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COURSE CODE : Eng301 **TIME** : 2 Hours

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LISTENING 1

Listen to the biography of Alex Morton and decide whether the statements are true or false. Circle T or F.

1) Alex Morton was born in Manchester in 1954. (F)

2) He got his BA at Manchester University. (T)

3) He met his wife Fiona Jones after leaving university. (F)

4) Alex wrote only twenty books. (F)

5) He won the Booker Prize for science Fiction in 1995. (T)

Listening 2

Listen to an emergency phone call and choose the right alternative. Circle a, b, or c.

1. **The man has called because he needs:**

a- the police b- the fire brigade c- the ambulance

2. **The cat Polly has:**

a- died out b- stuck up in a tree c- fell in a pond

3. **Mr Wilkinson lives in:**

a- Park Hill Road b- Park Hall Road c- Park Tall Road

4. **Mr Wilkinson's phone number is:**

a- 020 8585 6543 b- 020 8589 6543 c- 020 8588 6543

5. **The engine will be there in:**

a- a few seconds b- a few minutes c- a few moments

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READING 1: (10 MARKS)

Read the following article then answer the questions below;

Famous men and women

This couple is probably the most famous of their kind in scientific history. French scientists Pierre Curie lived from 1859 to 1906, while Marie Curie lived from 1867 to 1936. They met at the Sorbonne where Marie was a trainee and Pierre was a professor of physics. Together, they discovered the element" Radium", a radioactive metal used today in the treatment of a number of diseases. The Curies and Antoine Becquerel, who discovered the radioactive characteristic of uranium, were awarded the 1903 Nobel Prize for physics. Marie Curie was the first woman to become a physics professor at the Sorbonne and in 1911, she won a second Nobel Prize for chemistry.

Scottish inventor, Alexander Graham Bell, invented one of the most widely used inventions of all times; the telephone. He lived from 1847 to 1922, first in Edinburgh, Scotland, then in Canada, and finally in the United States. He invented the first telephone in 1876, which made it possible for voices to be sent over long distances using electricity. Another similar invention of Bell's was the photophone. This device made it possible for voices or sounds to be sent using light. Bell was especially interested in inventions which assist in the education of deaf-mutes, people who are unable to learn how to speak because they cannot hear.

Thomas Alva Edison is an American inventor who lived from 1847 to 1931 and invented over 1,000 inventions in his lifetime. Two of the most important inventions were "the electric light bulb" and "the phonograph"; the first device to record sound. Edison set up a laboratory in New Jersey in 1876. He made a large amount of money by selling one of his earlier inventions, "the telegraph", which enabled him to continue experimenting and inventing. He also invented an item that continues to be used to this day, "the electric storage battery."

Italian inventor Guglielmo Marconi lived from 1874 to 1937. His most important invention was " a wireless telegraph". After completing his education in Italy, he traveled to England where he explained his discoveries to Sir William Preece, an engineer-in-chief of the post office telegraph system. Later in 1899, he invented a device that made it possible to send wireless messages across the country. In 1901, his device made it possible for the first signals to be sent across the Atlantic Ocean. Marconi was awarded the 1909 Nobel Prize for physics.

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1- Read the article then fill in the table with the correct answer: (5 marks)

inventor	invention	lived from -to
Marie Curie	**Radium/ uranium**	1867 to 1936
Alexander Graham Bell	telephone/ photophone	1847 to 1922
Thomas Alva Edison	electric light bulb the phonograph	**1847 to 1931**
Guglielmo Marconi	**a wireless telegraph**	1874 to 1937

B. Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or False (F) (5 marks)

1 Marie Curie was a professor of physics. (F)

2 Bell was interested in inventions, which help deaf people. (T)

3 Thomas Alva Edison is an Italian inventor. (F)

4 Thomas Alva Edison invented over 1,000 inventions in his lifetime. (T)

5 The first signals to be sent across the Atlantic Ocean was in 1919. (F)

READING 2 : **(10 marks)**

Read the following article and answer the questions that follow:

MOUNT EVEREST

At an elevation of 29,028 feet (8848 meters) above sea level, Mount Everest is the world's tallest mountain. Mount Everest is relatively young, having been formed only 60 million years ago, and it is still growing a few millimeters every year!

Mount Everest is in the mountain **range** called the Himalayas. The summit ridge of Mount Everest separates Nepal and Tibet. Each place has a special name for this **giant** mountain. The Nepalese name is Sagarmatha, which means "goddess of the sky". The Tibetan name is Chomolungma, which means "mother goddess of the universe". In English, Mount Everest is named after Sir George Everest, the first person to record the height and **location** of the mountain.

George Mallory attempted a climb to the **summit** in 1922, who famously gave his reason for wanting to climb Everest as "because it's there." He attempted to reach the summit again in the company of Andrew Irvine in 1924, but on this trip, both climbers disappeared.

The first successful ascent (and descent) of Mount Everest was **accomplished** by Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay on May 1st , 1953. The first ascent by a woman was on May 16th , 1975, by Junko Tabei from Japan.

Between 1921 and 2007, over two thousand people have climbed Mount Everest, some more than once. Since the first ascent in 1953, more than 600 climbers from 20 different countries have reached the summit. However, over two hundred climbers have died **attempting** to climb Mount Everest, most commonly from storms, but also from falls in cracks, cold, or high-altitude sicknesses.

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A. Choose the best answer for each question (5 marks)

1. **How high is Mount Everest?**

   a) 8848 feet
   b) 29,028 meters
   c) 29,028 feet

2. **In what way does Mount Everest change** annually?

   a) It is shrinking a very small amount
   b) It is shifting slightly to the north
   c) It is growing a very small amount taller

3. **Mount Everest is in the mountain range called the ----------**

   a) Rocky Mountains
   b) Himalayas
   c) Alps

4. **Who wanted to climb Mount Everest "because it's there"?**

   a) George Mallory
   b) Edmund Hillary
   c) Junko Tabei

5. **The first team to successfully reach the summit was ----------**

   a) George Mallory and Andrew Irvine
   b) Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay
   c) Tenzing Norgay and Andrew Irvine

B. Match the words to their definitions according to the article:
Note that there is an extra word: (5 Marks)

(range giant summit location **accomplished attempting**)

Words	Definitions
accomplished	having done or achieved
location	a position or site
range	a series of numbers that includes the highest and lowest amount
giant	something unusually large
summit	the highest point or top of a mountain

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Writing 1 : **(10 marks)**

You have a scholarship from The British institute in London to study English language for one year. The institute sent you a letter asking you to **give more details about yourself and your reasons for joining them**. Write a reply (about 200 words) to the director.
Your name is Noor Ali (No need to write addresses)

Task focus	Organization	Language accuracy	Appropriateness	Total

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Writing 2 : (10 Marks)

Choose ONE question only
Write about 250-300 words

A-Nowadays, a lot of rubbish is thrown in the sea causing different problems. Write an article about this issue suggesting some ways to solve it.

OR

B-Last week you had a **terrible** trip with your family. **Write an anecdote, which describes that trip.**

Task focus	Organization	Language accuracy	Appropriateness	Total

END OF EXAM

LISTENING :1

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Alex Morton is a talented writer who led a very interesting life. He was born in 1945 in Manchester, and he was the youngest of six children. From the moment he could read, he was never without a book in his hands. He was a keen reader throughout his schooldays, and he soon showed his talent for writing too. In fact, his teachers gave him extra assignments just to be able to read more of his work.

After he left school he went to Manchester University. By the time he got his BA, he had already published a number of short stories, and his first novel was almost finished. Over the next few years he wrote non-stop and each of his books was more successful than the last. Despite being so busy with his work, Alex still found time for romance. He met Fiona Hones while he was at university and they were married in 1971. They have two children. He has always been a devoted husband and father.

Alex Morton has written over twenty books so far and his name has been on the best seller list more times that he can remember. However, the pinnacle of his career was when he won the Booker Prize for Fiction in 1995. Since then, Alex has continued to write and many of his books have been made into films.

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Listening :2

Listen to an emergency phone call and choose the right alternative. Circle a, b, or c.

Man:	Oh, come on… answer!
Receptionist:	Emergency services. Which service do you require?
Man:	Sorry. What did you say?
Receptionist:	Which service? Fire, police or ambulance?
Man:	Oh, the fire brigade, I think.
Receptionist:	Putting you through now.
FF:	Fire Brigade. How can we be of help?
Man:	Well, I don't know if you can. My cat Polly's stuck up a tree and she just refuses to come down.
FF:	Well, sir. You're in luck. We actually have an engine out on the road at the moment – it's on its way back from another call. What's your name?
Man:	Wilkinson – James Wilkinson.
FF:	And the address?
Man:	13 Park Hill Road.
FF:	Sorry, did you say 'Hall'?
Man:	No. Park Hill Road.
FF:	And the phone number?
Man:	020 8588 6543 – and please hurry. I'm sure she's going to fall off the branch any minute.
FF:	020 8588 6543
Man:	and please hurry. I'm sure she's going to fall off the branch any minute.
FF:	Don't worry. We'll have the engine there with you in a few moments.