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1. Please read the instructions given in the question paper **CAREFULLY**.
2. This 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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QUESTION NO.	MARKS
1	/ 25
2	/ 25
3	/ 25
4	/ 25
Total	/ 100

Answer **ALL** questions on a separate sheet.

[100 marks]

For question 1 to 10, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

PART 1 (25 MARKS)

Easter Island

Easter Island is a small triangle of rock situated in the Pacific Ocean. It's about 2,000 miles 1. _____ the nearest city. Easter Island is 2. _____ for its statues. Hundreds of these huge, stone faces can be 3. _____ all over the island.

Who made them? How 4. _____ they move these giant pieces of rock? What happened 5. _____ the people who lived there? Studies show that people 6. _____ arrived on the island about 1600 years ago. They had a very advanced culture. They made many objects and they had their 7. _____ written language. However, the number of people on the island grew and grew 8. _____ it reached about 10,000 people. Soon there were too many people and there wasn't 9. _____ food to eat. A terrible war started and 10. _____ of the statues were broken.

1	A. for	B. from	C. on	D. by
2	A. important	B. interesting	C. famous	D. fascinating
3	A. looked	B. located	C. found	D. situated
4	A. have	B. were	C. had	D. did
5	A. to	B. with	C. about	D. for
6	A. once	B. first	C. just	D. already
7	A. only	B. own	C. clever	D. self
8	A. so	B. until	C. although	D. because
9	A. many	B. some	C. too	D. enough
10	A. many	B. few	C. lot	D. enough

(15 Marks)

For question 11 to 20, read the text below. Use the word given in the bracket to **form a word** that fits the gap. There is an example at the beginning **(0)**.

Agriculture in Australia

0. Traditionally (tradition), Australia was 11. _____ (fame) for producing wheat and wool, but times have changed in 12. _____ (recently) years, with many farmers 13. _____ (elect) to be more diverse in their crop and livestock range. It is now quite common to see farms with more exotic fruit and vegetables. Farmers are 14. _____ (like) to sell their produce 15. _____ (local) nowadays, but rather to the factories in the cities. As a result, farms are now large-scale 16. _____ (produce) where thousands of tonnes of crops are cultivated.

Another aspect that is different nowadays is 17. _____ (irrigate). In the past, farmers would just flood the fields but now it is common to see sprinkler system everywhere. This means that more water is conserved, which has been 18. _____ (help) with the drought that has 19. _____ (severe) impacted the 20. _____ (major) of the farms in the southern states of the country.

(10 marks)

PART 2 (25 MARKS)

Read the following article about the history of sunglasses. Write a summary about **different reasons why people have worn sunglasses**. Your summary should be about **80 WORDS (and NO MORE THAN 90 WORDS)**. You should use your own words as far as possible. Indicate your word count at the end of your summary.

The surprising history of sunglasses

It's the beginning of summer, you're feeling good and you're wearing your favourite pair of sunglasses. But have you ever thought about when – or even where – sunglasses were developed? The history of sunglasses reveals some surprising facts.

The earliest examples of 'sunglasses' were made by the Inuit people of North America around 2000 years ago. These were nothing more than flat pieces of wood or bone with holes cut out to enable the Inuit to see in the snow, but recent research has proved that they were actually very effective. The first mention in historical documents of 'sunglasses' is from twelfth-century China, where court judges were described as using flat pieces of coloured quartz over their eyes to hide their expression when interviewing witnesses. However, it wasn't until the mid-eighteenth century that an English optician called James Ayscough started putting coloured glass in glasses frames, in the belief that looking through blue or green glass would cure people's sight problems.

By the 1920s, actors working in Hollywood had started to wear the types of sunglasses we know today, as they needed to shade their eyes from the bright lights on the movie sets of the time. Off-screen, Hollywood celebrities realised that sunglasses were also an effective way to disguise themselves when they were out in public. And of course, once movie stars started to wear sunglasses and advertise them, everyone wanted to follow fashion and the mass production of inexpensive sunglasses really took off.

During the mid-twentieth century, manufacturers started to produce more specific designs for sunglasses. 'Polaroid' glasses were invented in the USA in the 1930s using special glass that changed in different light conditions and helped to make driving safer. And in 1939, the manufacturer Bausch & Lomb developed the famous Ray-Ban sunglasses for pilots. They had a special shape to give better all-round vision whether pilots were looking down at the controls, or out at the sky. These Ray-Ban Aviator sunglasses are still popular today.

Although trends may change every year, sunglasses are now worn by people everywhere. Most of us can't imagine a summer without our favourite pair!

PART 3 (25 MARKS)

Read the article about a singing competition called the World Choir Games, and then answer Question 1 to 7.

Singing together brings nations together

Most people are familiar with the Olympic Games, the sporting competition that aims to promote international understanding. Far fewer people have heard of the World Choir Games, but the aims of this competition are equally as important: to connect people through the power of singing and give inspiration to choirs from around the world.

The World Choir Games are the biggest international choir competition, with over 70 countries and around 27000 singers taking part. It's held in a different country every two years and lasts for 11 days. The World Choir Games were originally the idea of Günter Titsch, a passionate choir singer from Germany with business contacts across Europe. With their support, he arranged his first singing event in Hungary in 1988. His idea for a singing competition similar to the Olympic Games came a few years later in 2000, however. This was when the 'Choir Olympics', as the World Choir Games were originally called, took place in Austria, with the Austrian president in the audience. The World Choir Games, which are judged by a team of international experts, are open to choirs of all abilities and offer two separate categories. The Champions Competition is for those who already have significant competitive experience; the Open Competition is for choirs with little or no experience. Choirs can choose which category to apply for. However, applications are reviewed and approved by the Artistic Committee, and not all choirs get into their preferred category. If a choir disagrees with the Committee's decision, it has the chance to perform in a qualification concert, where five independent judges make the final decision. Like the Olympic Games, the highlight of the World Choir Games is its spectacular opening ceremony where a diverse range of cultures are on show. During the ceremony, a peace bell is rung to call countries to sing and celebrate together. It is rung five times, as a symbol of the five continents. In contrast to the Olympic Games, however, where only the best competitors take part, the World Choir Games involve all levels of ability. Many choirs find that giving a great performance is a way to get much-needed financial support back in their own country.

Although competing is important, the World Choir Games are about so much more than just winning. Choirs can receive expert training from some of the world's most famous musical instructors, many of whom enjoy returning year after year. The city comes alive with exciting parades, venues in the open air are packed with free friendship concerts (weather permitting), and concert halls hold other performances. Joining in is as important as competing, and many choirs develop relationships with other choirs that continue for years afterwards.

With over 300000 visitors attending the World Choir Games, the potential to develop the economy of the host city is obvious, and many cities have already benefitted from this. It's also a way to show the city's own cultural life to the world, so it goes without saying that many places are keen to apply to become the next host. There's a year-long application process that involves filling in questionnaires, visiting potential venues and discussing contracts, although to begin with all that's required is for interested cities to submit an online form, which is relatively straightforward.

It's well known that singing in a choir is good for your mind and body. Anyone who's been in a choir also knows that it can be great fun and singing really does bring people together.

1. Who helped Günter Titsch with his initial idea? (1 mark)
2. When were the first World Choir Games held? (1 mark)
3. Who decides which category of competition a choir can join? Give **TWO (2)** details. (2 marks)
4. What does the ringing of the peace bell at the opening ceremony represent? (1 mark)
5. Where do 'friendship concerts' typically take place? (1 mark)
6. What opportunities does holding the World Choir Games give to a city? Give **TWO (2)** details. (2 marks)
7. What is the first thing that cities have to complete in order to hold the World Choir Games? (1 mark)

Read the article about four people (**A–D**) who are doing a job they love. Then answer Question 8 to 15.

I've found my dream job

A Samuel, Voice actor

In every school report, my teachers always said I talked too much. Now, as a successful voice actor, I get paid to talk! Of course, there's more to it than that – I'm very artistic and love using my voice in different ways, whether that's recording a radio advert or working on an animation film. The first time I went into a recording studio, I felt completely at home and that feeling's never gone away. Because I'm self-employed, there's always paperwork to complete unfortunately, but I'd never do any other job. I've learned a lot over the years and seen some changes. Voice acting used to be seen as second best to the world of movie acting, but now even Hollywood actors realise what a great job it is and want to get involved.

B Raymond, Racing car driving instructor

When I was at high school, I helped out at my local race track every weekend. I'd do anything – wash cars, tidy tools – just to be around cars. For me, everything was a chance to learn. You see, because I didn't come from a wealthy family, I knew that if I wanted something I needed to make it happen. The job of racing car driving instructor didn't use to exist a decade ago, but it's quite popular now. I teach all kinds of customers, from young people looking to become professional to experienced drivers wanting to change their bad driving habits. The best part of working here is that I can practise for free every day and follow my dream to become a professional racing driver myself.

C Mina, Cruise ship director

It's hard to describe my job as it's different every day, but essentially I have to ensure my passengers have fun. Eight months a year, I work on cruise ships. It's hard work but I love it! I do everything from arranging parties to preparing daily newsletters and filling in forms, or meeting the captain to get the latest safety rules. As they're always changing, it's sometimes a battle to make sure I'm following the correct regulations, but it is essential. I'm always being stopped by passengers asking questions and I love to talk to as many of them as possible. They often want recommendations for things to do on shore, and I'm not afraid to give my honest opinion if it means they enjoy themselves on a tour or at a local restaurant.

D Tamir, Toy inventor

I've been inventing toys for about 15 years, selling my ideas to major toy manufacturers. I feel real pride knowing that my creations are bringing joy to children around the world. My friends think my job just involves playing all day, but that's certainly not true! Whilst I do enjoy the freedom of coming up with fantastic new ideas, the best thing for me is the challenge of then making them work. The hardest thing is having a big toy company reject an idea. This doesn't mean it's bad – perhaps the timing just isn't right, so it's important not to doubt yourself. I usually take what I can from their comments to keep adapting and improving the design.

For each question, write the correct letter **A, B, C** or **D**.

Which person ...

8. sees negative feedback as an opportunity to learn? (2 marks)
9. sees their job as a way to achieve their ambition? (2 marks)
10. believes it's sometimes necessary to be critical of other businesses? (2 marks)
11. feels their industry is more respected than it used to be? (2 marks)
12. admits it can be a challenge to keep their professional knowledge up to date? (2 marks)
13. has always felt comfortable in their workplace? (2 marks)
14. realised early on that they would have to work hard to succeed? (2 marks)
15. gets satisfaction from the pleasure that their work gives people? (2 marks)

PART 4 (25 MARKS)

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

In your English class, you have been talking about air pollution. Now, your English lecturer has asked you to write an essay.

In about **180 to 200 words**, write an essay using all the notes and give reasons for your point of view.

Keeping the air quality in city centres at healthy level for their residents is a concern for many places. How can we solve the problem of air pollution in city centres?

Notes

Write about:

- 1) automobiles
- 2) rules and regulations
- 3)(your own ideas)

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