

FINAL EXAMINATION

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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) My brother usually _____ his bike to work, but today he is taking the train. (1 mark)

- A** rides
- B** is riding
- C** rode
- D** was riding

ii) I _____ a great movie at the cinema last night with some friends. (1 mark)

- A** see
- B** am seeing
- C** saw
- D** was seeing

iii) The sun _____ when we arrived at the beach, but then it started to rain. (1 mark)

- A** shines
- B** is shining
- C** shone
- D** was shining

iv) I _____ my old friend at the grocery store yesterday afternoon. (1 mark)

- A** meet
- B** am meeting
- C** met
- D** was meeting

v) They _____ a movie when they heard a loud crash in the kitchen. (1 mark)

- A** watch
- B** are watching
- C** watched
- D** were watching

vi) Most people _____ their social media accounts first thing in the morning. (1 mark)

- A** check
- B** are checking
- C** checked
- D** were checking

vii) The company _____ its annual report every February. (1 mark)

- A** publishes
- B** is publishing
- C** published
- D** was publishing

b) Complete the following sentences with *who*, *why*, *when*, *where*, and *which*.

- i) I don't understand _____ the internet is so slow today. (1 mark)
- ii) The cafe _____ we usually meet for lunch is closed. (1 mark)
- iii) I remember the day _____ I first met him. (1 mark)
- iv) That is the guy _____ helped me fix my car yesterday. (1 mark)
- v) This is the app _____ helps me track my daily calorie intake. (1 mark)
- vi) The library is a quiet place _____ students can focus on their studies. (1 mark)

c) Complete the following sentences with *at*, *about*, *for*, *to*, *in*, and *by*.

- i) I have been living in this apartment _____ three years now. (1 mark)
- ii) Many students prefer to study _____ night. (1 mark)
- iii) My birthday is _____ October. (1 mark)
- iv) I need to submit my assignment _____ this week. (1 mark)
- v) If you are going _____ the supermarket, could you buy some black coffee for me? (1 mark)
- vi) Are you worried _____ the upcoming exam? (1 mark)

d) Choose the correct adjectives in the questions.

- i) I watched a documentary about space last night. It was very (*interested* / *interesting*). (1 mark)
- ii) Are you (*excited* / *exciting*) about your trip to Langkawi? (1 mark)
- iii) He was (*shocked* / *shocking*) when he saw the results. (1 mark)
- iv) The movie we saw at the cinema was so (*bored* / *boring*) that I almost fell asleep. (1 mark)
- v) Cleaning the whole house is very (*tired* / *tiring*). (1 mark)
- vi) I was very (*surprised* / *surprising*) when I won the prize. (1 mark)

Total: [25 marks]

2. a) Read the article. Choose the correct answer (**A, B, C** or **D**).

Giraffe Researcher

How did I start studying giraffes? It all started 10 years ago when I attended a conference shortly after finishing my degree in Wildlife Science at the University of Dar es Salaam. There I met a friendly group of researchers, who offered me a paid job studying giraffes. I accepted immediately. At the time, I didn't feel the same passion for these animals that I do now, but I couldn't say no to working in the beautiful savannah in the north of my country, Tanzania, photographing Masai giraffes in their natural habitat. As part of our research, we use these pictures to study the social lives of giraffes.

This research has led to some exciting discoveries. For example, giraffes form strong social networks, which we call 'communities'. Female giraffes tend to stay in the same community they are born into, while male giraffes usually leave for a new one at the age of four. Interestingly, two females often live in the same area but never spend time together because they belong to different social groups. These communities are also important for giraffes' health. Our research also shows that female giraffes whose social connections are strong live longer than those who live mostly on their own.

People all over the world love giraffes, but these animals are in serious trouble. Hunters kill them and the trees they eat are cut down. But that's not all. Due to rising temperatures, it now rains more heavily in the African savannah, and this spreads diseases among giraffes. However, there is still hope. We have seen that when governments pass laws that protect giraffes and their habitats, and when police ensure people follow these laws, it makes a big difference. A hotter climate, though, is still a problem with no clear solution.

For giraffes, time is running out. To make a difference, I believe that scientists like me need to share our work with the public. If we don't do it, who will? That's why I've started organising short courses in primary schools. I taught my first one a few weeks ago. I knew that over 200 pupils would attend, so I was sure I would spend the whole hour feeling anxious. Thankfully, I relaxed after a few minutes. And, luckily for me, it isn't hard to make giraffes interesting. The children loved looking at the pictures of giraffes which I took with me on my visit, and they loved learning facts about giraffes – for example, that they only sleep 30 minutes or less a day and can run up to 60 km an hour.

My hope is that experiences like these will encourage young people to value – and help protect – the amazing wildlife we have here in Tanzania.

- i) Erick decided to research giraffes because (2 marks)
- A** he was interested in becoming a photographer.
 - B** he was able to study an animal that he loved.
 - C** he wanted to work in a natural area.
 - D** he needed to pay for his university studies.
- ii) What does Erick say about female giraffes? (2 marks)
- A** They live longer lives than male giraffes.
 - B** They live together in groups in order to stay safe.
 - C** They join new groups as soon as they become adults.
 - D** They avoid interacting with giraffes they don't know.

- iii) According to Erick the most difficult part about saving giraffes is (2 marks)
- A** slowing down global warming.
 - B** protecting their natural habitat.
 - C** stopping hunters from killing them.
 - D** passing environmental laws.
- iv) How did Erick feel before teaching his first course in a primary school? (2 marks)
- A** Glad that the school had asked him to do it
 - B** Convinced that he wasn't going to enjoy it
 - C** Surprised at how many pupils signed up
 - D** Worried that he wouldn't have enough time.
- v) What would be a good way to introduce this article? (2 marks)
- A** Erick Inkangaa describes how his love of giraffes developed into a career.
 - B** Erick Inkangaa talks about what he has learned from a decade of studying giraffes.
 - C** Erick Inkangaa explains why giraffes are so difficult to study in the wild.
 - D** Erick Inkangaa tells us what happened when he moved to Tanzania to study giraffes.
- b) Read the eight descriptions of homes to rent (**A – H**). For people i – v, decide which place would be the most suitable.

Dream Homes

A MILLGATE TOWER

Brand new building! This huge penthouse apartment is located in the city centre with great views of the city and just minutes away from the river. The apartment has four bedrooms, one large family bathroom and a second shower room, and a garage. A gym will be opened on the ground floor next month. Pets allowed. £2500 per month

B 12 LANDSDOWNE ROAD

This is a beautiful house just 20 minutes' walk from the centre of town. The house has a large kitchen and living room, as well as a good-sized garden. There are six bedrooms and two bathrooms. In a quiet location, this house is also a short walk away from shops and schools. £1700 per month

C 12A PITCHFORD COURT

This is a truly wonderful two-bedroom ground-floor flat in a quiet part of town. It is just minutes away from the train station with many direct trains to the city. It has a garden and a large open-plan kitchen and living room. The flat is being decorated at the moment. No pets allowed. £900 per month

D FLAT 10A PORTLAND PLACE

This is a stylish one-bedroom apartment in the city centre. The flat has one bathroom and a small balcony. The kitchen and bathroom are new, and the building is very modern. The building is cleaned once a week (included in the rent). It is five minutes' walk from a main train station and has great transport links. £1050 per month

E DAYTON MANOR

The best house in the area! This is a large country house, and it was built in 1800. The house has seven bedrooms, three bathrooms and a large garden with swimming pool. The property is in the countryside with views of the hills and sea. The nearest town is a thirty-minute drive away. Pets allowed. £2800 per month

F 6C ADDINGTON WAY

A lovely, one-bedroom flat in the town centre. The flat is above a shop and near all the bars and restaurants in town. There is a small, shared garden at the back of the building which is perfect for relaxing or barbecues! Pets allowed. £700 per month

G FLAT 11 CHESTERFIELD COURT

This is a great one-bedroom, one-bathroom second-floor flat with a balcony. The building has a lift to all floors. The flat is located on the edge of a quiet village, with great views of the countryside. The town has a few shops and a café, and there are buses and trains to the city. £675 per month

H 27 PEMBERTON ROAD

Lovely ground-floor flat with a garden in a small, historic village. It has one bedroom, one bathroom and a large lounge. There is a train station in the next village, which is a 16-minute drive away. Pets allowed. Ideal for elderly people or people looking for a quiet life in the countryside. £1000 per month

- i) Chris and Katie have just got married and they want a cheap, small flat as their first home. They love going out and having fun, and they also have a puppy. (2 marks)
- ii) Deborah has retired and wants to sell her large four-bedroom home and rent something smaller without a garden. She enjoys history and countryside walks, but also wants to have easy access to the city. (2 marks)
- iii) Hannah and Daryl are looking for a family home for themselves and their three children. They'd like a place with plenty of space for the children to play, but that is also near the local facilities. (2 marks)
- iv) Raúl wants to rent a place near his office in the city so that he doesn't have to travel so far to work every day. He wants a small place that he can use during the week, and then spend weekends at his larger home with his family. (2 marks)
- v) Naveen is looking for a place for him and his father. His father has difficulty walking, but loves to sit and relax in the garden, while Naveen needs easy access to the city centre for his work. (2 marks)

- c) Read the text. For questions i–v, choose which answer (**A**, **B**, **C** or **D**) best fits each gap.

Apple

The apple is one of the most popular fruits in the world. Did you know that half of all trees that produce fruit are apple trees? Apples originally came from Central Asia, east of the Caspian Sea. Later, the fruit (i) _____ popular in the Roman Empire. From there, it didn't (ii) _____ long for apples to spread around the world.

Apples come in an amazing variety of different colours, shapes and sizes. It might seem hard to believe, but there are (iii) _____ some 7,500 different types of apples! It would be hard to try them all.

There are dozens of (iv) _____ to eat apples, which is probably one (v) _____ for their popularity. You can prepare an apple dessert. You can make apple sauce or jam. Or you can simply eat apples raw, perhaps with a bit of honey or cheese. What about you? How do you prefer to eat apples?

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| i) | A went | B began | C won | D became |
| ii) | A take | B make | C find | D get |
| iii) | A correctly | B actually | C accurately | D entirely |
| iv) | A manners | B styles | C approaches | D ways |
| v) | A result | B answer | C reason | D factor |

(5 marks)
Total: [25 marks]

3. a) You are going to read an article about a man who took up paddleboarding. Five sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences **A–H** the one which fits each gap (i–v). There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

I had always been scared of the sea when I was a child. My family thought it was strange, because we lived in a town on the coast and went to the beach most afternoons. (i) _____ I never thought I would ever become a fan of a water sport.

One day on holiday in Spain, my girlfriend wanted me to try paddleboarding. We noticed a school on the beach and decided to have lessons. (ii) _____ But then I saw some children having lessons and I thought to myself, if I listen to the instructor, I'll learn how to do it. After all, I was nearly 25 years old! The instructor gave me a life jacket, which made me feel much safer, but just trying to get on the board was difficult.

(iii) _____ This was quite easy. However, the instructor then wanted us to stand up. At this point, I was really shaking. The thought of falling into the sea was scary, and I wasn't sure if I could balance on the board. I realised I had to try though. My girlfriend said it would be a great way to deal with my fear. So, slowly, I got up. (iv) _____ Soon, I was going up and down the coast on it, enjoying the sights.

Now, I feel like I've lost my fear of the sea and I love paddleboarding. I always do it when I have the chance. I have fallen in a few times, but I quickly get up and back on the board. I'd like to do it more often. (v) _____ The sea is much colder here though. If I lived in a warmer country, I would go paddleboarding every day!

- A** I went out to sea sitting down on the board.
- B** We often went swimming quite far out at sea.
- C** I am actually thinking of buying a board and doing it in my home country.
- D** However, just the thought of all the creatures under the water scared me!
- E** At first, I was afraid and didn't want to go into the water.
- F** I thought her idea was perfect.
- G** To my surprise, I didn't find it difficult at all.
- H** It's always nice to do it in a warm country because the sea is nicer.

(10 marks)

- b) You are going to read an article about a man who visited a Canadian wilderness resort. Five sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences **A–H** the one which fits each gap (**i–v**). There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

This summer, I travelled to the other side of the world to visit Klahoose Wilderness Resort off the coast of western Canada. As the sun began rising, Randy, a member of the Klahoose First Nations people and guide at the resort, took me to my cabin overlooking the Pacific Ocean. (i) _____ A group of whales were swimming in the harbour. Randy joked, saying he'd timed that with Mother Nature.

It was a dreamlike start to my first morning at the resort, 160 kilometres north of Vancouver. It opened in 2008 and was purchased by the Klahoose First Nation's Economic Development Corporation in 2020. (ii) _____ This includes Randy, who welcomes me with a song in the Salish language while beating a painted drum.

You can only arrive here by boat or private seaplane, but once you do, there is no schedule. The resort is a large wooden house with comfortable common areas and three additional cabins. (iii) _____ Everything about Klahoose makes the middle of the Canadian wilderness feel incredibly cosy.

The Great Bear Rainforest is one of the main reasons people visit the resort – to see grizzly bears in the wild. (iv) _____ On the way there, we passed waterfalls and ancient pictographs (rock art) until we reached an area densely populated with grizzly bears.

Randy and I hiked to a platform to view grizzly bears in their natural habitat and didn't have to wait very long to see some. (v) _____ I wanted a closer look, but Randy insisted that we remain hidden, as females with their young can be incredibly dangerous. On my final night, Randy shared stories about the land, his family and their traditional ceremonies, making the world around me seem even more alive. The following morning, just as I was leaving Klahoose, I saw more whales as Randy played his drums to say goodbye.

- A** As I floated in the chilly water, I saw some eagles flying high above.
- B** A baby cub was running behind its mother, trying to keep up.
- C** We made sure we followed two important rules for viewing bears: no food or noise.
- D** It isn't over-the-top luxury, but it's certainly charming.
- E** It took about an hour by boat to reach a viewing area.
- F** I noticed something moving in the distance as we stood on the balcony.
- G** These huge creatures attract visitors from all over the world.
- H** Since then, it's been almost entirely run by traditional landowners from the region.

(10 marks)

- c) Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

STARGAZING

My friend Rory belongs to a stargazing club – a group of people that get together to look at the night sky – and last Saturday he invited me to go with him. The club meets (i) _____ month in the Galloway Forest Park. This part of Scotland is famous (ii) _____ being a 'dark sky park'. There's no light pollution there, so it's perfect for stargazing.

Rory told me to arrive between 7.30 (iii) _____ 8.00 pm, because it was important to set (iv) _____ the telescopes before it got dark. That night, we looked at Venus, Mars, Saturn and Jupiter. But my favourite was the Moon. I could see its mountains and valleys!

I (v) _____ to love looking at the night sky when I was a child, but it wasn't until my trip to Galloway Forest Park with Rory that I got to see the Moon and the planets up close with a professional telescope.

(5 marks)
Total: [25 marks]

4. Write an essay expressing your opinion on **ONE (1)** of the following questions. Write at least 180 words.

- a)

Is social media making people more lonely?
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- b)

Is online learning more or less effective than face-to-face learning?

Total: [25 marks]

- END OF QUESTIONS -