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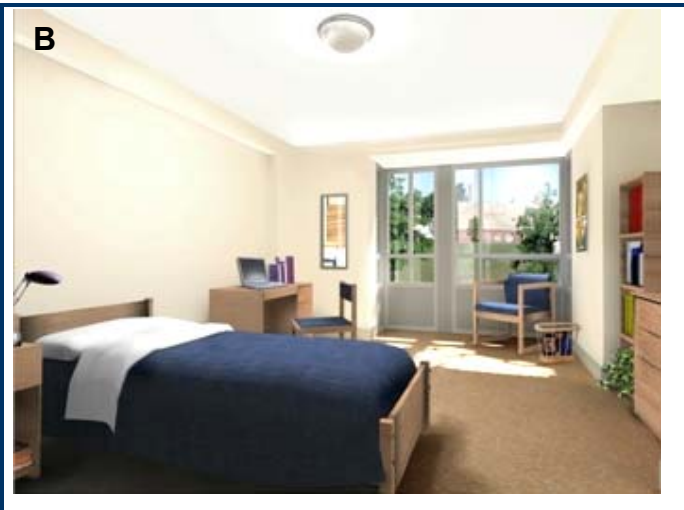
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ATTENTION

- 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.



Spring in Greece

To: j.kos@klyjournal.com

Subject: Spring in Greece

Attachments: Image120 - Copy.jpg (170 KB) Image125 - Copy.jpg (145 KB) Image114 - Copy.jpg (100 KB) Image113 - Copy.jpg (172 KB) Image097 - Copy.jpg (50,5 KB) Image093 - Copy.jpg (255 KB)

Dear Mum and Dad, hi!

Just a few lines from Delft because they've given us a lot of assignments to do. I'm settling in OK. My room is in a new Hall of Residence. It's comfortable but not very cosy. I should put some posters on the wall (1.__), to make it feel more like home.

The town itself is very picturesque. I think you'd like the walk along the river and all the old buildings especially the beautiful 17th century town hall (2.__). The University itself is a big modern building, a bit ugly, I guess (3.__), just right for civil engineers! The other thing is it's quite far from the Hall of Residence. The campus is huge and so I've bought myself a second-hand bike which means I get to do some exercise everyday (4.__). It's funny seeing everyone cycling to the University every morning, even our professors. There are bicycles everywhere! There are so many bikes parked outside the building I can never remember which is mine (5.__). I'm off to the library now. I've got some work to do. We'll be in touch.

Love
Mike

ACTIVITY 2

Step 1: Read the text below and choose the best answer (A, B or C) for items 6-7.

- 6. This text is from
A. a tour guide. B. a magazine. C. a medical leaflet.
- 7. That text was written in order to
A. advertise holidays. B. give advice about keeping fit. C. inform readers of a recent trend.

Medical Tourism

News



Only a few years ago, going abroad for medical treatment was mostly for emergency treatment by expensive specialists. Now, cheaper travel and the falling cost of healthcare in some countries have made

medical tourism affordable for thousands of people who may not have thought about it seriously in the past. The trend is growing as a result of the increase in demand for cosmetic surgery and the success of some countries in marketing themselves to medical tourists as inexpensive places for treatment. Whether it is cosmetic surgery in Poland or dentistry in India, medical tourism is becoming more and more popular. A comparison between the cost of treatment in Canada or the UK and the cost in other countries sends thousands of people to foreign hospitals and clinics. The long waiting lists in their own country is another reason why people look elsewhere for treatment.

Maria Paphitis, a 27-year old Canadian publishing assistant who is working in London, began visiting Greece for dental work four years ago. "I was told I had to wait weeks for a visit to a specialist in London and my teeth were aching," she says. "I flew into Greece and was seen by a dentist the same afternoon. And, while the cost of a dental visit in London would have been 110 euro, I was able to have an X-ray and a filling in Greece for a total of 100 euro. It is cheaper, easier and more reliable than going to a dentist in the UK. So, I've been back three times since. I have family in Greece and it's an easy thing to do. My boyfriend needs a bridge and he's going to get it done in Greece as well. I find it works very well for me."

Of course, the cost for a medical tourism trip to Greece has to be taken into account. But as the pressure in domestic health systems in many European countries increases with the ageing population, medical tourism looks like it is going to be a popular choice for more and more people in the future.

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.

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).

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following content:

- Page title: Rice: Did you know?
- Header: Rice is LIFE! International Year of the Rice 2004
- Navigation menu:
 - 2. Life in a Rice grain
 - 3. The story of the Rice grain
 - 4. Rice as world food
 - 5. Let's play together
- Main heading: **Some facts about rice**
- Image: A person in a yellow shirt and hat working in a rice field.
- List of facts:
 - 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.

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

ΣΑΣ ΥΠΕΝΘΥΜΙΖΟΥΜΕ ΟΤΙ ΠΡΕΠΕΙ ΝΑ ΜΕΤΑΦΕΡΕΤΕ ΟΛΕΣ ΤΙΣ ΑΠΑΝΤΗΣΕΙΣ ΣΤΟ ΕΝΤΥΠΟ 1

ΤΕΛΟΣ ΜΗΝΥΜΑΤΟΣ