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Listening (15 min – 20 points)

Task 1. *Listen to Matthew talking to his aunt about his friends. What hobby does each of Matthew's friends enjoy?*
*For questions **1–5**, write a letter **A–H** next to each friend. **There is an example for you**. You will hear the conversation twice.*
Example: **0** Christina **G**

FRIENDS	**HOBBIES**
1 Jason	**A** cooking
2 Tania	**B** cycling
3 Steven	**C** drawing
4 Molly	**D** emailing
5 Ivan	**E** music
	F quizzes
	G snowboarding
	H volleyball

Task 2. *Listen to Jay talking to a friend about a holiday he went on with his family. For each question* **6-10***, choose the right answer **A, B** or **C**. **The first has been done for you.** You will hear the conversation twice.*
Example: **0** Jay came back from holiday on **C**

A Friday.
B Saturday.
C Sunday.

6. The hotel Jay stayed in was
A in a city centre.
B near the sea.
C in the mountains.

7. Jay often spent his time
A playing tennis.
B swimming.
C playing golf.

8. Jay's room had
A a computer.
B a fridge.
C a television.

9. Jay ate a lot of
A pasta.
B fish.
C salads.

10. Jay's parents thought the hotel was
A too expensive.
B very comfortable.
C too noisy.

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Reading (20 min – 20 points)

Task 1. *Make **one text** putting the paragraphs **A – E** into the correct order from **11 – 15** on your answer sheet.*

Robbie's first business!

A
One day, she told him her secret way of making jam. Robbie made too much for the family to eat so he took it to other people in his street. He made more and more jam. It tasted so good that his parents' friends started buying it from him. Robbie added all his costs together then decided on a price.

B
Robbie enjoyed art most at school. He liked maths and music too, but because it was hard for Robbie to spell words correctly or to understand texts, he didn't enjoy being at school. In English, he had lots of problems.

C
Then he made a business plan on the computer with help from his dad. Now people can buy his jam at a weekly market. It tastes wonderful and it's healthy because Robbie uses grape juice, not sugar, to make it.

D
"I'm still only 14 but I'm already a businessman!" Robbie laughs. "Last week I earned 93 euro because 87 different people bought 58 kilos of my jam, and a supermarket wants to sell it too. My career is in jam-making, I think!"

E
So, when Robbie was 12, his parents decided he should leave school and study at home. There, he learnt about business and working on computers, and spent more time happily studying art, exercising and practicing on his violin. Robbie's grandmother started teaching him to cook too. Like his mother and aunt he really enjoyed doing it.

*Now read the text **again**. For items **16 – 20** match the ending of each sentence (**A -F**) to its beginning. There is **one extra ending** you do not need to use.*

16. After he left school, Robbie had more time to play

17. After he was 12 Robbie studied

18. People can buy Robbie's jam

19. Robbie had problems in his English lessons because

20. Robbie's grandmother told him

A the secret way to make jam.

B at the market.

C an instrument.

D he couldn't spell very well.

E different sports.

F in his own home.

Task 2. *Read the text and decide if sentences **21-30** are **True (A)**, **False (B)**, or this information is not mentioned in the text – **Not Stated (C)**.*

Easy Writing

Have you ever heard of Lazlo Biro? He invented the ballpoint pen (the biro). His invention has made writing a lot easier for everyone.

In the 1930s Lazlo Biro worked for a newspaper in Budapest in Hungary. While writing his articles he used an ink pen which left a lot of ink stains on paper. He often watched that the newspapers were printed by huge printing machines. Biro noticed that the ink used in the printing machines dried very quickly. He wondered if this quick-drying ink could be used in pens. He had the idea of using a tube of quick-drying ink with a ball at the end. He found that when you wrote with it, the ball allowed ink to flow out of the tube and on to the paper. Because it dried quickly it did not smudge like ordinary ink.

Biro was very excited by his discovery. His pen was much easier and smoother to write with. It was especially helpful to left-handed people. With the pen, it was possible to write up to 200,000 words before the ink ran out. It was even possible to write on rough surfaces. Another advantage of the ballpoint pen was that it was cheap. You just threw it away when the ink ran out and got another one!

Unfortunately, before he was able to patent* his invention, the Second World War broke out. Biro went to Brazil. There, he and his brother George began to improve the design of the pen. In the early 1940s they began to manufacture a new pen, but they did not have enough money to start a big company.

In 1944 he sold his business to an Englishman named Henry Martin. Martin produced thousands of Biro pens. He sold many to the men and women in the American and British armies. People liked the pens very much. They were convenient and easy to carry around and they could be used anywhere. They were cheaper than fountain pens. Later, Martin sold the business to a French company called BIC. This company now sells twelve million pens a day.

Biro was pleased that his pen was so popular, but he did not make a lot of money from his invention. He died quite a poor man in South America. However, his name is not forgotten. It has become an everyday word.

**When an inventor patents something, this prevents others from using the invention without permission.*

21. Biro was a Hungarian journalist.
A) True **B**) False **C**) Not Stated

22. Biro's birthday is celebrated in some countries as Inventors' Day.
A) True **B**) False **C**) Not Stated

23. Biro invented his pen without seeing a printing machine at work.
A) True **B**) False **C**) Not Stated

24. The ink used in printing machines was different from ordinary ink.
A) True **B**) False **C**) Not Stated

25. You can write longer with a ballpoint pen than with an ink pen.
A) True **B**) False **C**) Not Stated

26. The new pen could write not only on paper.
A) True **B**) False **C**) Not Stated

27. In the 1940s Biro brothers' business was rather successful.
A) True **B**) False **C**) Not Stated

28. Biro sold his business to BIC.
A) True **B**) False **C**) Not Stated

29. Fountain pens were cheaper and easier to use.
A) True **B**) False **C**) Not Stated

30. Biro's name is still honored by his relatives in South America.
A) True **B**) False **C**) Not Stated

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Use of English (15 min – 20 points)

Task 1. *Read the text below. There is* ***one mistake*** *in* ***each line (31-40)****: it can be a* ***wrong word*** *or a* ***missed word****. Find the mistake and write the proper word on your answer sheet.*

31	At 12th April, 1961 Yuri Gagarin, a Russian Cosmonaut,	_____
32	became first human to travel into space. Although his flight	_____
33	lasted only 108 minute, its success made him	_____
34	national hero. He also became the first person	_____
35	ate and drank in zero gravity, and he was able	_____
36	view the Earth in a way that no one had done before.	_____
37	Unfortunately, a plane crash in March 1968 made Gagarins'	_____
38	desire of revisiting space unpossible.	_____
39	After his dead, his hometown and the Cosmonaut Training	_____
40	Center at Star City, Russia, was named after he.	_____

Task 2. *Read the article about turtles. Choose the best word (****A****,* ***B*** *or* ***C****) for each space. For questions* ***41–50*** *write* ***A****,* ***B*** *or* ***C*** *on your answer sheet.*

Turtles

Turtles spend most of their life ***(41)*** **_____** the sea. They have a hard shell over their body and they can pull their head, arms and legs inside the shell **(42)**_____ they are in danger. Turtles **(43)** _____ live **(44)** _____ one hundred years and grow up to two metres long. **(45)** _____year, the mother turtle swims to a beach to lay her eggs. **(46)** _____ a month later, the eggs break open and the baby turtles **(47)** _____ to get into the sea. They are very small and **(48)** _____ have problems getting to the water.

Several years later, **(49)** _____ baby turtles will return to the same beach to lay their eggs. People think they find the way by following the light **(50)** _____ the moon or the stars.

41	in	for	on
42	but	if	so
43	soon	already	often
44	for	by	to
45	Each	Some	Other
46	Above	At	About
47	tried	try	trying
48	every	any	many
49	these	this	them
50	by	from	with

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.