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Listening (10 min – 10 points)

Task 1. *You will hear the pilot Kate Gingford talking about the last few days of her flight around the world in a small aeroplane. For each question **1–5** choose the correct answer **A, B** or **C**. You will hear the recording **twice**.*

1. In Norway, Kate's friends helped her
A) plan the route on the map.
B) cook a meal before her flight.
C) put on the clothes she would fly in.

2. During the flight to Denmark, Kate
A) felt very tired.
B) spoke to her son.
C) enjoyed views of the sea.

3. On Monday, Kate was worried because
A) she had to land unexpectedly.
B) the plane was difficult to fly.
C) a wheel was not working properly.

4. While staying at her friends' farm, Kate
A) enjoyed hearing the birds sing.
B) got annoyed about losing flying time.
C) made sure she got some extra sleep.

5. When she arrived in London, Kate was …
A) pleased she had done the trip.
B) keen to make another long trip.
C) nervous about seeing her family again.

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Reading (20 min – 20 points)

Task 1. *Read about the people in texts **6–10**. They all would like to learn something new. Match schools/ courses **A–G** with the people whose interests they can satisfy.*
*There are two letters you **do not need** to use.*

6. Edwina works for a multinational company with branches in most European countries. She really needs to learn French and German, but she has very little spare time and thinks it could be difficult to find time.

7. Damian got his job as soon as he left school. He never had the chance to go to university. He isn't very happy with his job, but he knows he can't get a better one without a degree. He might try a part-time degree course if it's not too demanding.

8. Alice has a lot of time on her hands. She is a very creative person with a lot of imagination, which she really doesn't use very much right now. She already has a lot of hobbies, but she'd rather learn something new that would let her use her imagination.

9. Paul doesn't work; he looks after the children while his wife goes to work. He would like to do something for himself, learn something new or take up a new hobby, but he needs to stay at home.

10. Rhona is a school teacher. She teaches mathematics, but has always been interested in art and culture. She takes a great interest in the philosophy and civilization of the East. She may go to Vietnam next year.

A. *The Language School*
Take courses in more than just languages! You can learn about the culture and the history of the countries where the languages we teach are spoken! We specialize in less common languages spoken in Asia in the Far East.

B. *The Internet School*
We offer a variety of courses in over a hundred different subjects from accounting to interior design. You don't have to attend the classes: all courses are offered 100% online. A certificate is mailed to you when you finish.

C. *Professional Communication*
Language courses in most European languages at all levels, from beginners to advanced. Most of the coursework can be done online and you only need to attend classes once a fortnight on any evening. Ideal for busy professionals.

D. *Access to Education*
We have courses in economics, business administration and management, leading to a degree. The course programme is extremely flexible, ideal for working students, and uses a combination of online study and face-to-face tutorials. You may attend at a time that is convenient for you.

E. *Business Courses*
Do you have a head for Business? Our dynamic courses will give you the know-how to keep up in an ever changing business world. Offering everything in between Business Administration and Accounting, we have an opportunity to suit your learning style and needs. Two years of intense studying will lead you to a degree you are dreaming of.

F. *The Writing Centre*
The Centre offers creative writing courses and workshops for people who are interested in a career as a writer. Lessons are two or three times a week. You can choose between writing a short story or a novel.

G. *The Music Academy*
We've just introduced part-time courses in Jazz singing and/or playing the guitar specially for adults! All lessons take place in the evening. Courses for both beginners and more advanced students available!

Task 2. *Read the lecture below and decide which statements* ***11–20*** *are* ***True (T), False (F)*** *or* ***Not Stated (NS).***

The rise of Moscovy (as the principality was named) was made possible due to several factors. First and foremost was its location in the area between the rivers at the crossroads of Russia's trade routes. Another factor was its prestige as a seat of the Russian Orthodox Church, which became important after the fall of Constantinople in the 15th century. Moreover, during the 1350s, the Mongol-Tatar Golden Horde was weakened by numerous struggles for power within its vast empire. Meanwhile, the Kremlin was being strengthened.

In 1380, Dmitry led the Russian army to confront the Horde near the River Don. The battle of Kulikovo was the Russians' first victory, and this historic event was commemorated by the foundation of the Donskoy Monastery on the site where Dmitry assumed the title of Donskoy. However, the Horde remained a serious threat.

In the years that followed, Russian icon painting reached its zenith. The names of the artists were Theopohanes the Greek, Andrei Rublyev and Daniil Cherniy, who worked in Moscow.

In 1453, the Byzantine capital Constantinople fell to the Turks.

11. Moscow was in a good location for trading.
12. A lot of foreign merchants wrote about the riches of Muscovy.
13. Constantinople remained the centre for the Orthodox Church in the second half of the 15th century.
14. In the 14th century, the Kremlin was surrounded by a brick wall.
15. Dmitry Donskoy got his nickname because of his victory over the Mongol-Tatars.
16. The Russian army put an end to the Tatar yoke in the Battle of Kulikovo.
17. Dmitry Donskoy founded a monastery in honor of his victory over the Horde.
18. Moscow was the place where the great Russian icon painters created their masterpieces.
19. Andrei Rublyev met Dmitry several times.
20. The Turks conquered Constantinople, the Byzantine capital.

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Use of English (15 min – 30 points)

Task 1. *Put each verb in brackets **(21 - 35)** into a suitable verb form.*

Two Babies

On a cold autumn day in the second quarter of the 16th century a boy was born to a rich family of the name of Tudor. He was wanted very much by the family and the whole nation. People **21 _____ (to walk)** along the streets talking only about the new baby, Edward Tudor, Prince of Wales, who **22 _____ (to lie)** in silk and **23 _____ (not to know)** that all England had dreamed of his birth so much.

On the same day another English child was born to a poor family of the name of Canty. He **24 _____ (to give)** the name of Tom. Tom Canty's parents never wanted him. And now he **25 _____ (to lie)** in his dirty rags crying softly.

A few years **26 _____ (to pass)**. Tom and his family still **27 _____ (to live)** not far from London Bridge in the house built in the previous century. Tom's father often **28 _____(to fight)** with his neighbours and **29 _____ (to beat)** his children.

"We have lived in this house since Tom's Granny **30 _____ (to come)** to London. The house has got old. In fact, it has already become ancient. It is impossible to live here anymore. But we **31 _____ (to move)** only if we **32 _____ (to have)** a lot of money. I should make Tom **33 _____ (to beg)**. He **34 _____ (**never **to beg)** before, I know. It's high time for him to begin," Tom's father often **35 _____ (to think)**.

Task 2. *Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space. For each question **36–45**, mark the correct letter **A, B, C** or **D** on your answer sheet.*

Perfume

The Egyptians were the first people ever to make perfume. They used nice smelling oils on their bodies before (**36**) _____ dressed. Some perfume recipes, (**37**) _____ date from about 5,000 years ago, still (**38**) _____ . Most of the perfumes (**39**) _____ that time were made from flowers and only the very richest people could (**40**) _____ to buy them.

Today, perfumes are usually (**41**) _____ by a perfume company. As well as ingredients from over 500 plants, (**42**) _____ ingredients are made by chemists in a laboratory. One of the most famous places that produces perfumes is the town of Grasse in France. Its climate makes it perfect for growing flowers – around 4,000 kilos of roses, for example, (**43**) _____ be used to make just a small (**44**) _____ of perfume.

After a perfume is made, (**45**) _____ time and money is spent on designing a bottle and a box and advertising it.

	A	**B**	**C**	**D**
36	taking	getting	carrying	putting
37	which	whose	what	who
38	stay	live	last	exist
39	to	over	at	with
40	afford	earn	gain	spend
41	imagined	built	created	dreamt
42	another	other	both	every
43	can	have	need	ought
44	size	number	amount	total
45	much	lots	many	plenty

Task 3. *Express the meaning of each phrase **46–50** in one word. There is an **example** for you. Please, mind your spelling. The number of letters is shown.*

Example:
0. *to take the first step – b _ _ _ n* - ***b e g i n***

46. full of fear – a _ _ _ _ d

47. to walk like a soldier – m _ _ _ h

48. to take place – h _ _ _ _ n

49. a speech to a group of people – l _ _ _ _ _ e

50. to put in the ground to grow – p _ _ _ t

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Writing (20 min – 20 points)

Imagine that you cannot come to your friend's New Year's party. Write him/her **a letter with apologies.**

Do not forget to:

- send your wishes;
- name the reasons why you cannot come (give at least two reasons);
- follow the rules of letter writing.

You should write about **100 -120** words.

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