

Test A (Master's Program 2021) (Total 72 points)

Listening Section: (track 4) (15 points)

Listen to the recording and choose the correct option.

1. What is Mandy doing?

- A. Apologizing for not going to dinner
- B. Inviting a friend to dinner
- C. Working with Steve

2. Why is the speaker buying a card for his friend?

- A. She helped him recently
- B. It's her birthday
- C. She likes flowers

3. What is the relationship between Margaret and Pat?

- A. They are cousins
- B. They are sisters
- C. They are friends

4. What is Mary's dad going to do?

- A. Take Alex to school
- B. Babysit for Mary
- C. Go to the dentist's

5. Where is the speaker?

- A. in London
- B. On the train.

C. At a railway station

6 Where are the speakers?

- A. At an airport
- B. At a restaurant
- C. At a travel agency

7 What kind of transport are the speakers talking about.?

- A. a bicycle
- B. a ferry
- C. a bus

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8. Who is talking to Mr Smith?

- A. a Chemist
- B. a doctor
- C. a footballer

9. What is the woman looking for?

- A. a supermarket
- B. a church
- C. a sports centre

10. What does the boy want?

- A. Football boots
- B. Trainers
- C. A football shirt

Listening Section 2 (Track 6)

Listen to the recording and mark the sentences True/False

1 Melinda's son lives in Australia T/F

2 Melinda is excited as Colin is coming in London for a holiday T/F

3 He is going to stay for two weeks with them T/F

4 Melinda is planning a welcome party on 17th of June. T/F

5 The name of the restaurant is *Riviera* -T/F

Reading Section (15 points)

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Task 1

Read the article below and decide if each sentence is True or False.

High above the River Fal in south Cornwall, a team of gardeners is preparing to grow a much-loved plant for the first time commercially in Britain. On the Tregothnan Estate, fields that were once used to grow potatoes, carrots and peas have become the home of Britain's first tea plantation.

In 2010, Tregothnan staff were unsure whether they could grow tea, so they planted five hundred tea plants. They are growing well and there are now plans to cover the hillsides with different varieties of tea all the way down to the river by 2025. This part of the country has a suitable climate for growing tea and because the fields face south, Jonathan Jones, Tregothnan's head gardener, is especially hopeful: 'We think we've got the perfect conditions: he says, and he should know, because he has just spent three months visiting tea plantations throughout Asia, Australia and Africa, on a research trip.

Of course, no one is doubting the demand for the product. 'The British are the biggest tea drinkers in the world apart from the Irish: Mr Jones says. 'We drink on average three cups a day, so it makes perfect sense to grow it here: However, it is not the commonly used black tea that will be grown, but green and white tea. For such special tea, the market is growing by 25% a year, with some 10% of tea drinkers having tried it.

Green tea, which is said to lower cholesterol. reduce high blood pressure and prevent certain illnesses, is far more expensive than black tea, while the even rarer white tea can be sold for ten times the price of black tea. If all goes well, apart from producing the usual dried tea in packets, the Tregothnan Estate also aims to introduce fresh leaves, which are believed to have additional health benefits, for sale at supermarkets up and down the country. 'The tea from around the world that reaches the supermarkets at the moment is nine months old, but we could get green tea on their shelves within 24 hours: says Mr Jones.

Tea has to be grown for six years before it can be picked for sale, which means that Tregothnan staff will have to wait until 2025 to know whether their efforts have been successful. However, leaves that were picked after three years suggest that these particular plants do produce a light. refreshing and very drinkable green tea. Stephen Twining, the tenth generation of the Twining family to work for the famous tea firm, is positive: 'We do think there's a market for this tea and provided the quality is there, we'd consider having it in stock in our specialist tea shop: Twinings has seen its sales of green tea increase by 43 % this year.

1. Vegetables used to be grown on the Tregothnan estate. T/F
2. The first tea plants at Tregothnan were introduced as an experiment. T/F
3. The next fields to be planted with tea are on flat land. T/F
4. Jonathan Jones has been able to learn about growing conditions in different countries recently. T/F
5. Jonathan Jones suggests that British people drink more tea than anyone else. T/F
6. Green tea is a more valuable product than white tea. T/F
7. The Tregothnan Estate wants to supply its tea in different forms commercially. T/F
8. Jonathan Jones believes that tea produced at Tregothnan would be fresher than imported tea. T/F
9. Some tea plants at Tregothnan will be ready for commercial use before 2025. T/F

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10. A well-known British tea company is interested in ordering some Tregothnan tea for its own shop. T/F

Task 2

Read the text and questions below. For questions 11-15 choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

The Art of Travel

by ALain de Botton

The old saying 'It's better to travel than to arrive' is usually understood as an attack on destinations rather than a positive statement about travel. Indeed, people are always complaining about the horrors of travelling: crowded airports, overbooked flights, cancelled and dirty trains. However, I believe there are some unusual pleasures in the journeys we make.

Take the aeroplane, for example. Few seconds in life are more exciting than those during take-off. Waiting at the beginning of a runway, we see familiar locations out of the plane window: grass, a road, modern hotels - the Earth as we have always known it, where we make slow progress even by car. Then suddenly, accompanied by the controlled noise of the engines, we rise smoothly into the sky and a huge space opens up for us, where we can imagine new possibilities in our lives.

Trains are another wonderful travel environment. I love the atmosphere of half-empty carriages making their way across the countryside: enjoying the silence inside and the regular beat of the wheels against the track outside. A train journey can be like a dream, where we become involved in different thoughts and are able to recall distant memories. There's nothing like a moving train to encourage the mind to perform properly. Thinking can even improve when parts of the mind are busy with other tasks, like listening to music or following a line of trees.

If we are attracted to air or train travel despite their disadvantages, it is perhaps because we feel that these experiences provide an important alternative to the habits and limitations of our ordinary world.

11. What is the writer's main purpose in writing the text?

- A. to explain his ideas about travelling
- B. to complain about modern transport
- C. to disagree with an accepted saying
- D. to describe an unusual train journey

12. What does the writer say about travelling by air?

- A. He finds the delay before take-off annoying.
- B. He wishes the engines were much quieter.
- C. He prefers it to driving, despite the time taken.
- D. He enjoys the feeling of freedom it gives.

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13. When the writer travels by train, he likes to

- A .spend much of the journey asleep.
- B. sit in a completely empty carriage.
- C. admire the countryside along the way.
- D. listen to the movement of the wheels.

14. According to the writer, a train journey is good for us because

- A. it lets our minds concentrate on a single idea.
- B. it allows us to forget about our daily problems.
- C. it encourages us to remember certain things.
- D. it offers us the chance to be totally relaxed.

15 Which of the following might the writer say?

- A. 'If we travelled less often, we would have better memories of our visits.'
- B. 'Unless the destination is unusual, it is not worth the effort of getting there.'
- C. 'Despite the speed of modern travel, there are too many disadvantages.'
- D. 'Even though journeys can be uncomfortable, they are of benefit to our lives.'

Use of English (22 points)

Task 1

Read the text and fill the gaps with the appropriate word from the options below.

Questions 1-10

Skateboarding: the early years

Today, there are something like 20 million skateboarders around the world. It has (1) about thirty years for this leisure activity to become (2) popular. There were actually a few 'home-made' skateboards in the 1960s, but it wasn't (3) 1970 that things really started to (4) , in the Pacific Ocean Park area of Los Angeles, California.

One group of people in particular was (5) for the development of skateboarding. The 'Z-Boys', as they were called, were keen surfers and (6) to transfer their skills to dry land. In the early 1970s, there was very little rain in California and many people had to (7) their swimming pools empty. These smooth, concrete spaces were excellent skateboarding locations for the Z-Boys, (8) soon became famous locally for using the skateboard in new and exciting (34) People were amazed at what the Z-Boys (35) do and immediately wanted to try skateboarding for themselves.

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| 1. A made | B taken | C done | D held |
| 2. A such | B too | C much | D so |
| 3. A until | B without | C during | D beyond |
| 4. A cause | B handle | C happen | D exist |
| 5. A possible | B manageable | C acceptable | D responsible |
| 6. A imagined | B decided | C considered | D thought |
| 7. A stay | B remain | C leave | D miss |
| 8. A which | B who | C where | D why |
| 9. A manners | B methods | C points | D ways |
| 10. A could | B should | C must | D need |

Task 2

Fill the gaps with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- 1) Nowadays it's very important to get a good (EDUCATE)
- 2) Our company helps people to find new jobs. (EMPLOY)
- 3) Paul has good ideas but writes very (CARE)
- 4) Helen has become a businesswoman (SUCCEED)
- 5) I hope to leave school with some useful..... (QUALIFY)
- 6) Do you think you have the to pass the test? (ABLE)
- 7) According to the..... , the French lesson starts at ten. (TIME)
- 8) Cathy has three jobs, so she has a high..... (COME)
- 9) John's..... of history is amazing for a boy of his age. (KNOW)
- 10) This is the tallest in the whole of the country. (BUILD)
- 11) Some students ant find suitable..... (ACCOMMODATE)
- 12) You need a lot ofto write a good story (IMAGINE)

Writing Section (20 points)

Write an 150-200-word essay on this topic:

‘Why is it important to protect historic buildings?’ Justify your opinion in 4 paragraphs.