6) the first Europeans to settle in Canada , followed (7) the British. Today, although the majority of Canadians (8) English as their first language, French is the official language in Quebec. Winters (9) very harsh all over Canada. Some families flood their back gardens in winter, so (10) the water freezes to make a temporary ice-rink for the children to skate on.

Section G (10 marks)

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

Example

The bed was so*uncomfortable*..... I didn't sleep all night. (COMFORT)

1 He went to college to learn how to be a farmer. (AGRICULTURE)

2 Long hair and orange clothes with flowers on them were (FASHION)
in the 1970s.

3 He works as a at the United Nations. (TRANSLATE)

4 That is not the answer to the problem! (DEFINITE)

5 The goes off about twice a day at the moment. (ELECTRIC)

6 There are evening classes until June. (WEEK)

7 I can't tell the between the twin brothers. (DIFFERENT)

8 The teacher made a display of all the children's paintings. (COLOUR)

9 It was a, cold day in January when we set out. (CLOUD)

10 I'm sorry, your answer is so I can't give you the mark. (CORRECT)

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