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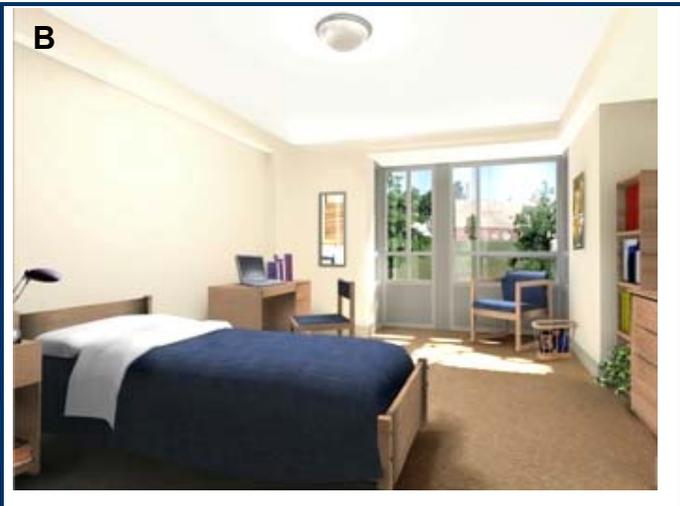
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ATTENTION

- Do not open this booklet until the exam begins.
- Mark your answers on Answer Sheet 1 [ΑΠΑΝΤΗΤΙΚΟ ΕΝΤΥΠΟ 1].
- Provide a single answer for each item.
- You have **65 minutes** to do this exam paper

ACTIVITY 1

Here are six photos that Mike sent with an email to his parents from his University in Holland. In the message (see next page) Mike talks about these photos. Match what he says (items 1-5) with photos A-F. There is one photo you do not need.



Step 2: Read the text again and choose the best answer (A, B or C) for items 8-12.

8. What is 'medical tourism'? It is when
 A. doctors go to medical conferences abroad. B. people go abroad for health reasons. C. people visit another country and fall ill.
9. Why are more people going abroad for medical treatment? Because
 A. the doctors are better. B. they have cleaner hospitals. C. it costs less.
10. Why did Maria Paphitis choose to go to Greece for treatment?
 A. She didn't mind waiting. B. She was in pain. C. She often goes there for holidays.
11. What is Maria's opinion of Greek dentists? They are
 A. trustworthy. B. welcoming. C. patient.
12. How will the health service change in many European countries? There will be more
 A. doctors. B. patients. C. hospitals.

Step 3: Read the text again and decide if the following statements (13-19) are True (A), False (B) or Not stated (C).

| STATEMENTS | | A | B | C |
|------------|--|------|-------|------------|
| | | TRUE | FALSE | NOT STATED |
| 13. | Medical tourism is more popular than it used to be. | | | |
| 14. | Today, it costs less to travel than in the past. | | | |
| 15. | Cosmetic surgery is not always successful. | | | |
| 16. | Canada has a cheap health service compared to other countries. | | | |
| 17. | Maria now lives in Greece with her boyfriend. | | | |
| 18. | More old people are using the health system than in the past. | | | |
| 19. | Many medical tourists avoid expensive hotels. | | | |

ACTIVITY 3

Read the text below and for each gap (20-25) choose the best option (A-H). Use each option only once. There are two options you do not need.

- A. favourite B. free C. top D. poor E. best F. next G. cheap H. worst

Charles Dickens 3

Introduction



Charles Dickens was born on 7 February 1812. He was ten years old when he discovered the magic of reading. His bedroom was (20) _____ door to his father's study. In his father's library, Dickens discovered his (21) _____ book: the Arabian Nights. He used to sit for hours alone reading the story of Sheherezade. He would hide in the (22) _____ room of the house and spend his (23) _____ time, when he wasn't at school, reading books.

'I remember everything I read then', he said in later life. The *Arabian Nights* is the book that had the greatest influence on Dickens as a writer. Dickens said these stories were the (24) _____ way to develop the child's imagination and the feeling about what is good and bad. The *Arabian Nights*, he said are 'simple, pure and innocent and they teach us to have sympathy for the poor and the old'. We see all these concerns in his books, especially his love for children.

As Dickens was growing up, he saw London changing with the smoke and dirt of factories and (25) _____ children working in factories or begging in the streets. These are the things that he writes about.

ACTIVITY 4

Match the underlined words and phrases in the text below (items 26-32) with a word that has a similar meaning in this context (options A-H). There is one option you do not need.

Interviewing

Louise Lambetti



Interviewer: Louise, is researching different roles part of the fun of acting for you?

Lambetti: I believe in preparing very carefully for a role; you go to your sources and look up (26) information, you get (27) out there and try and learn all that stuff. But it's fun. I always look forward to the next project.

Interviewer: How difficult is it, given the choice of scripts you have, to pick (28) those roles that will challenge and excite you?

Lambetti: Most actors accept any role a director will offer (29) them. But when you make it (30) and become a star, directors will want to use you no matter what – even if the role is not right for you. Sometimes that poses a dilemma, but you must remember that you have to be very careful when you take on (31) a part. You may love the idea that people want you but you must also consider if the part is the right one for you. Sometimes, you may think you can do it and you go ahead (32) with it, only to find out that it's the wrong part for you. You have to really be careful.

Interviewer: How do you think your new film will go down in Europe that has a different theatrical tradition that the USA?

Lambetti: I don't know, that'll be interesting to see.

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|----|------------|
| A. | accept |
| B. | find |
| C. | succeed |
| D. | choose |
| E. | proceed |
| F. | give |
| G. | go |
| H. | understand |

ACTIVITY 5

Step 1: Read the text below and decide if statements 33-40 are True (A), False (B), or Not stated (C).

RICE IS LIFE! International Year of the Rice 2004

Rice: Did you know?

Some facts about rice

- The first rice was probably grown in East and South Asia as long as 15,000 years ago, when people began to settle in river deltas where they found wild rice.
- Today, rice is grown practically everywhere, except the Antarctica! It is cultivated on flooded land and on dry land, in tropical rain forests of Africa and in arid deserts of the Middle East, on coastal plains and on the Himalayan mountains.
- In the year 2003, the world produced about 589 million tons of paddy rice of which the vast majority - 534 million tons - is grown in Asia.
- It takes between 3 and 6 months for a rice plant to reach maturity, depending on the variety and where it is grown.
- The amount of rice people eat varies. In Myanmar, people eat an average of half a kilogram of rice every day. The average European consumes much less, only about 3 kg per year.
- Rice is the national dish in three of the world's biggest countries: China, India and Indonesia.
- Rice is used for many purposes, apart from eating. It is used for making straw and rope, paper, wine, crackers, milk, beer, cosmetics, packing material, and even toothpaste.
- Brown rice is unpolished whole grain rice.
- Compared with white rice, brown rice is more nutritious because it contains bran, which is a source of fibre, oils, B vitamins, and important minerals, which are all good for you.

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| STATEMENTS | | A | B | C |
|------------|---|------|-------|------------|
| | | TRUE | FALSE | NOT STATED |
| 33. | The text informs us about the origin of rice. | | | |
| 34. | Rice can be grown anywhere on earth. | | | |
| 35. | Most of the world's rice is grown in Asia. | | | |
| 36. | There are thousands of kinds of rice. | | | |
| 37. | Rice needs at least three months to grow. | | | |
| 38. | In China they eat more rice than in any other country in the world. | | | |
| 39. | In some countries, drinks are made from rice. | | | |
| 40. | White rice is healthier than brown rice. | | | |

Step 2: The words in Column A are from the text about rice. Change them so that they can complete sentences 41-45 in Column B below.

| COLUMN A | COLUMN B |
|----------|--|
| long | 41. What is the _____ of the river Nile? |
| variety | 42. There are _____ reasons why crime is increasing. |
| rain | 43. It was such a _____ day we decided to stay home. |
| compared | 44. It is difficult to make a _____ between the two languages. |
| day | 45. <i>The Times</i> is a famous _____ newspaper. |

ACTIVITY 6

Fill in the gaps with ONE word so that the advice makes sense.

How to create the best working environment

In your study or office everything should be arranged so that your mind and body work at their best. Here are some tips:



Air

Open the windows and let some air in! If this is not possible, make sure you take regular breaks: go outside to get some (46) _____ air.



The desk

The surface on which you work should feel nice to touch. The more pleasant it feels, the more you will (48) _____ to work there.



Temperature

Generally, it is better to be cool. If the temperature in your room is too (47) _____ you tend to relax and, as it often happens in very warm libraries, you go to sleep.

Space

Give yourself a lot of space; there should be lots of room for your books. Open space helps to make you feel comfortable, which means you can (49) _____ much better.

The chair

Your chair should be of a height that allows your feet to rest on the (50) _____. The chair

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ΤΕΛΟΣ ΜΗΝΥΜΑΤΟΣ