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Sample Exam

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				In Words بالحروف	In Figures بالأرقام		
					Tens عشرات	Units آحاد	
							Reading القراءة
							Writing الكتابة
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Part 1

Text 1

Most people think of Nepal as a place for travellers and intrepid explorers, ready to climb the high, rugged peaks of the Himalayas, but this stunning Asian nation has so much to offer if you are looking to take it easy.

Fantastic resorts offer breathtaking views of the white snowy mountain tops and are equipped with all the modern amenities, such as world-class restaurants and spas, that you may expect to find in other more traditional global resort destinations like the Maldives and Hawaii.

Additionally, there are a diverse range of activities available that promise to inspire you. You can take half-day treks through the dense, green forests and hills, explore the towns meeting friendly locals and trying delicious Nepalese food along the way or admire the colourful wildlife. If you are lucky enough you may catch sight of the elusive snow leopard one of the world's most majestic and rarely seen animals.

Nepal really does have something for everyone. It is a must see; it may be off the beaten track, but worth visiting whether you want to hike the Himalayas or just kick back and relax!

Text 2

I got to Cairns feeling adventurous and ready to experience one of the seven wonders of the natural world - Australia's exotic Great Barrier Reef. I had previously visited another of the seven wonders of the natural world, the Grand Canyon in the U.S.A., and this had whetted my appetite for adventure.

My trip to the Grand Canyon was incredible, but I was shocked by the level of litter that visitors had left and the erosion that had been caused by trekkers, I decided that my journey to the Great Barrier Reef should be an eco-friendly one.

It's really important to protect the environment - especially in Australia. So ecotourism was the only way I could get to see the reef. I wanted to enjoy the trip of a lifetime and help preserve the habitat of all the creatures that live in and around the reef.

Our boat left early in the morning so we could spend the day scuba diving and exploring the breathtaking underwater world. Bright colourful coral and graceful marine life surrounded me as I swam through the clear blue waters. It was definitely a trip to remember and one for everyone's wish list. Awesome!

Questions 1 to 2. Read the articles and choose the best summaries for the texts

Write the letter of the summary on the line. You can use each title only once. There is one title you do not need.

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| 1. | Summary of text 1 ____ | A | The best restaurants available |
| 2. | Summary of text 2 ____ | B | Environmental concerns on my trip |
| | | C | A boat trip in the USA |
| | | D | A country with much to see and do |

Questions 3 to 5. Circle the correct answer – A, B, C or D.

3. What kind of text is Text 1?

- A** a list of potential problems in Nepal
- B** a description of activities in several Asian countries
- C** a story about visiting Nepal
- D** an advertisement for visiting a specific country

4. What is the purpose of Text 2?

- A** to persuade people to use ecotourism
- B** to persuade people not to visit the Great Barrier Reef
- C** to describe an individual's two trips
- D** to describe ecotourism holidays in America

5. What do both texts have in common?

- A** They both describe beautiful natural places.
- B** They both have complaints about litter.
- C** They both describe the people that the writer met.
- D** They both discuss protecting the environment.

Questions 6 to 10. Fill the gaps with ONE word from the text only.

	Text 1	Text 2
Places to stay at the destination:	6. _____	None mentioned.
Ways mentioned in the text to explore the destination:	• 7. short _____ • 8. visit local _____ • eat Nepalese food	• boat trips • 9. diving _____
Wildlife mentioned that you can see:	10. snow _____	1. colourful coral and graceful marine life

Part 2

Read the text below and answer the questions on the next page by choosing the best answer – A, B, C or D.

Since the first film in 1895, cinema has become a major part of our lives and a multibillion dollar industry. Cinema has been so successful because it allows us to be transported back in time, explore distant planets or quietly enjoy fantastic stories. Cinema has seen major advances in its technology. Chances are you have been to see a 3D film recently and you are probably looking forward to more new advances in terms of augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR).

Animated films have sparked a renewal of interest in 3D films as they have used advanced computer processing speeds to develop computer generated images (CGI). So what is 3D? There are two different types of movies included under this term. One refers to CGI which relies on computer models of objects and is usually used for animation. Stereoscopic 3D movies are where the images are viewed through special glasses and images seem to reach out of the screen.

Stereoscopic films work on the simple idea of fooling our eyes. 3D films take advantage of the distance between our eyes i.e. the inter-ocular distance. To understand how this works, try placing an object in front of your eyes, close one eye then another. You should notice that you see a slightly different image with each eye. To create this type of film, film makers must first use two different cameras side-by-side, just like your eyes, to film the screens. The recorded images are then combined and projected onto a screen. Finally, the audience needs to wear the special glasses. When we see the image through the 3D glasses, our brain is fooled into thinking we are seeing in 3D.

While we are not yet watching films in VR, it will bring a very different cinematic experience. Advances in 3D and 4D effects such as wind, rain, and so on, will probably be integrated into VR. VR will be a dynamic storytelling medium; it offers the possibility for a fully immersive experience for the audience. The only drawback at the moment is the idea of strapping boxes on our faces in the cinema.

In all, we are going to see some amazing advances and changes in technology that will be incorporated into entertainment. The question remains as to how long these changes will take to reach our cinemas.

11. Why does the writer think films are so popular?
A They now include 3D elements.
B They cost a lot of money.
C The technology is more advanced.
D They let people experience new times and places.
12. How has the animation industry advanced 3D films?
A They produced stereoscopic 3D films.
B They use computer models of objects.
C They don't need fast processing speeds.
D They used two different types of 3D.
13. Why does inter-ocular distance affect 3D?
A It allows us to wear special glasses.
B It means our eyes see different things.
C The cameras are a different distance than our eyes.
D It stops our brains from seeing 3D.
14. What does the author see as the disadvantage of VR?
A wearing the VR goggles
B having a fully immersive experience
C experiencing wind and rain in the theatre
D the different type of cinematic experience
15. The writer thinks that these changes in technology ____.
A will take a long time
B will drive some customers away
C will make the industry more money
D will reduce the quality of entertainment

Now, read the text again and decide whether the sentences below are True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG).

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| 16. The first film was created in 1895. | T / F / NG |
| 17. 3D films have meant animations make more money. | T / F / NG |
| 18. When making a stereoscopic film, two cameras are used. | T / F / NG |
| 19. There are already a number of VR films. | T / F / NG |
| 20. 4D films are more popular than 3D films. | T / F / NG |

Part 3

Read the seven texts about weather and match the 5 summaries with the correct text. An example is done for you. There is one text you don't need.

Text A

Minnesota sees enormous weather changes from season to season. It has four distinct seasons: a rainy, cool spring from March to May; a hot, humid summer from June to August; a chilly, colourful autumn from September to November and finally a frigid, snowy winter lasting from December to February.

Text B

Canada often sees extreme snowstorms, sometimes referred to as blizzards. These can lead to schools cancelling classes for multiple days at a time. These storms have wind speeds of up to 56 km/h and can last for over 3 hours, causing a “whiteout”, or a condition where you cannot see anything outside.

Text C

Summers can get hot and beautiful; however, they also come with their own weather issues. States in the south of the USA often experiences tornados in the summer. Tornados are spinning columns of wind which can reach speeds of 180 km/h and do great damage to buildings and people.

Text D

The Philippines is a country located on a collection of tropical islands in the southern Pacific Ocean. Weather in this Southeast Asian country differs greatly throughout the year. In the mountainous western part of the country, which includes the capital city of Manila, there are two distinct seasons, a “rainy season” and “dry season”.

Text E

The Atacama Desert located in the northern part of Chile, is considered to be the driest non-polar place on earth. It is so arid in some parts that it is thought that there hadn't been significant precipitation from 1570 to 1971, a period of over 400 years!

Text F

Easter Island, located in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, is unique to Chile as it is the only region in the country classified as a tropical rainforest. The temperature is warm, averaging around 20-25°C with 1,118 mm of rain annually. This weather makes Easter Island a popular tourist destination.

Text G

There is a large area of low pressure moving towards the UAE from the east, which will reach the east coast of Fujairah and Ras Al Khaimah early on Wednesday morning. There will be fog in the morning across the northern Emirates due to the drop in temperatures.

Write the letter of the text on the line. The first one is done for you. You can use each text only once. There is one text you do not need.

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| Example: The typical four seasons | Text <u>A</u> |
| 21. Weather in two stages in the West | Text ____ |
| 22. A place with nearly no rain | Text ____ |
| 23. A local weather report | Text ____ |
| 24. Weather attracting holiday makers | Text ____ |
| 25. Dangerous weather in hot times | Text ____ |

Now scan the texts again to find the answers to these questions. Answer with **one** word or number from the text.

- 26.** On which morning will there be foggy weather in Fujairah? _____
- 27.** How fast can winds in Canadian storms get? _____ km/hr
- 28.** How many years has the driest desert gone with no rain? _____
- 29.** In which month does Spring start in Minnesota? _____
- 30.** In which country is Easter Island? _____

Writing

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