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COURSE NAME: English Language
COURSE CODE: Eng. 202

TRACK: UNIFIED TRACKS & RELIGIOUS
TIME: 2 Hours

Listening 1: (5 Marks)

Listen to a radio programme about banking via mobile phones and decide whether the following sentences are true (T) or false (F).

1. There are approximately two billion mobile phones in the world today. (F)
2. A lot of people don't have easy access to banks. (T)
3. With the interactive voice system, you can talk to your bank manager. (F)
4. In Afghanistan, the mobile network covers the whole country. (T)
5. Each police officer gets an email when he is paid. (F)



Listening 2: (5 Marks)

You will hear an interview with Ian who's talking about the work done at his youth centre.

Listen and choose the correct answer a, b, or c.

1) Ian says that the main purpose of the youth centre is to ...

- a. help young people by offering games for playing.
- b. help young people to spend their free time positively.**
- c. encourage young people to do well at school.

2) Ian says people are less likely to commit a crime if...

- a. they do a lot of activities like sports.
- b. they have a good CV.
- c. they have a sense of achievement.**

3) According to Ian, the start of young people bad attitude is

- a. doing badly at school**
- b. having parents who are too busy
- c. having the wrong friends

4) Many young people at the centre are visited by the police because they...

- a. have committed a crime.
- b. know people who have committed a crime.**
- c. got arrested by the police.

5) What did the young people at the centre find particularly challenging at first?

- a. planting trees to help the local environment
- b. having to work together with local people
- c. mixing them with disabled kids at the youth centre**



Reading 1: (10 Marks)

Read the following article about the new Airbus A380 and then answer the questions that follow accordingly.

1. The new Airbus A380 is the largest passenger jet that has ever been built. It can hold more passengers and cargo than any other commercial aeroplane, and most airports actually have to be redesigned in order to provide room for it. Even though the first designs of this giant aeroplane appeared back in 1994, it did not make its first commercial flight until October of 2007, from Singapore to Sydney, Australia, with Singapore Airlines. This long design period allowed the new Airbus jet aeroplane to be perfected technologically as well as practically.

2. The Airbus A380 is nearly 240 feet long and 260 feet wide, from wing to wing. Because of its incredible size, it can seat up to 840 passengers. However, since the seating is divided into first class, business class and economy class, and each class has different seating arrangements, a total of 555 passengers can be seated. In general, more space means broader seats, more personal storage and better head room in all three classes. There are two floors on the Airbus A380, the upper including business and economy class, and the lower including more economy seats as well as first-class seats. Emirates Airline's fourteen first-class private suites have shared access to two 'shower spas'. First and business class passengers have shared access to a snack bar and lounge with two sofas, in addition to a first-class-only private lounge.



3. The Airbus A380 is designed to make travelling more comfortable for the passenger. The aeroplane includes more air filters, which refresh the air in the cabin every three minutes helping passengers feel fresher both during and after the flight. Also, the noise in the cabin is lower than any other existing aircraft, which helps reduce tiredness and fatigue.

4. The Airbus A380 is also environmentally friendly. Its engine emissions are well below international limits, contributing to improved air quality around the airports it serves. It also produces less than 75 grams of carbon dioxide per passenger kilometre contributing to less gases in the atmosphere. The A380 also consumes less fuel than most jet aeroplanes, making it not only a bigger, but in many ways, a better aeroplane.

5. The Airbus A380 programme is one of the most fascinating business case studies of the past 20 years in any industry. It was one of the most prestigious and technologically spectacular aviation projects ever undertaken. But ultimately it was a heavy loss maker for Airbus.

A. Read the article again and decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F). (5 marks)

1. The Airbus A380 had to be redesigned so that it could land at some airports. (F)
2. The first flight for Airbus A380 was from Sydney to Singapore. (F)
3. The number of seats in first class, business class and economy class is the same. (F)
4. Travelling on an Airbus A380 is less tiring than travelling on any other plane. (T)
5. The Jet aeroplane uses more fuel than the giant Airbus A380. (T)

B. Match the paragraphs (1 - 5) with the suitable headings. Note that there is an extra heading. (5 marks)

Headings	Paragraph number
Totally green	4
A massive size in the world of flying	1
Pure and quiet surrounding for more comfort	3
Airbus A380 success or failure?	5
The process of landing a big aeroplane	----
Capacity and seating plan	2

Reading 2: (10 Marks)

Read the following article about three teenagers then answer the questions that follow.

A) Aisha Khan, 18, Saratoga, California, USA

I've always been interested in how things work. My parents told me that I used to take things apart when I was young because I was **curious** about what was inside. Telling me how something worked simply wasn't enough — I had to see it for myself. I suppose that natural curiosity was the start of my interest in electronics and put me on the path to becoming an inventor. My latest project is all about portable energy. I'm developing a type of battery that charges super quickly but is small and light enough to be used in handheld devices like smart phones and tablets. People have commented on my success at such a young age, especially when I won prizes and got **funding** for research before I was 18, but as far as I'm concerned, young people are natural innovators-it's our own futures we're improving so what better motivation can there be?

**B) Jamal Roberts, 21, Shoreditch, London, UK**

It all started about 7 years ago when I was 16. I got a phone with a video function for Christmas — it was one of the first models to have video so I wanted to use it all the time. I'd go out virtually every day and just shoot whatever action was happening on the streets. There were groups of rap singers around London at the time so I hooked up with them and filmed them improvising. It wasn't long before I upgraded my phone to a good camera and started taking things a bit more seriously. About the same time the whole boom of putting video online started so I rode that wave, really. I was lucky. A lot of people saw my films and that was the basis of my success. I saw the **opportunity** to make it into a business by getting people to pay to watch and my online channel was born. Sounds easy, right? Well, not quite, there was quite a lot of **determination** and hard work along the way.

**C) Roland Sutter, 16, Basel, Switzerland**

I was born in Basel but I haven't lived there since I was 14 because I started playing with the Zurich Karmmer Orchestra around that age. I still had to complete my school studies so a teacher came with us when we were touring, but most of the time I lived in Zurich. It's not unusual for there to be young violinists in an orchestra so I've never thought it was strange to be working at such a young age. I always hoped I would become a professional violinist so this is the **accomplishment** of a lifelong dream. I suppose I miss being an ordinary teenager sometimes but the orchestra feels like my extended family — they're always joking and making fun of me which makes rehearsals good fun.



A. Read about the three teenagers again and match each person with the correct statement. Write A,B or C in the space provided. Who (5 marks)

1. finds practicing enjoyable?C.....
2. wants to make life betterA.....
3. understands why young people have new ideas? ...A.....
4. left home early?C.....
5. used to spend a lot of time outside ? ...B.....

B. Match the following words from the article with their definitions. Note that there is an extra definition. (5 marks)

Curious	funding	opportunity	determination	accomplishment
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Definitions	Answers
1. Wanting to know or learn about something.	Curious
2. Chance for a person to do something good.	Opportunity
3. Something that shocks people because they think it is wrong.	-----
4. Money given by a government or organization for an activity.	Funding
5. When someone succeed in doing something good.	Accomplishment
6. When someone continues trying to do something, although it is very difficult.	Determination

Writing 1: (10 Marks) **You must answer this question**

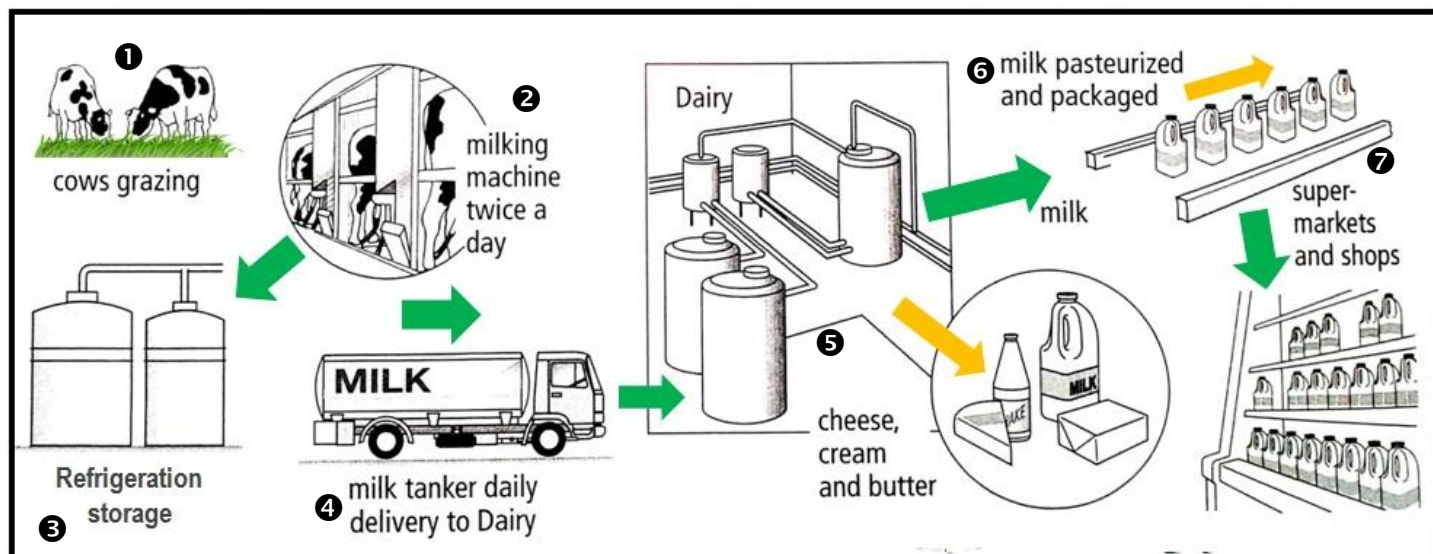
Your friend Alex has invited you to his birthday party. However, you will not be able to go. **Write Alex an email in respond to this situation. (100-120 words)**

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Task focus 2.5	Appropriateness 2.5	Language accuracy 2.5	Organization 2.5	Total 10

Writing 2: (10 Marks) Choose ONE question only.

A.. The pictures below show the process of milk and dairy production. Write an article for your school magazine describing the information shown. (Write about 150-180 words)



OR

B. Bahrain's national day festival takes place every December. Write a report about this festival with recommendations for improving it next year.(180-200 words)

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