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Final Revision, Grade 12A.

21st, January, 2020

LISTENING 1 (Items 1-7)

(7 marks)

You are going to hear an interview between an **interviewer** and a **young Omani inventor**.
Listen, and shade in the bubble ☐ next to the correct option.

1. Mohammed is _____ years old.

☐ 13

☐ 18

☐ 22

2. The "Child Locator "device helps _____ .

☐ children find their bags

☐ parents locate their children

☐ schools track students

3. Mohammed's brother was in grade _____ when he went missing.

☐ one

☐ two

☐ Three

4. Mohammed invented a "Child locator" _____

☐ watch

☐ Hand-held device

☐ Device attached to a school bag

5. According to Mohammed, the best feature in his invention is the _____

☐ Tracking system

☐ colour

☐ camera

6. After he won the first prize, _____ showed an interest in Mohammed's invention.

☐ parents

☐ principles

☐ friends

7. Mohammed's immediate challenge is to _____ .

☐ secure financial support

☐ sell his device

☐ complete his studies



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LISTENING 2 (Items 8-15)

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(8 marks)

You are going to hear **someone talking** about **Vanuatu, a famous tourist destination in the south Pacific.**

Task one: Listen and for each item, write a short answer (**not more than FOUR WORDS**).

8. How many islands are there in Vanuatu?

9. How many people live on Vanuatu?

10. What are the main sources of its economy?

Agriculture, tourism and _____

11. What languages are spoken on Vanuatu ?

English, Bislama and _____

Part Two: For each item, shade in the bubble ☐ next to the correct option.

12. About _____ tourists visit Vanuatu every year.

☐ 300

☐ 5000

☐ 50000

13. Tourists can enjoy _____ on Tanna Island.

☐ volcano boarding

☐ surfing

☐ scuba diving

14. The island of Espiritu has _____ .

☐ high mountains

☐ beautiful beaches

☐ steep cliffs

15. The Nagol Pentecost diving event is held every _____ from April to June.

☐ Saturday

☐ Monday

☐ Tuesday

LISTENING
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Vocabulary General Revision

1. Teens from _____ or impoverish homes both can and do abuse drugs
☐ affluent ☐ effluent ☐ fluent ☐ afflict
2. The government has refused to rescue the company from _____.
☐ achievement ☐ satisfaction ☐ corruption ☐ bankruptcy
3. He's _____ liar that you can't believe a word he says.
☐ an impulsive ☐ an offensive ☐ a compulsive ☐ an addiction
4. We are conducting a survey of _____ attitudes towards organic food
☐ consult ☐ consumer ☐ conditions ☐ construct
5. The boiler has exploded from _____ pressure of steam.
☐ excessive ☐ aggressive ☐ impressive ☐ progressive
6. Watching violence on TV makes some children more _____.
☐ aggressive ☐ excessive ☐ progressive ☐ massive
7. The government is wrestling with difficult _____ problems.
☐ advertisement ☐ addicted ☐ passion ☐ economic
8. We import raw materials and energy and _____ mainly industrial products.
☐ export ☐ port ☐ report ☐ expose
9. Under the _____ of the drug my mind was filled with fantasy images.
☐ affect ☐ influence ☐ fluent ☐ influent
10. The house itself was unimpressive but the _____ was spectacular.
☐ donation ☐ location ☐ education ☐ relation
11. Don't let his friendly manner _____ you into trusting him.
☐ persuade ☐ reveal ☐ mislead ☐ cause
12. A strange _____ was performed in front of our eyes.
☐ actual ☐ religious ☐ ritual ☐ virtual

13. I needed a lot of retail _____ to help me get over my stress.
- ☐ shopping ☐ goods ☐ theory ☐ therapy
14. She really likes going for shopping a lot, so she has become a _____.
- ☐ workaholic ☐ shopaholic ☐ buyer ☐ patient
15. They moved off _____ to share a flat in the town.
- ☐ campus ☐ university ☐ college ☐ course
16. He had a distinguished _____ as a diplomat.
- ☐ career ☐ hobby ☐ exercise ☐ task
17. We needed to reskill our workforce to _____ with the massive technological change.
- ☐ help ☐ cope ☐ support ☐ assist
18. We've just appointed _____ who will oversee the whole project.
- ☐ a worker ☐ an employer ☐ a coordinator ☐ an educator
19. Next week is the _____ for sending in your application.
- ☐ decline ☐ outline ☐ headline ☐ deadline
20. I know that this draft text will need to be _____.
- ☐ signed ☐ credit ☐ editor ☐ edited
21. The decision was based on _____ rather than on rational thought
- ☐ option ☐ motion ☐ emotion ☐ logical
22. She studies abroad. She feels _____ for her country.
- ☐ delighted ☐ homesick ☐ pleased ☐ cheerful
23. The students at schools should build up a solid _____ in English.
- ☐ foundation ☐ presentation ☐ introduction ☐ anticipation
24. The teacher conducted a _____ test to find the appropriate level for the new students in the course.
- ☐ achievement ☐ ability ☐ final ☐ placement
25. Overseas investment has had a _____ effect on exports. The profits have increased greatly.
- ☐ sensitive ☐ negative ☐ positive ☐ unsure

26. People should eat less fat to _____ the risk of heart disease.
☐ expand ☐ raise ☐ increase ☐ reduce
27. Kidnapping crime is increasing at a _____ rate.
☐ security ☐ terrified ☐ terrifying ☐ ritual
28. The town's importance lies in the richness and quality of its _____.
☐ hospitality ☐ customers ☐ lecture ☐ architecture
29. The conditions are very poor and overcrowded, as there is a total lack of the most basic _____.
☐ luxury ☐ duty ☐ amenities ☐ comfortable
30. The Niagara Falls are a truly _____ sight.
☐ tiresome ☐ awesome ☐ dull ☐ boring
31. As he fell, his scream resounded through the long and deep _____.
☐ trek ☐ canyon ☐ source ☐ scenery
32. We got lost and ended up miles away from our intended _____.
☐ destination ☐ suggestions ☐ design ☐ source
33. We edited out some unnecessary words or sentences from the _____.
☐ craft ☐ drawing ☐ note ☐ draft
34. He left his successful business and life of _____ to become a monk.
☐ gravity ☐ century ☐ luxury ☐ poverty
35. There's been _____ television coverage of the World Cup.
☐ aggressive ☐ massive ☐ offensive ☐ impressive
36. You should _____ your work and correct any mistakes you find.
☐ show ☐ proof ☐ reproof ☐ proofread
37. The staff should work together to _____ the school curriculum.
☐ proof ☐ proofread ☐ revise ☐ draft
38. The _____ staff can see all the outside of the building on their CCTV monitors.
☐ celebrity ☐ security ☐ priority ☐ sector

39. They reached the refugee camp after an arduous two-day _____ across the mountains.

- ☐ trek ☐ treat ☐ trend ☐ trip

40. As soon as the bell rang, the captain gave orders to cast off, and the _____ began.

- ☐ voyage ☐ flight ☐ vacation ☐ canyon

41. Chinese people _____ a lot from the open-up policy.

- ☐ traffic ☐ benefit ☐ affect ☐ define

42. The Government has launched an advertising _____ to encourage people to vote.

- ☐ campus ☐ campaign ☐ mislead ☐ freight

43. As traffic grew, the _____ wisdom was that roads should be widened to make room.

- ☐ exotic ☐ prevention ☐ conventional ☐ unusual

44. The brochure shows the products that are _____ available.

- ☐ gallery ☐ currency ☐ currently ☐ unlikely

45. It is illegal for factories to _____ black smoke into the air.

- ☐ omit ☐ flyer ☐ absorb ☐ emit

46. The _____ about the new English course is handed out.

- ☐ flyer ☐ series ☐ flies ☐ papers

47. The railways carry millions of tons of _____ every year.

- ☐ freight ☐ passengers ☐ areas ☐ statistics

48. This kind of oil is _____ and is used principally for lighting.

- ☐ incredible ☐ credible ☐ edible ☐ inedible

49. In late 1958 the United States launched three _____ spacecrafts on missions to the Moon.

- ☐ elimination ☐ speed ☐ engineer ☐ pioneer

50. Tempers flared and road rage increased as the _____ became worse.

- ☐ ambitious ☐ simulator ☐ traffic jam ☐ fatality

51. The freight _____ caused a cloud of dust as it went down the unpaved road.

- ☐ train ☐ truck ☐ plane ☐ journey

52. When we arrived in the capital, we started to _____ the city.
☐ explore ☐ explain ☐ amuse ☐ search
53. Oman has fantastic _____. There are so many different kinds of animals and birds in the natural a
☐ atmosphere ☐ reptiles ☐ domestic ☐ wildlife
54. My daughter had the first prize in the competition. I'm so _____ of her.
☐ active ☐ jealous ☐ proud ☐ clever
55. The concert last night was _____. I had a great time.
☐ crowded ☐ amused ☐ awesome ☐ entertained
56. A good chef must have a _____ for food and cooking.
☐ management ☐ passion ☐ patience ☐ ambition
57. Many young Omanis are _____ about leaving school for the university.
☐ apprehensive ☐ prospects ☐ independent ☐ foreign
58. Many students continue their education to improve their _____ for the future.
☐ apprehensive ☐ prospects ☐ abroad ☐ culture
59. Nowadays, companies use brand names, slogans and logos to _____ people to buy their products.
☐ trade ☐ mislead ☐ persuade ☐ bargain
60. Most advertisements are _____ to attract people to buy the products.
☐ annoying ☐ dull ☐ appalling ☐ appealing

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1) GRAMMAR (Items 6–10)

(2½ marks)

For each item, shade in the bubble ☐ next to the correct option.

Speaker A: Hi! It's great to see you today, but (6) (☐ is / ☐ are) everything alright?

Speaker B: Actually, it's not. I've just been (7) (☐ checking / ☐ checked) the news.

Speaker A: Why, what's wrong? I haven't logged onto it (8) (☐ from / ☐ since) yesterday.

Speaker B: Well, there was a hurricane in Oman last night.

Speaker A: Oh! That's terrible news! Was it as bad (9) (☐ as / ☐ than) the last one?

Speaker B: Actually, it was a lot worse. There (10) (☐ were / ☐ had) a lot of people killed and many others have been injured.

Speaker A: Oh! What a terrible news! It's so sad.

2) GRAMMAR (Items 6–10)

(2½ marks)

For each item, shade in the bubble ☐ next to the correct option.

Speaker A: Hi! I haven't seen you (6) (☐ for / ☐ since) a long time! What happened?

Speaker B: Nothing to worry about! I've been (7) (☐ studying / ☐ studied).

Speaker A: But you graduated three months (8) (☐ before / ☐ ago).

Speaker B: I know, but now I'm doing an English course for ILETS exam. I wish it (9) (☐ would / ☐ will) help to get a good job soon.

Speaker A: Oh! That is (10) (☐ interesting / ☐ interested). Good luck!

Speaker B: Thank you.

3) GRAMMAR (Items 6–10)

(2½ marks)

For each item, shade in the bubble ☐ next to the correct option.

Speaker A: Are you ready for your interview tomorrow?

Speaker B: Oh yes. I've been preparing (6) (☐ for / ☐ since) two days now.

Speaker A: Have you?

Speaker B: Yes, I (7) (☐ have made / ☐ am making) a list of questions that they might ask me, but I still need to practise answering them.

Speaker A: So, (8) (☐ do / ☐ would) you like me to help?

I wish I could (9) (☐ do / ☐ make) something.

Speaker B: That's very kind of you! If they (10) (☐ get / ☐ will get) me the job, I'll give you a present.

Speaker A: Thanks! I wish you good luck.

1) GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (Items 11–15)

(5 marks)

A well-advertised (11)_____ is easier to be sold by the salesman in the market. If a (12)_____ is popular and well-known, people respond quickly to the salesman's efforts. It provides a support to salesmanship, as the (13)_____ understands the product and its uses more clearly through the (14)_____ and the salesman's effort is reduced to (15)_____ the buyers..

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 11. <input type="radio"/> skill | <input type="radio"/> craft | <input type="radio"/> good | <input type="radio"/> product |
| 12. <input type="radio"/> brand | <input type="radio"/> slogan | <input type="radio"/> device | <input type="radio"/> label |
| 13. <input type="radio"/> people | <input type="radio"/> individuals | <input type="radio"/> audience | <input type="radio"/> announcer |
| 14. <input type="radio"/> company | <input type="radio"/> advertisement | <input type="radio"/> effect | <input type="radio"/> influence |
| 15. <input type="radio"/> retail | <input type="radio"/> mislead | <input type="radio"/> respect | <input type="radio"/> convince |

2) GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (Items 11–15)

(5 marks)

Dr Müller and her colleagues conducted a research on data from earlier studies on (11)_____ shopping. Their research focused on 122 patients who sought treatment (12) _____ BSD "Buying Shopping Disorder". Dr Müller reported that about five per cent of the population may be (13)_____ from BSD. She added that younger people experienced greater levels of (14)_____ and depression. People with BSD easily exhibit negative behaviors. These include spending (15)_____ amounts of money on things they don't need, never using things they order, buying things for the sake of instant gratification, and ending up in debt. BSD can destroy marriages, relationships and mental health.

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 11. <input type="radio"/> compulsive | <input type="radio"/> apprehensive | <input type="radio"/> dull | <input type="radio"/> Tiring |
| 12. <input type="radio"/> at | <input type="radio"/> on | <input type="radio"/> of | <input type="radio"/> for |
| 13. <input type="radio"/> treating | <input type="radio"/> suffering | <input type="radio"/> challenging | <input type="radio"/> derived |
| 14. <input type="radio"/> anxiety | <input type="radio"/> emotion | <input type="radio"/> prospect | <input type="radio"/> confidence |
| 15. <input type="radio"/> excessive | <input type="radio"/> little | <input type="radio"/> cash | <input type="radio"/> credit |

GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (Items 11–15)

(5 marks)

Starting university is like starting a new life. When students leave home for university, they embark on a new journey of self-reliance and self-discovery. Most students are not prepared well for this (11)_____ which results in taking extra time to (12)_____ and adjust to their new life. The first year of university is always hard so they should be expecting to, at least, get a (13)_____ shock because of (14)_____ different things would be (15)_____ to home or school.

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 11. <input type="radio"/> skill | <input type="radio"/> transition | <input type="radio"/> course | <input type="radio"/> study |
| 12. <input type="radio"/> able to | <input type="radio"/> cope with | <input type="radio"/> suffer from | <input type="radio"/> fill with |
| 13. <input type="radio"/> culture | <input type="radio"/> individual | <input type="radio"/> visitor | <input type="radio"/> career |
| 14. <input type="radio"/> what | <input type="radio"/> why | <input type="radio"/> how | <input type="radio"/> when |
| 15. <input type="radio"/> joined | <input type="radio"/> connected | <input type="radio"/> belonged | <input type="radio"/> compared |

GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY (Items 11–15)

(5 marks)

Parents are becoming increasingly (11)_____ about the impact of computers on their children's health. They tell us that their children often suffer (12) _____ eye strain and severe headaches as a (13)_____ of looking at computer screen for long hours. They also frequently mention psychological (14)_____, such as depression, loss of concentration and forgetfulness. Most important of all these effects is lack of social skills, with children being unable to (15)_____ with others when meeting face to face.

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 11. <input type="radio"/> concerned | <input type="radio"/> concerning | <input type="radio"/> dominating | <input type="radio"/> addicted |
| 12. <input type="radio"/> a bout | <input type="radio"/> from | <input type="radio"/> of | <input type="radio"/> for |
| 13. <input type="radio"/> method | <input type="radio"/> result | <input type="radio"/> habit | <input type="radio"/> profit |
| 14. <input type="radio"/> anxiety | <input type="radio"/> emotions | <input type="radio"/> effects | <input type="radio"/> confidence |
| 15. <input type="radio"/> connecting | <input type="radio"/> compare | <input type="radio"/> confuse | <input type="radio"/> interact |

Read the texts. Are the statements which follow each text **True** or **False**?

For each item, shade in the bubble ☐ under the correct option.

1. When I was young, I used to enjoy watching mother cook, especially when she was preparing my favourite omelets. When the eggs turned golden and mother flipped them over, I would jump and clap my hands with glee.

Statement

True False

The writer's mother was a horrible cook.

☐ ☐

2. "Look over there," she whispered. I was surprised that she was talking to me during a test, but I followed the direction of her eyes, Muna was copying her answer from a piece of paper that she held under her desk. At the other end of the classroom, Miss Hend was busy marking some books.

Statement

True False

Miss Hend warned Muna of cheating.

☐ ☐

3. Computer games technology, particularly virtual applications, have other uses apart from entertainment. Medical simulations for training surgeons and more realistic flight simulators for pilot education are just two uses for the technology.

Statement

True False

The course is especially designed for professionals such as doctors and pilots

☐ ☐

4. Scottish university has announced a world first in the field of elite academic achievement. It's offering a Master Degree course in computer games software engineering. The university of Abertay in Dundee says it could put the city at the centre of a multi-million pound industry.

Statement

True False

The university wants to teach people how to play games better.

☐ ☐

5. With an exclusive blend of natural soy and a multi-vitamin complex, the non-sticky lotion minimizes flaking and peeling, and helps reduce the signs of redness and irritation caused by the sun.

Statement

True False

Clothes may stick to the body after using this product.

☐ ☐

6. SunPro after-sun treatment is the first and only after-sun product with the dry skin healing power of natural soy. The cooling lotion soothes and revitalizes sun-exposed skin on contact and helps minimize the short-term effect of sun damage.

Statement

Only this company uses natural soy in an after-sun product

True **False**

7. Once upon a time, there was a man called Rip Van Winkle. He was likable but a lazy man who never did an ounce of work in his life. His wife was always nagging at him for being so lazy.

Statement

Rip's wife used to compliment him on his nature

True **False**

8. The Zulus are a fierce tribe in Southeast Africa, known for their conquests of other African tribes. The founder of the Zulu nation, Shaka Zulu, was a much feared leader who ruled the Zulus with absolute power.

Statement

Shaka Zulu was the last king of the Zulu tribe

True **False**

9. I was really shocked when I heard about the government's plan to expand the old hydro-electric power station in our town. If the plan goes ahead, a large new building will be attached to the old station, right next to the river.

Statement

The project was praised by the writer

True **False**

10. Why don't you come to our family shopping festival? Take advantage of our special low prices, starting 15th February. Remember! This special offer only lasts for 2 weeks. So don't hesitate to visit us as soon as possible. Believe me! You won't regret.

Statement

The special offer will end in March.

True **False**

11. I work in the same bank as Nada and Khalid. I like working with him. He's always very helpful. On the other hand, she's not a team worker. She is lazy and always blames others for her own mistakes.

Statement

Nada has interpersonal skills.

True **False**

12. Recently, my neighbours had a party. It started quietly, but later on there was a terrible noise coming from the flat! Music, and people talking, shouting and laughing! I didn't mind that at first, but then when it was nearly midnight and I couldn't get to sleep, I decided to phone them and complain.

Statement

The writer couldn't sleep because of the din.

True **False**

☐ ☐

13. After more than a year of travelling alone, Neumann was sick and exhausted. He left Brazil and then made his way through the forests of Venezuela. His aim was to cross into Columbia, where he could rest and recover. But he died before he could reach the border.

Statement

Nenmann died in Columbia

True **False**

☐ ☐

14. The Portuguese and the Spanish prepared for battle. The Portuguese king was worried because he had only twenty thousand soldiers. Ten thousand less than the enemy. The Spanish army also had more guns and better equipment.

Statement

The Spanish army had twenty thousand soldiers.

True **False**

☐ ☐

15. Dear Marco, many thanks for the book you sent me on Roman history. I was also able to get some information about museums from the internet. But now I need to find out about hotels, so that I'll have somewhere to stay. Can you help me? Ali.

Statement

Ali wants Marco to send him information about hotels

True **False**

☐ ☐

16. Is your handwriting a mess? Well, our new 'Dextrus' model can help you. With its revolutionary new design, it is easy to hold and it moves smoothly across the paper. It's available in 6 different sizes-just choose the one that fits your hand exactly. The Dextrus will make writing a real pleasure again!

Statement

This is an advertisement for a handwriting book.

True **False**

☐ ☐

17. The Asuma has a top speed of 180 km/h, but safety is our first priority. Brakes, safety belts, suspension, steering, tires _ all use the very latest technology guarantee that you and your family arrive safely at your destination.

Statement

This is an advertisement for a car.

True **False**

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18. There was a fire at Khalid's house yesterday. his 4 years old son Yahya was playing with matches, and he set fire to the furniture. Luckily, the boy was rescued, but the whole house was destroyed and the family lost everything.

Statement

The fire was caused by Khalid.

True **False**

☐
☐

19. Alfred the great was the king of the Angles and Saxons, and ruler of large part of England. He was a wise and able man, and a great warrior. When the Danes tried to conquer his kingdom, he formed an army and a navy to defend the country.

Statement

England was attacked by Alfred.

True **False**

☐
☐

20. Halima is an 'amiable' person. Whenever she meets people, she greets them with a big smile on her face. She's very easy to talk to, and never seems to get angry or upset. But the best thing about her is, she's always ready to help people when they have a problem.

Statement

'Amiable' means very proud

True **False**

☐
☐

21. I tried to phone Faisal and Amina to tell them about the accident. I managed to contact him at his office, but I couldn't get through to her at all.

Statement

The writer talked to Faisal and Amina.

True **False**

☐
☐


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Read the text. Then for each item, shade in the bubble ☐ next to the correct option.

I was born in Valente, a small town with a population of 20,000 people, situated in the state of Bahia, in north-east Brazil. The land is semi-arid and too infertile to produce much vegetation. Most people make their living by cultivating and harvesting sisal, the only crop which grows well on this barren land. With its strong fibre, sisal is traditionally used to make clothes, ropes, and baskets, but nowadays carpets and rugs are more popular. Since Bahia is the largest producer of sisal in the country, it has attracted the attention of large businesses. Five days ago, a well-known company held a meeting in my town and presented their plan to build a new factory nearby. What really disappoints me is that many local people oppose this proposal. They claim that the new factory will cause damage to the local environment. But, in my view, it will change things for the better and bring us a lot of benefits.

Let me tell you why I believe this. In Valente, over fifty percent of the people live below the poverty line. Although public education is free at all levels, most children from poor families leave school from the age of 12 in order to help their parents with the cultivation and harvesting of sisal. All my younger brothers and sisters did the same. However — maybe because I'm the oldest — my parents insisted on supporting me to study Engineering until I graduated from Bahia State University in 2009. After graduation, I was offered a job with a company in Salvador, a city with a population of one million. Unfortunately, it is 120 km away from my home town. So I have now spent three years travelling to and from work every day and struggling to support my large family.

In Valente, only a few local government jobs are currently available. The unemployment rate is high and the only hope of improving the situation is to find another source of jobs. The construction and running of this new factory will create lots of work opportunities. According to the company's plan, they will immediately provide 800 permanent jobs in the factory, in addition to 100 casual jobs during construction. Then, after the first year of production, they will employ 400 more full-time workers. Priority will be given to the local people, both men and women. This will definitely be a great opportunity for most young people in my town to get suitable jobs and make their own living.

There is one more important benefit. For the factory to run smoothly, workers will have to get to work on time. But the road conditions here are terrible! So the company knows that it will have to provide better transportation. It will have to rebuild and broaden the main roads and replace muddy tracks with concrete-paved roads. It will also have to supply our town with a low-cost bus service, which will give people easy access to any destination in the area. All of this is covered in the company's proposal.

READING 2 (continued)

8. The conditions in the region of Bahia are suitable for _____ .
☐ only one crop ☐ a small number of different crops ☐ many different crops
9. A few days ago, a company _____ about a proposed factory.
☐ Put an article in the newspaper ☐ held a public meeting ☐ made a radio broadcast
10. The company is interested in using sisal to make _____ .
☐ rope ☐ baskets ☐ carpets
11. Many children leave school early to _____ .
☐ save school fees ☐ work in the fields ☐ work in factories
12. In the writer's family, _____ had a good education.
☐ only he has ☐ only the boys have ☐ all the children have
13. Many people are against the proposed factory because they fear _____ .
☐ rising prices ☐ increased pollution ☐ outside influence
14. The company has promised to provide about _____ new jobs.
☐ 500 ☐ More than 1000 ☐ more than 2000
15. They will also provide improved _____ .
☐ housing ☐ health services ☐ transportation



(*'Tourism' magazine, November 2012*): Have you ever imagined that you could eat fish and watch them swimming at the same time!?! It seems like a dream! But this dream has finally come true with the opening last month of the world's first underwater restaurant. It's an unforgettable experience, I can tell you!

The restaurant, called 'Nautilus', is part of a fancy hotel/resort on the Maldives Islands. It lies five metres below the waves of the Indian Ocean. It is surrounded by thick glass that allows a view of a huge coral reef inhabited by hundreds of different types of fish and other sea creatures.

To enter, you have to go along a wooden walkway, and then down a steep staircase. Inside, it's quite small, with room for only fifteen people at any one time, usually private parties. The menu offers you — naturally — top-quality seafood, prepared by a specialist chef. This doesn't come cheap, with the average meal costing about two hundred and fifty dollars. So only people with lots of money — or journalists paid for by a magazine! — can enjoy this experience.

The restaurant was designed and built by an American construction company. The work started in late 2010, and, because of technical difficulties, was not actually done on the Maldives, but in Singapore! Then, in May of this year, the completed restaurant was lifted onto a large ship, which carried it to the Maldives. It took three weeks to reach its destination, and then engineers set to work to 'install' the restaurant on the coast. This work took months and involved moving huge amounts of sand. But finally, everything was ready and the opening ceremony took place.

I myself was lucky enough to be invited as a representative of my magazine. I must say, the atmosphere was fantastic! The lighting was very good, and I will always remember the sight of all those fishes, including a huge shark — I wonder what he was thinking! The grilled prawns that I ate were also superb, served with a delicious sauce. The only thing I didn't like was the attitude of the waiters. They took such a long time to bring my food, and they seemed to be looking down on me, because I wasn't one of their usual, super-rich, celebrity customers! But perhaps I'm too sensitive...

READING 3 (continued)

Task One: For each item, write a short answer (**not more than FOUR WORDS**)

16. When was the "Nautilus Restaurant" opened?

17. What kind of food does the "Nautilus" restaurant serve?

18. How many customers can it hold?

19. What are the walls made of?

20. What kind of people are the restaurant's customers?

Task Two: For each item, shade in the bubble ☐ next to the correct option.

21. The restaurant was built in _____.

☐ France

☐ the USA

☐ Singapore

22. It has taken _____ to complete the restaurant project.

☐ six months

☐ one year

☐ Two years

23. The restaurant was transported to the Maldives by _____.

☐ ship

☐ helicopter

☐ plane

24. The writer was lucky to enter the restaurant as a _____.

☐ customer

☐ journalist

☐ partner

25. When the writer was there, he was unhappy with the _____.

☐ service

☐ food

☐ surroundings

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(_____)

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Write at least **100 words** on the following topic:

"It's the responsibility of the government not ours to keep the city clean"

Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

Your writing should be **interesting** and **well organised**.

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Write at least **100 words** on the following topic:

"Many children these days have an unhealthy lifestyle. Both schools and parents are equally responsible for solving this problem."

Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

Your writing should be **interesting** and **well organised**.

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Write at least **100 words** on the following topic:

"When a country develops its technology, the traditional skills and ways of life die out."

Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

Your writing should be **interesting** and **well organised**.

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Complete the following task. Write at least **100 words**.

Your teacher has asked you to write a story entitled ‘**A memorable journey**’.

Write a narrative story about a journey that ends in disaster. **Explain:**

what happened

why it happened

how you felt

Your writing should be **lively** and **interesting**.

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WRITING 2

(10 marks)

Complete the following task. Write at least **100 words**.

Your teacher has asked you to write a story entitled ***'An Unwelcome Gift'***.

Write about a time in your life when you received a present which you disliked, or which caused you problems. **Explain:**

- what the gift was
- who gave it to you
- why was it not welcome

Your writing should be **lively** and **interesting**.

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