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Certificate in English for Overseas Candidates

Masters Level – Paper A

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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 Listening. (10 marks)

You are going to listen to two friends talking in a restaurant.
Answer all the questions below by marking the correct box with a tick (✓).

1. What is the main reason the man is not looking forward to the wedding?

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|----|---|--|
| a) | He doesn't see his brother often. | |
| b) | He doesn't like his brother's girlfriend. | |
| c) | He hates parties. | |

2. What does the man say is wrong with weddings?

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|----|---|--|
| a) | The people there have different interests. | |
| b) | There is too much food. | |
| c) | There are too many distant relatives there. | |

3. Why does the woman like weddings?

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|----|---------------------------------------|--|
| a) | She's very romantic. | |
| b) | She likes meeting interesting people. | |
| c) | She likes buying new clothes. | |

4. What happened at the man's friend's wedding?

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|----|------------------------------|--|
| a) | The bride started crying. | |
| b) | The guests were bored. | |
| c) | The best man lost the rings. | |

5. How does the man feel about being Best Man?

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|----|--------------|--|
| a) | apprehensive | |
| b) | excited | |
| c) | sad | |

6. What does the man say about wedding lists?

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|----|---------------------------|--|
| a) | They are easy to use. | |
| b) | The gifts are very cheap. | |
| c) | They are very impersonal. | |

7. What does the woman advise the man about buying a gift?

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|----|--|--|
| a) | Buy whatever he wants. | |
| b) | Tell his brother what he's going to buy. | |
| c) | Stick to what's on the list. | |

8. What is the man going to wear?

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|----|-----------------|--|
| a) | a borrowed suit | |
| b) | a new suit | |
| c) | an old suit | |

9. The man asks the woman to the wedding because:

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| a) | she is his girlfriend. | |
| b) | he hasn't got a girlfriend. | |
| c) | his girlfriend can't go. | |

10. How does the man tempt the woman to go to the wedding with him?

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|----|---|--|
| a) | by offering her a new outfit to go in. | |
| b) | by mentioning that she might make some new friends. | |
| c) | by telling her that his brother is looking forward to her coming. | |

Section B Listening and Writing. (10 marks)

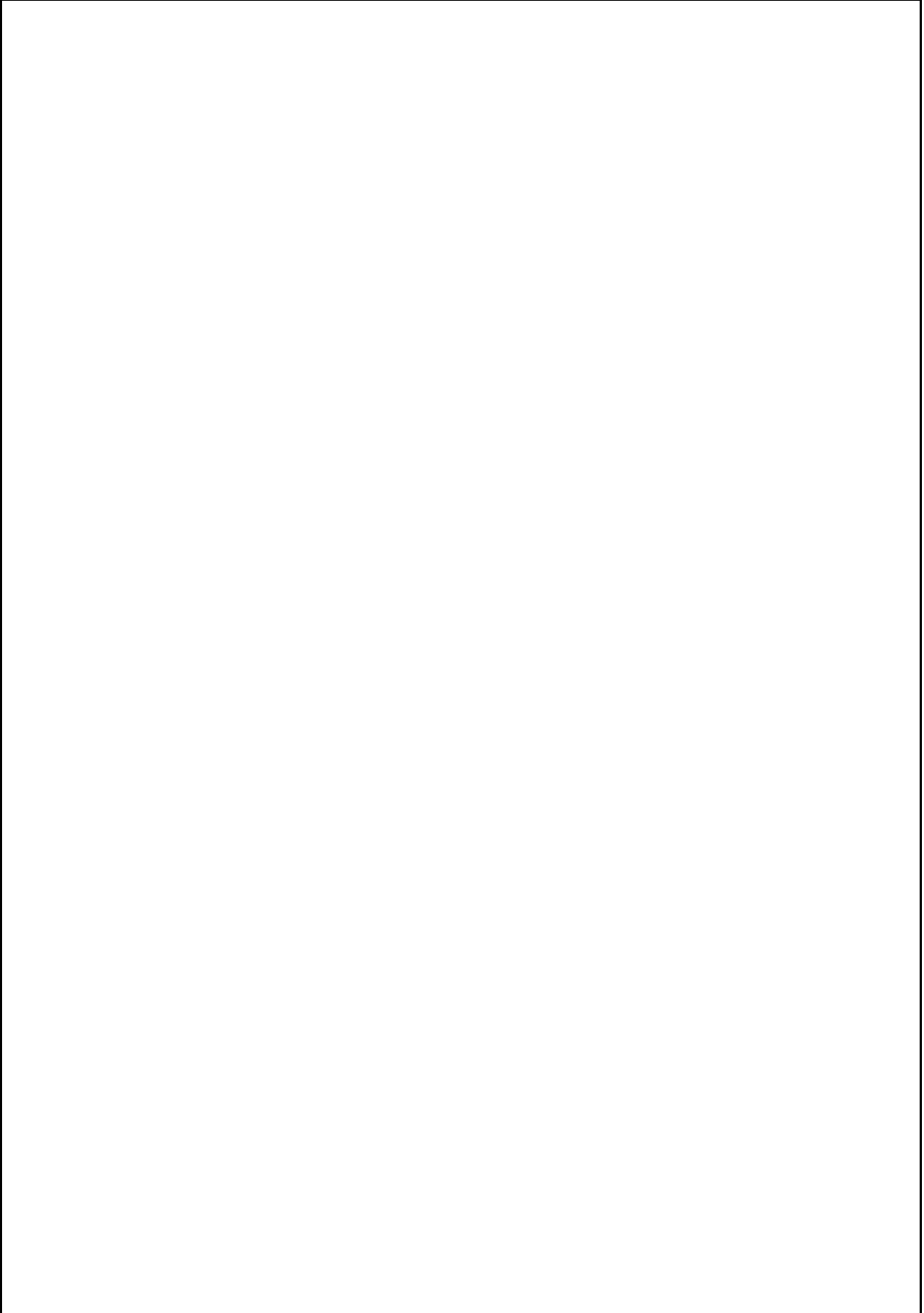
You are interested in visiting your capital city, Newbridge, when you are on holiday in the summer. You hear a radio advertisement for a tour you can join that takes you to some of the most interesting places. Take notes as you hear the advertisement and then use your notes to write a letter to a good friend of yours who lives in another town far from yours, inviting him or her to come and visit so that you can go on the tour together.

Let your friend know

- *Which places the tour takes you to*
- *What services the guide offers*
- *How long it lasts for*
- *What he/she will need for the tour*

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

Write your letter here:



Section C Use of English. Part One (10marks)

Write **ONE** word only in each gap.

1. When working outside, you're at the _____ of the weather.
2. It's important to get _____ to a good start.
3. Richard _____ at the chance to become team captain.
4. Playing squash is a good way to let off _____ and relax.
5. This dress fitted me like a _____ when I was younger.
6. I promise this deal is all above _____. There's nothing illegal about it.
7. Don't be so hard on them; why not cut them some _____?
8. Whatever they do or say, your parents always have your best interests at _____.
9. Going back to work today after such a fantastic holiday really brought me down to _____.
10. After we were late for class again the teacher really _____ down the law.

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. Why don't you stop being so childish? (AGE)

2. Lorna produces quality work on time, always. (WITHOUT)

3. We all believed his lies. (TAKEN)

4. The volleyball team really improved when they got a new coach. (IMPROVEMENT)

5. The holiday company booked us on the wrong flight and the wrong day. (NOT ONLY)

6. I'm always being left to do the worst jobs at work. (LUMBERED)

7. She's simply not capable of doing the work. (CAPABILITY)

8. When John fell over Kate laughed a lot. (SHOOK)

9. This mobile phone is the best you can buy. (MARKET)

10. I found it difficult to become involved in the plot. (INTO)

11. I'm terrible at public speaking; I get nervous and can't function at all. (TO PIECES)

12. We were not allowed in to the concert because it was too full. (REFUSED)

13. My dog would never attack anyone. She's really gentle. (A FLY)

14. It's so far away I can't see it clearly. (MAKE)

15. The film was a lot worse than I thought it would be. (EXPECTATIONS)

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.

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| 1. UNUSUAL LOTTERY |
| 2. LANDMARK BUILDING REPLACED |
| 3. ESCAPE PLAN FAILS |
| 4. HERO'S WELCOME HOME |
| 5. HAPPY PASSENGERS |
| 6. SPACESHIP REPAIR MISSION |
| 7. BETTER FORECASTS AFTER SPACE PROBE |
| 8. FACELIFT FOR OLD FAVOURITE |
| 9. SPACE PROBLEM FOR VIEWERS |
| 10. SHOW OFF RETURNS |
| 11. MYSTERY WINDFALL |
| 12. ANIMALS LEARN ROAD SAFETY |
| 13. SADNESS ON THE BUSES |
| 14. CAPTAIN LAYS DOWN A CHALLENGE |
| 15. MARRIAGE COMES TO AN END |

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 |
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A

NASA are today set to launch the newest of their Space Shuttles, *Atlantis*. It is hoped to be the first manned craft to orbit the moon more than twenty times. Among other things, the mission hopes to discover how the moon affects weather systems on earth.

B

The local council plans to spend money raised by the lottery in a very odd way. - it wants to build a subway for frogs. Many of the animals die on our roads and these plans hope to increase the frog population by 15%.

C

A publican in the North of Wales has discovered he may have been a millionaire for the last three years – and he knew nothing about it. He found an old lottery ticket in his car dated three years ago this month, only to later discover it matched all six of the winning numbers.

D

The Bluebell Railway, a popular attraction for tourists and rail enthusiasts for the last 25 years is to close for essential refurbishments. There has only been superficial redecorating done in the whole quarter century, and the owners say that major structural work is required.

E

It seems ten-pin bowling is the perfect pastime for retired pensioners. This is because it is in keeping with what older sportsmen require. It's out of the rain, gentle exercise, while also being good for the joints. Captain of the pensioners' team, Frank Fisher, said: "I'll give anyone half my age a run for their money, I'll take anyone on!"

F

Travelling on buses makes you happier than driving says a report out today. Research shows that because you always have company and can rest on a bus, unlike in a car, passengers arrive feeling more relaxed and generally more content.

G

The largest European communications satellite has been shut down today after it developed a fault. 20,000 homes were left without many TV channels today. Engineers hope to conduct the repairs by remote control in the next 24 hours.

H

Police caught two young thieves yesterday when they tried to use a bus as a getaway vehicle. They robbed a bookmakers before running down the street to the bus stop to wait for a number 49. The two cried when officers caught them before the bus (which was late) arrived.

I

John McGovern, the captain of the triumphant national basketball team, who won the world title last month, visited his hometown today to show off the trophy he helped win. Fans lined the streets waving flags and chanting his name.

J

Hadfield Cathedral is finally set to close after more than 295 years as the centrepiece of the town. It is to be replaced by a new block of luxury flats as the need for more housing intensifies. Brenda Mills, whose marriage began there over 50 years ago, said: "My husband and I remember that day like it was yesterday, I can't believe it's going to go."

Section E Reading. (20 marks)

Read this article about identical twins and answer all the questions *in your own words*.

Seeing Double

Karol and Karen Groom have never wanted to be anything but the same. Individually they would be unremarkable: two cheery, shy, sensibly dressed women in blue flowery tops, grey pencil skirts (not too tight) and low-heeled black shoes. Their most *profuse* item of clothing is a pair of small gold hoop earrings. But far from being anonymous, they are exceptionally visible, because there are always two of them, wherever they go, dressed exactly the same. If they go shopping for clothes and they've only got one size 12, they don't buy it. There is a *meticulous* attention to detail.

The thirty-eight-year-old identical twins share not only their outer looks, but their inner make up. Created from the same egg, every drop of their DNA matches; there is not a single genetic difference between them. Almost one in 150 of the population is an identical twin, and the number is steadily increasing. As yet, nobody really knows why.

But while there are many, identical twins are still regarded by some as *freakish*. "Which one are you?" is a question most of us are never asked. With identical twins, *confusion reigns*. Unless we construct differences between them, there is the fear that the two will melt into one. The sight of two people who are exactly alike makes us feel uncomfortable, questions all our *notions of* individual identity. From the hope that we may one day find and fall in love with our one and only perfect partner, to the individual responsibilities of the legal system, our society *revolves around* the belief that we are each unique.

From childhood, parents of twins are instructed by well-meaning doctors and psychologists to dress their children differently and call them by their individual names, never "the twins". The vast majority of schools still have a policy of placing twins in different classes, *ostensibly* for their own good. When we talk about twins we create opposites from the tiniest differences to tell them apart, labelling them as they would never be labelled in relation to the whole population: the plump one or the cheeky one, the *garrulous* one or the scientist and so on. Many identical twins share this need to be *distinguished* from one another. But when I met Karol and Karen, unusually they emphasised their similarity; for them, happiness was being the same.

The pair consciously *cultivate* their similarity. They always have their hair cut on the same day, in the same style. They went to business college, where they both took a business course before both becoming civil servants. It is almost as if they seem reluctant to *outdo* each other. In 1993, aged 27, they left home – together. They now share a small house in a London suburb, with a sitting room full of photographs of two little girls dressed exactly the same. In these photos, even they can't tell who is who. "We were cute, very cute," purrs Karen. They love themselves a great deal, and they love each other, which is almost the same thing.

When speaking to them they continually look at each other, unable to speak without the other's confirmation. I ask them if there are any differences. Two heads shake "No". "So you are one person?" I ask. "Yes, I think so," says Karen. This possibility – that they are true clones – is the stuff of science fiction. But rather than be suspicious of sameness, perhaps we should be jealous of identical twins. After all, we seem to try to 'twin' ourselves throughout our lives. As children with friends, real or imaginary. As adults, with partners in love. Perhaps secretly we all long to be twins. Who could possibly think it's better to be alone?

Section E Reading. Part Two (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) **profuse** _____
- b) **meticulous** _____
- c) **freakish** strange or abnormal _____
- d) **confusion reigns** _____
- e) **notions of** _____
- f) **revolves around** _____
- g) **ostensibly** _____
- h) **garrulous** _____
- i) **distinguished** _____
- j) **cultivate** _____
- k) **outdo** _____

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:

A child's position in the family has a profound effect on his/her character, experience of family life and future. Discuss.

- Twins
- Being oldest, youngest or 'middle child'
- Being an only child
- Having brothers or sisters
- Having a big/small family
- Relationship with parents
- Career choices
- Friends you have
- Things you enjoy doing
- Leadership qualities
- Sense of responsibility
- Resentment

Use this space for rough notes of your own:

Write your composition here:

A large rectangular box containing 30 horizontal dotted lines for writing a composition.

