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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE WRITTEN IN THE ANSWER-BOOK

PART I: COMPOSITION

(40 MARKS)

Write a composition of about 150 words on one of the following topics:

1. The company you work for has asked you to write a report suggesting ways to improve working conditions in the company. Write your report, commenting on the working conditions and how these can be improved.
2. People tend to spend most of their free time watching TV. Suggest better ways in which adults can spend their free time.
3. You were in a group which visited a foreign country. During the journey, a member of the group was particularly unpleasant and caused a lot of trouble. Describe this person and his/her actions.

PART II: READING COMPREHENSION

(24 MARKS)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

After seeing more boats I made arrangements to travel all the way in a boat called the Kaseli. Built in 1942, the Kaseli was made of wood with multicoloured paintwork; it had a funnel and small decks, well scrubbed and clean. Its cargo for the first stage of the journey was a piano.

The voyage began on time and the Kaseli sailed north-west along the coast. The mouth of the river Sepik is marked by a muddy stain, miles wide, where its waters meet the blue ocean. The Sepik's annual water-flow makes it one of the world's largest rivers; parts of the river are well-known to tourists, while some people use it instead of a road.

The Kaseli first stopped overnight to deliver the piano and to collect some oil-drums. Early in the morning while waiting for the boat to depart, I made a quick trip to the market-place to get some supplies of sugar-cane and smoked fish. A woman selling smoked fish looked at me in amazement and I was delighted to see someone who recognised me and called me by name. Her mother, had also come downriver to market. Both women grasped my hands, telling me news of their village, and they gave me several smoked fish wrapped in banana leaves.

After leaving, the river was peaceful, the only traffic some motor-canoes laden with cargo and passengers who held brightly - coloured umbrellas to give shade from the hot sun.

Along the river - banks I noticed some bush fires. As we went past the fires their ash rained down in the air, and as the smoke rose above us it covered the sun, giving the sky an odd, pink colour. The Kaseli's captain, a large man with a weather-beaten face, told me that the lighting of these fires is usually done on purpose. It was now the dry season and the river-level was low enough for the villagers to clear fertile, riverside plots and cultivate some vegetables before the yearly flood-waters returned.

Lying in a broad valley, the river curves through the forest in huge, sweeping bends like a giant, flat snake. I leaned against the front of the boat feeling contented.

A. Choose the answer (a, b, c or d) which you think fits best according to the text.

(4x5=20 marks)

1. The river Sepik

- a) is treated like a highway.
- b) overflows twice a year.
- c) is not suitable for holidays.
- d) has very fast flowing water.

2. Why did the writer go to the market?

- a) to meet her friends.
- b) to watch the traders.
- c) to admire the fruit.
- d) to buy some food.

3. The woman selling fish

- a) had forgotten the writer's name.
- b) was surprised to see the writer.
- c) was delighted the writer knew her.
- d) didn't recognise the writer at first.

4. What does the writer say about the bush fires?

- a) They were started by accident.
- b) They were for agricultural reasons.
- c) They were due to the dry conditions.
- d) They were used for smoke signals.

B. Find single words in the passage which mean the following:

(4X1=4 marks)

- 1. ----- = the goods carried by a boat
- 2. ----- = yearly
- 3. ----- = the feeling you have when something surprises you very much
- 4. ----- = quiet, calm

PART III: USE OF ENGLISH

(24 MARKS)

A. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given.  
You must use between two and five words, including the word given.  
(5x2= 10 marks)

1. It's possible that the letter has got lost in the post.

may

The letter \_\_\_\_\_ in the post.

2. Employees are forbidden to smoke in their offices.

allowed

Employees \_\_\_\_\_ in their offices,

3. Would you close the window?

mind

Would you \_\_\_\_\_ the window?

4. Peter finished the exam paper in under two hours.

less

It took Peter \_\_\_\_\_ to finish the exam paper.

5. He hasn't told us his decision yet.

still

He \_\_\_\_\_ us his decision.

B. Read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits each space in the same line.

(7x1=7 marks)

Rubbish is the twentieth century's biggest product; particularly in (1) \_\_\_\_\_ societies of the western world, millions of tons of rubbish are (2) \_\_\_\_\_ daily. In fact plastic, which is one of the great (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of our century, is still responsible for much of our rubbish problem.

WEALTH

PRODUCT

DISCOVER

Some materials are more (4) \_\_\_\_\_ recycled than others; tin cans are a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ example, as the process for re-using old tins is cheaper than making new ones. External

EASY

SUCCESS

(6) \_\_\_\_\_ pressures have also led to dramatic

ECONOMY

(7) \_\_\_\_\_ in the paper recycling market as paper costs have become more expensive.

DEVELOP

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C. Fill in the blanks with one word.

(7x1= 7 marks)

Unemployment can (1) \_\_\_\_\_ as much an opportunity as a disaster. While many people feel depressed when they lose their job, many others feel that unemployment is the beginning (2) \_\_\_\_\_ an adventure.

The best-selling author, Jeffrey Archer, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ example, wrote the novel "Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less" only when he had lost his job (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a Member of Parliament. He is now a multi-millionaire. Many young people see unemployment as a break (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the nine-to-five routine and a chance to take up new interests.

In Britain, anyone below the age of sixty-five who has previously had a job can claim unemployment benefit, or the "dole" as it (6) \_\_\_\_\_ known. Other benefits are also available (7) \_\_\_\_\_ large or single-parent families and the elderly.

PART IV: TRANSLATION

(12 MARKS)

A. Translate the following passage into Greek.

(6 marks)

One of the main advantages of being self-employed is the fact that you are completely self-reliant and can make decisions on your own. This can give you a great sense of freedom and allows you to do exactly what you want without interference from anyone else. Furthermore, your day can be planned for your convenience, allowing you to work when you want rather than when you have to.

B. Translate the following passage into English.

(6 marks)

Οι ψυχολόγοι πιστεύουν ότι το χρήμα είναι ένα σημαντικό σύμβολο δύναμης και επιρροής για πολλούς ανθρώπους. Αυτοί οι άνθρωποι εύχονται να είχαν χρήματα απλά για να εντυπωσιάσουν άλλους. Το χρήμα γι' αυτούς μπορεί επίσης να είναι ένα σύμβολο αγάπης. Μερικά άτομα μπορεί να ξοδεύουν χρήματα για τις οικογένειες και τους φίλους τους για να δείξουν ότι νοιάζονται γι' αυτούς.

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