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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Please read the instructions given in the question paper **CAREFULLY**.
2. The question paper consists of **FOUR (4)** questions.
3. Answer **ALL** questions in the question paper.
4. Answers to the questions are to be written into the examination booklet.
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Answer **ALL** questions on the separate sheet provided.

[100 marks]

1. a) Choose the correct answers.

i) Water _____ at 100°C under standard atmospheric pressure. (1 mark)

- A** boils
- B** is boiling
- C** boiled
- D** was boiling

ii) Mr. Chew _____ as a Logistics lecturer at this college for over ten years, and he still loves his job. (1 mark)

- A** works
- B** worked
- C** is working
- D** has worked

iii) While I _____ for the bus, I realised I had left my wallet at home. (1 mark)

- A** waited
- B** have waited
- C** was waiting
- D** am waiting

iv) The team _____ the final report yesterday afternoon before the deadline. (1 mark)

- A** submits
- B** has submitted
- C** was submitting
- D** submitted

v) I'm exhausted because I _____ on this research project since 6:00 AM. (1 mark)

- A** work
- B** am working
- C** have been working
- D** was working

vi) She _____ three marathons so far, and she plans to run another next year. (1 mark)

- A** runs
- B** is running
- C** has run
- D** has been running

vii) The professor asked the students whether they _____ the assigned reading. (1 mark)

- A** finish
- B** are finishing
- C** had finished
- D** have finished

- viii) John told me that he _____ me as soon as he arrived at the airport. (1 mark)
- A** will call
B would call
C calls
D is calling
- ix) Can you call back later? I _____ dinner for the family right now. (1 mark)
- A** cook
B am cooking
C was cooking
D have cooked
- x) I _____ a very strange noise while I was walking through the park yesterday. (1 mark)
- A** hear
B have heard
C was hearing
D heard
- b) Complete the sentences using the comparative or superlative forms of the words provided. Use 'than' where necessary.
- i) We don't have enough space here. We need a _____ apartment. (big) (1 mark)
- ii) Health and happiness are _____ money. (important) (1 mark)
- iii) I am a pessimist. I always think things are going to get _____. (bad) (1 mark)
- iv) Sarah wasn't feeling well yesterday, but she feels a bit _____ today. (good) (1 mark)
- v) What is the _____ way to get to the station? (quick) (1 mark)
- vi) I like the morning. For me it's the _____ part of the day. (good) (1 mark)
- vii) Of all the musicians in the band, the lead guitarist is considered the _____. (talented) (1 mark)
- c) Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **ONE (1)** word in each gap.

Sports Lovers

Some people seem to love the challenge of extreme sports. They enjoy the adrenaline rush that breaks up the boredom of everyday life. It would be easy to regard these daredevils (i) _____ dangerous and irresponsible. In actual (ii) _____, there is often much less risk involved than you'd think. As (iii) _____ as possible, very little is left to chance. Professional base jumpers have been known to turn back when conditions haven't been right, even (iv) _____ this has meant letting down a film crew. If the jumpers don't feel safe jumping, nothing will happen

(v) _____ they are ready. This is (vi) _____ to the fact that there isn't a rule book for extreme sports professionals. They're writing it as they go along.
(vii) _____ a mistake could have very serious consequences. This leads
(viii) _____ a sense of trust, both in yourself and in your environment, which isn't encouraged in modern life. We are too worried about what could go wrong.

(8 marks)
Total: [25 marks]

2. a) Read the text below and decide which answer (**A**, **B**, **C** or **D**) best fits each gap.

The Concept of 'Buy Me Once' Shopping

It can be hard for any business owners to say 'That's (i) _____ gave me the idea.' But in Tara Button's case she can literally point to a Le Creuset dish in her kitchen. She knew she was going to have that product for life and thought about what (ii) _____ this would work with. Her website, called Buy Me Once, launched in early 2016 and is aimed at (iii) _____ the place to get the most durable products. It deals (iv) _____ everything from cutlery and clothing to toys and luggage. As well as the obvious attraction of not having to (v) _____ back or replace low-quality goods, there is the positive environmental message. After reading articles about climate change issues, Tara would often feel like she wasn't doing her part. An idea started to germinate: what if people (vi) _____ things that were built to last? It's not always easy to see why people should spend money (vii) _____ high-quality goods rather than cheap goods that will have to be replaced (viii) _____ your lifetime. However, it is hoped that by having websites such as Tara's, people (ix) _____ change their buying habits.

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| i) | A where | B when | C what | D which |
| ii) | A other | B if | C on | D else |
| iii) | A being | B be | C to be | D been |
| iv) | A about | B of | C for | D with |
| v) | A return | B take | C refund | D get |
| vi) | A have bought | B would buy | C bought | D will buy |
| vii) | A with | B for | C on | D in |
| viii) | A throughout | B along | C overall | D until |
| ix) | A ought | B must | C maybe | D might |

(9 marks)

- b) Read the text below. Use the word given at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

Do you remember going to bed as a child? Did your parents use to read to you? Did they manage to keep you entertained with these stories?

I have very fond memories of this part of my (i) _____. **CHILD**
My dad jumping around, using a (ii) _____ of voices for **VARY**
each character. I didn't want it to end.

Now, the results of a recent survey of 2,000 parents are out. It found that the (iii) _____ of the story was key – 8.6 **LONG**
minutes to be precise. This means your child is (iv) _____ **RELAX**
and ready to close their eyes. Any more or less and they are **LIKE**
(v) _____ to settle down as easily.

As far as characters are concerned, dragons, wizards and fairies are the most popular (vi) _____, and even better if **CHOOSE**
it's centred around a castle. Most (vii) _____, despite **IMPORTANT**
having some drama in the middle, it has to have a happy ending.
And perhaps bad news for more reserved parents, a quarter wanted their parents to show off their (viii) _____ skills! **ACT**

(16 marks)
Total: [25 marks]

3. a) You are going to read a magazine article about Stephanie Kwolek. Choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

The life and work of Stephanie Kwolek

In 2014, the world said goodbye to one of its greatest inventors. It was the American chemist, Stephanie Kwolek, who passed away at 90 years of age. She created the first in a group of synthetic polymers, a type of long-chained molecule, that would be spun together to form the lightweight fibre, Kevlar. It has since been used in many products from bike tyres to racing sails. But its use in bulletproof vests has achieved the most praise for obvious reasons.

Back in the 1960s, Kwolek was working for DuPont, a chemical company. It was looking into how car tyres could be reinforced without having to use heavy steel belts. A shortage of oil was said to be on the way and the aim was to produce cars that were more efficient with fuel as a result. Along with her colleagues, Kwolek started to experiment with long-chain molecules with rod-like structures or polyamides.

She was the one to discover that these polyamides, when put in solution, formed liquid crystals. Her colleague was initially hesitant at putting the liquid through the equipment. This was due to the fact that the majority of polymer solutions are thick and easily block such machinery. Stephanie **held her ground**, though, and the fibre produced as a result was stronger than her team had ever seen. It was immediately obvious that she had made an important discovery.

More testing followed and the polymer, known as Fibre B, didn't fail to disappoint those who had worked tirelessly on its creation. Not only was it fireproof and about half the weight of fibreglass, it was also five times as strong as steel. It was in 1972

that DuPont decided to patent the material and found an excess of 200 uses for it. The DuPont Survivors Club is proof of its importance in bulletproof vests within law enforcement agencies. To date, it has saved no less than 3,100 people.

Kwolek was born in New Kensington, Pennsylvania, on 31st July 1923. That she became a scientist was no surprise, although it was initially biology rather than chemistry that interested her. This could have been due to the influence of her father, who would take her for walks in the woods to gather plants and seeds. Sadly, he died when she was just ten. Her mother was no less influential to her daughter. She could sew very well and it was probably for this reason that Kwolek debated whether to become a fashion designer.

It was the lack of finances to study medicine that led her into attending the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, the women's college she graduated from in 1946. Immediately afterwards, she got a temporary job with DuPont in their textiles research department. This in turn opened the door to greater opportunities. The temporary post she accepted was, in actual fact, a 40-year-long position.

The company took its time in giving her the recognition she deserved. She'd have to wait 15 years for a promotion. On top of this, despite receiving 17 patents in total between 1961 and 1986, she missed out on the success of Kevlar as she'd signed over all royalties to DuPont.

Thankfully her contribution to science and discovery has since been honoured. In 1994, her name was added to the National Inventors Hall of Fame and she received countless awards. To this day, she is still the only woman to have been given DuPont's Lavoisier Medal, which recognises outstanding technical achievement.

i) What is true of Kwolek's invention? (2 marks)

- A** It was used to form the main component of Kevlar.
- B** It helped her to go on to invent the other fibres in Kevlar.
- C** It was combined with other similar molecules to form Kevlar.
- D** It was the lightest part of the mixture of fibres that went into Kevlar.

ii) What seemed to encourage her experiments into long-chain molecules? (2 marks)

- A** There had been a lack of oil in the past.
- B** The company wanted an alternative to the steel belts.
- C** She wanted to provide more support for the tyres.
- D** The previous method of producing cars was expensive.

iii) What do you think the phrase 'held her ground' in paragraph 3 means? (2 marks)

- A** was realistic
- B** refused to give up
- C** hoped for the best
- D** did what she was told

iv) What is true of the material known as Fibre B? (2 marks)

- A** Its strength is far greater than that of steel.
- B** DuPont found a maximum of 200 uses for it.
- C** The people who worked on its production felt let down.
- D** It didn't cope well under extreme heat.

- v) What does the writer suggest regarding Kwolek's early ambitions? (2 marks)
- A** Her father was surprised she became a scientist.
 - B** She had always wanted to go into chemistry.
 - C** She almost chose to follow in her mother's footsteps.
 - D** Her father was keen for her to study biology professionally.
- b) You are going to read an article in which four people talk about their lifestyles. For questions i–x, choose from the people (**A–D**). The people may be chosen more than once.

Making A Positive Change

Four people were asked how they'd change their lifestyle and why

A Luke

I've wanted to make improvements to my life for as long as I can remember. But it's easier said than done, isn't it? It's just getting rid of bad habits that I have come to accept in my life as normal, I guess. I tend to work long hours. This is a direct result of running my own real estate agency. Usually, with people who have regular jobs, when it's the weekend or evening, it signals a time to put your feet up and switch off. With me, this is a rare occurrence. I'm not exactly tied to my phone, but it's my responsibility if something goes wrong. I can't ignore it because there's no one else to solve the problem and sometimes it can't wait until Monday morning. My wife wants us to take a year out and just see the world. We're lucky that we have the finances to do it, but I can't make up my mind at the moment – I need to soon or she'll run out of patience!

B Sophia

To be honest, I really don't have a great deal to complain about when it comes to the way I live my life. This isn't to say I don't spend countless hours trying to improve it, though. I'm always trying something different. I used to stick to the same thing and was very much a creature of habit. I wasn't very daring at all. These days, I'm far more adventurous. From time to time, I'll get bored with going for a jog, so I'll do a course in skiing or scuba diving or anything random like that. Then, I'll get bored of it or simply won't have the cash and I'll get my running kit on again. I always seem to come back to that because it's just a case of putting on some trainers. I suppose the main thing is that it's good to stay active, especially as you get older. Luckily, my boyfriend feels the same way as me in this regard, so we encourage each other.

C Elizabeth

I guess the single most useful thing for me would be to start again and completely change direction in terms of my chosen work path. But that's not going to happen any time soon, so in a close second place, I'd have to say turning my light off at a decent time would be a fantastic idea. It sounds so simple, doesn't it? But, for some reason, it isn't. I usually go upstairs and start reading. If I get into something good, this means going to sleep late. If I could wake up late, it would be OK, but I can't. I just get into a vicious circle this way, and I'm sure I'm not alone. So, I have to rely on my alarm and set off early the next morning. I must say, though, that my bike ride is a great start to the day. I absolutely love it, especially when I see all the traffic jams and stressed out drivers on the way. I wouldn't want to change this. I didn't use to do it and I can honestly say I even enjoy it in the pouring rain. That surprises a lot of people.

D Daniel

I often have moments to think about how I can change my life. The thing is there's a difference between thinking about it and actually doing it. I'm proud that I've actually managed to do so because there was a point when I thought I couldn't. I used to work

in London and had to commute in from the suburbs every day. My day would start at around 6, and I wouldn't be back home, relaxing on my sofa, until around 12 hours later. Then when we had kids, I decided to give up my high-powered job and instead took on something much more manageable. This was stressful for me at the time, especially when we were renovating our new home, but I have no regrets. It's a simple lifestyle, but I guess that's the whole point. Shorter working hours mean I get to catch up on stuff during the week that I'd have usually had to find time for at weekends and this is great.

Which person state

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| i) running out of money forces them to give something up? | (1.5 mark) |
| ii) their partner is keen for them to have a lifestyle change? | (1.5 mark) |
| iii) they'd like to be able to take more time off to relax? | (1.5 mark) |
| iv) more sleep at night would have a beneficial effect on their life? | (1.5 mark) |
| v) they've become more eager to try new sports? | (1.5 mark) |
| vi) they undertook a building project as part of a lifestyle change? | (1.5 mark) |
| vii) they get great pleasure from their journey to work? | (1.5 mark) |
| viii) a change in career led to a positive outcome? | (1.5 mark) |
| ix) they are motivated to do physical exercise by their partner? | (1.5 mark) |
| x) their previous job used to be very demanding? | (1.5 mark) |
| Total: | [25 marks] |

4. Write an essay expressing your opinion on **ONE (1)** of the following questions. Write at least 250 words.

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| a) | Social media should be banned for children and teenagers under 16 years old. |
| b) | Are video games actually good for your brain? |
| c) | Should artificial intelligence tools be banned in school? |

Total: [25 marks]

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