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English B – Higher level – Paper 2 – Reading comprehension
Anglais B – Niveau supérieur – Épreuve 2 – Compréhension écrite
Inglés B – Nivel Superior – Prueba 2 – Comprensión de lectura

5 November 2024 / 5 novembre 2024 / 5 de noviembre de 2024

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Question and answer booklet – Instructions to candidates

- Write your session number in the boxes above.
- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer all questions. Each question is allocated **[1 mark]** unless otherwise stated.
- Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.
- All answers must be based on the appropriate texts in the accompanying text booklet.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[40 marks]**.

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- Le nombre maximum de points pour cette épreuve d'examen est de **[40 points]**.

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- Escriba su número de convocatoria en las casillas de arriba.
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- Todas las respuestas deben basarse en los textos adecuados del cuadernillo de textos correspondiente.
- La puntuación máxima para esta prueba de examen es **[40 puntos]**.



Text A — Microchips and drones: Kenyan conservationists' high-tech fight against poachers

Find the word or phrase in **paragraph 1** which means the following:

1. insert

.....

2. observed

.....

3. proof

.....

4. accept

.....

Answer the following questions.

5. Which parts of the microchip project mentioned in the text are the most expensive?

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6. How has the number of rhinos killed between 2012 and 2013 changed?

.....

7. Where are rhinos believed to be well protected in Kenya?

.....



Choose the correct answer.

8. According to the text, why do poachers often kill rhinos instead of just removing their horns?

- A. To prevent being injured by the rhinos
- B. To make money from the rhino meat
- C. To avoid detection by authorities
- D. To simplify removal of the horn

9. According to the Kenyan Wildlife Service, what is one of the primary goals of the microchip project?

- A. Giving poachers alternative employment
- B. Safeguarding Kenya's elephant population
- C. Tackling criminal organizations
- D. Promoting the trade in rhino horn

10. Rhinos...

- A. are important for tourism.
- B. only live inside the national park.
- C. grew in number in 2013.
- D. have horns made of bone.

Choose the appropriate word from the list that completes each gap in the following text.

The article discusses a high-tech project involving drones to [- 11 -] animals at risk. The drones can take photographs from the air, but they can also [- 12 -] elephants away from dangerous areas. Researchers think that the elephants [- 13 -] the sound made by the drones for a swarm of insects, and [- 14 -] whenever they hear the machines arrive.

11. [- 11 -]

12. [- 12 -]

13. [- 13 -]

14. [- 14 -]

- A. flee
- B. treat
- C. mistake
- D. fight
- E. chase
- F. transport
- G. fear
- H. protect



Text B — Be our guest: Welcome to London’s greenest hotel

Choose the correct answer.

15. What does the text tell us about the hotel building?

- A. It is in a rural location.
- B. It is unlike other local buildings.
- C. It has been painted green.
- D. It has an office space within it.

Answer the following questions.

16. Who does the gardener ask for advice?

.....

17. Who asks the hotel to care for their neglected plants?

.....

18. What is currently on the rooftop of the hotel?

.....

19. What are **two** measures the hotel uses to reduce its water use?

[2]

a).....
b).....



The following statements are either true or false. Tick [✓] the correct option, then justify it using words as they appear in the text. **Both** parts are required for **[1 mark]**.

20. The receptionist might also clean your room.

<input type="checkbox"/> True	Justification:
<input type="checkbox"/> False

21. Non-English-speaking staff must pay for their language lessons.

<input type="checkbox"/> True	Justification:
<input type="checkbox"/> False

22. The bathrooms take a long time to put together.

<input type="checkbox"/> True	Justification:
<input type="checkbox"/> False

23. The bottles of bathroom products are refilled.

<input type="checkbox"/> True	Justification:
<input type="checkbox"/> False



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What do the following words mean in the text? Choose the appropriate word from the list.

- | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 24. stringent (line 24) | <input type="checkbox"/> | A. local |
| 25. ingenious (line 31) | <input type="checkbox"/> | B. engineered |
| 26. reclaimed (line 32) | <input type="checkbox"/> | C. upcycled |
| | | D. marketing |
| | | E. clever |
| | | F. rigorous |

Choose the correct answer.

27. What does the writer think of this new type of hotel?

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | A. More hotels should follow its example. |
| | B. It should not need to be certified. |
| | C. It is very similar to another eco-friendly chain. |
| | D. Receptionists should not be serving food. |



Text C — An extract from *The heart goes last*, by Margaret Atwood

Find the words that complete the following sentences. Answer using the words as they appear in **lines 1–13**.

28. Charmaine was good at her job at the care home because...

.....

29. Stan believed that a friendly greeting gave customers...

.....

30. To purchase their new home, the couple had...

.....

31. The new house cost more than expected because of...

.....

32. Choose the **three** true statements (lines 14–27).

[3]

A. Stan and Charmaine’s life changed gradually.

B. Employment was hard to find for ordinary people.

C. The place where Stan and Charmaine lived was worst affected.

D. The Ruby Slippers was an affordable care home.

E. Stan decided to relocate to the West Coast.

F. When the crisis hit, wealthy people moved away or abroad.



What do the following words mean in the text? Choose the appropriate words from the list.

- | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 33. out (line 23) | <input type="checkbox"/> | A. luxury |
| 34. belly up (line 24) | <input type="checkbox"/> | B. homeless |
| 35. high-end (line 25) | <input type="checkbox"/> | C. extinct |
| 36. picky (line 29) | <input type="checkbox"/> | D. unreachable |
| | | E. unemployed |
| | | F. lazy |
| | | G. fussy |
| | | H. bankrupt |

Choose the correct answer.

37. This passage is about...

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | A. an economic crisis. |
| | B. the housing market. |
| | C. care for the elderly. |
| | D. a relationship breakdown. |
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