

6th form of Secondary Schools – 2nd form of Grammar Schools

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Part I. Reading

Task1: Read the text carefully and complete the gaps 1–6 with phrases a–f. Transfer your answers to the Answer Sheet.

- a)goodbye to the old year
- b)to take more exercise
- c)of the Roman New Year
- d)and look forward to the future
- e)and at different time of the year
- f)bread, money and coal

Different countries celebrate New Year in different ways – (1)_____! The Chinese New Year is in late January or February, the Jewish New Year is in the autumn, and most Indian people celebrate New Year in the spring. But in many parts of the world, 1 January is New Year’s Day. This is the original date (2)_____. Although the new year starts on 1 January in many countries, it starts at different times because of international time zones; for example, the new year in Australia starts ten hours earlier than in Britain.

People all over the world have parties on 31 December, New Year’s Eve. At midnight, they hold hands and sing Auld Lang Syne. The famous song, by the Scottish poet, Robert Burns, says we should remember the past (3)_____.

The Scottish have the best New Year celebrations in Britain, and New Year’s Eve has a special name in Scotland, Hogmanay. People celebrate with bonfires and fireworks, and in some towns they burn an old boat to say (4)_____.

Many people in Scotland go and visit their friends after midnight, early on 1 January.

They believe that the first person who enters the home on New Year’s Day can bring good luck. This person should carry presents:(5) _____, so the family are not hungry, poor or cold in the new year.

People everywhere have hopes for the new year, and some make a list of New Year resolutions: things they want to do better in future. For example, they promise to be tidier, to work harder (6)_____. But sometimes their resolutions don’t last very long!

Points: 12

Task 2: Read the article about a career in film and then answer the questions. Are sentences 7-15 'Right' (A), 'Wrong' (B). If there is not enough information choose 'Doesn't say' (C). Transfer your answers to the Answer Sheet.

Lana Carter has not worked in film for many years but she has already helped make several movies and worked with a few famous film stars.

Lana's job is to work the lights and the camera during filming. Sometimes she also helps decide where films are made. She has worked on all kinds of full-length films and a variety of advertisements and music videos. She thinks making music videos is the easiest because they don't have to look or feel real. She says that working on films is more difficult because lighting mistakes can make the whole thing look wrong.

Lana decided she would like to work in film when she was 16. Her friends and family laughed at the idea, but she found out about courses and did a university course in Film and Video. She says, 'You shouldn't worry about making mistakes at university. Try new ideas and don't just do the same as everyone else.' She thinks that people who want a career like hers should choose a course that lets them do as much filming as possible. 'Courses that just ask students to do a lot of writing are not useful to anybody.'

7. Lana has met some famous actors.

A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn't say

8. Lana likes planning where to make films most of all.

A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn't say

9. Lana believes that music videos are harder to make than movies.

A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn't say

10. Lana's family wanted her to have a career in film.

A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn't say

11. Lana was one of the best students on her course at university.

A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn't say

12. Lana thinks it is fine for film students to make mistakes.

A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn't say

13. Lana thinks that writing is more important on courses than making films.

A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn't say

14. When studying at university Lana could choose the course in writing.

A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn't say

15. She completed her university course in Film and Video successfully.

A. Right B. Wrong C. Doesn't say

Points: 18

Part II. Use of English

Task 3: For items 16 – 20 fill in the gaps, using the words in the box. There are some extra words you don't have to use. Choose the best word to fill in the blanks with the words in the box. You must complete the text by matching the numbers with the correct letters. Write the answers on the Answer Sheet.

arranged, at, exciting, historic, historical, the Imperial, near, nearby, on, quiet, quite, relaxed, scene, scenery, serving, shade, shadow, the Imperial, wander, within, wonder

Stay at **16.** _____ Hotel.

Relax and enjoy the beautiful **17.** _____ around you.

Would you like a game of golf and tennis? Or would you prefer to **18.** _____ in remote hills on a sunny day? Or would you like just a **19.** _____ rest in the **20.** _____ of the garden?

Situated on the banks of the Thames, the hotel has a lot of facilities for young and old.

It is also **21.** _____ easy reach of several interesting **22.** _____ buildings, dated back to the 18th century.

Special food can be **23.** _____ for vegetarians and those on a diet.

We can meet you at the **24.** _____ station, called 'The Thames Gardens', **25.** ____ arrival.

It's only a 5-minute drive from the station to the hotel.

Reasonable prices.

You will really enjoy staying here.

Points: 20

Task 4: Read the text below and choose the correct word A, B, C or D for each space. You must complete the text by matching the numbers with the correct letters. Write the answers on the Answer Sheet.

THE RECIPE FOR GOOD COMMUNICATION

How many people do you communicate with in a day? Probably a lot more (26) _____ you did ten years ago. With a few pieces of equipment, we can "talk" to people in more and more ways, not (27) _____ face-to-face and on the phone, but also via the Internet. It is very important, therefore, (28) _____ everyone to try and improve their communication skills. Despite all the technological advances of (29) _____ years, the art of good conversation is still at the heart of successful communication.

(30) _____ it's a good idea to remember the four golden rules of good communication. Firstly, be as clear as you can.

Misunderstandings arise if we don't say exactly (31) _____ we mean. Secondly, we have to work (32) _____ at listening. Pay attention to what the other person is saying. Thirdly, ask (33) _____ people what they think, don't only tell them what you think. And finally show respect for people, give them time to say what they want, and (34) _____ interest in what they say.

If you (35) _____ these rules, you will be a good communicator.

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| 26. | a) like | b) than | c) as | d) that |
| 27. | a) yet | b) even | c) just | d) still |
| 28. | a) for | b) if | c) by | d) from |
| 29. | a) close | b) last | c) late | d) recent |
| 30. | a) there | b) so | c) - | d) such or |
| 31. | a) when | b) what | c) which | d) whom |
| 32. | a) hard | b) much | c) great | d) very |
| 33. | a) every | b) other | c) each | d) another |
| 34. | a) get | b) put | c) be | d) show |
| 35. | a) act | b) move | c) follow | d) go |

Points: 20

Part III. Writing

Task 5: *Imagine that your English teacher asked you to write a note for your classmates about a Sunday excursion to a Space museum where you need to collect some material for your class project.*

Remember to include:

- greeting
- time and place of meeting
- things they have to take (a pen, a camera, etc.)
- time their parents need to pick them up at school
- finish your note with an invitation to take part in this event

Now write a note (80-100 words) for your classmates

Points: 20

Part IV. Listening

Task 6: *Listen to a girl asking questions about an island. Look at the answers. If the answer is right, put T(True). If the answer is wrong, put F(False). You will hear the recording/dialogue twice/ two times. Transfer your answers to the Answer Sheet.*

Example Where is the island?	In Australia	__T__
36. How do most people travel to the island?	by plain	_____
37. What colour is the rock on the island?	black	_____
38. Which is the best time of year to visit the island?	in the summer	_____
39. How hot is it in summer on the island? about	30 degrees	_____
40. What is special about the island?	the water in the lake	_____

Points: 10