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LISTENING COMPREHENSION 1 (5 marks)

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Listen to a radio programme about Florence Nightingale, one of the most famous nurses in history and decide whether the following statements are true or false

1. Florence Nightingale's parents refused to allow her to become a nurse. True / False
2. She completed a three-month nurse-training course in Germany. True / False
3. She worked in British military hospitals in France. True / False
4. At first, female nurses were welcomed in hospitals. True / False
5. Florence retired just after receiving a medal. True / False

LISTENING COMPREHENSION 2 (5 marks)

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Listen to an expert giving a talk about problems with traffic and choose the correct answer from a, b, or c

1. **According to the expert, the transport situation in the world is _____**
   a. promising. b. awful. c. encouraging.

2. **400,000 people die each year because of _____**
   a. road accidents . b. malaria. c. air pollution.

3. **More and more unhealthy youngsters in poor countries will lead to more _____**
   a. economic problems. b. pedestrians. c. better health budgets.

4. **Research shows that poor countries face extra problems with the increase of ____**
   a. cars. b. routes. c. cyclists .

5. **Transport budgets in many South American countries are allocated for better __**
   a. schools. b. life quality for the poor . c. health care.

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READING COMPREHENSION 1 (10 marks)

Read the following article and answer the questions that follow.

Brrrr. Winter is cold in some places. Many plants do not grow during winter. Some plants die. Snow and ice may cover the ground. It can be hard for animals to find food during winter. Animals get through this time in many ways.

Birds and butterflies can fly. Many of them do not **stick** around for the winter. They leave. They go to a place with nice weather. Then they come home in the spring. We call this migration. Migrating is a good way to avoid the cold.

Another good way to **avoid** the cold is to sleep through it. Many animals hide during the winter. Their bodies slow down. They save their energy. They do not eat. They live off of their fat. They do this until food returns. We call this hibernation. Snakes, frogs, and bears hibernate.

Some animals **store** food in their homes. They do not sleep all winter, but they do much less. They live on what they saved in the summer and fall. This is what squirrels, beavers, and raccoons do. Skunks do this too.

Other animals tough it out. They do not leave. They do not hide. They must **survive**. Sometimes nature helps them out. Some animals grow thicker coats in the winter. Other animals change color. The arctic fox is brown in the summer. His coat **turn**s white in the winter, which makes him hard to be spotted when walking on the snow.

Winter may be **pretty**. It is nice to see snow on the trees. But it is dangerous too. People are also at risk. You can get frost bitten or worse. How do you beat the winter? Do you wear a thick coat? Do you stay inside? Or do you live somewhere warm?

A. Circle the correct answer from a, b or c for each of the following questions. (5 marks)

1. Which of these animals migrates during the winter?

a. foxes b. snakes c. butterflies

2. Which of these animals survives winter by eating stored food?

a. bears b. raccoons c. birds

3. Why does the arctic fox's coat change white during winter?

a. His body saves energy by reducing hair color.

b. White absorbs the sun and is warmer.

c. The white coat helps him blend with the snow.

4. Which animal does not hibernate?

a. skunks b. frogs c. snakes

5. What is the main idea of this text?

a. Animals do funny and interesting things.

b. Most flowers do not grow during the wintertime.

c. Animals survive the winter in many ways.

B. Match the underlined words in the article with their corresponding synonyms in the box below (meaning).Note that there is <u>ONE EXTRA WORD</u>. (3 marks)

save	**beautiful**	**live**	**remain**	**observe**	**escape**	**become**

words	synonyms
1. stick	
2. avoid	
3. store	
4. survive	
5. turn	
6. pretty	

C. How can you help the poor people during the cold winter season? (2 marks)

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READING COMPREHENSION 2

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Read the following article about weddings and answer the questions accordingly.

Everybody loves a good wedding and I'm no exception. I've been to many weddings in my native Britain and I must say that I usually have a great time. I've also been to a few abroad and most recently to one in the mountains of Sardinia. Weddings are a reflection of nation's **identity**. No two weddings are ever the same and I really enjoyed the Sardinian wedding because of the differences from those in the UK.

First, the two families spent at least three weeks before the big day preparing all the food like traditional breads and pastas. In the UK, this difficult job is left to the caterers! A week before the Sardinian wedding, there is a dinner or some form of celebration every day. I know that we have the traditional **bachelor** or bachelorette party before any one gets married, but this is more family orientated and less crowded. But in Sardinia it took place in a beautiful **hall** and afterwards the couple was driven to the **reception** in a wonderfully decorated classic car, which was really similar to what happens in the UK.

The reception itself was also very similar until I realized that the seven tables in the hall each sat sixty guests; that's four hundred and twenty; an average number for Sardinia but would be considered a very large wedding in the UK.

Instead there was a **delightful** custom which I'd never seen before, in which six or seven of the male guests go round the hall banging drums, pots, pans or basically anything that makes a **horrendous** noise, selling pieces of the groom's tie which has been cut into tiny bits. The money raised is then given to the happy couple to help them set up their new life together.

A. Decide whether the following statements are true or false. (5 Marks)

1. The writer generally likes weddings. True / False

2. The writer originally comes from Sardinia. True / False

3. Families in the United Kingdom help by cooking food for the wedding. True / False

4. UK wedding receptions are often a lot smaller than Sardinian ones. True / False

5. In Sardinia, money is collected during the reception is given to the groom's friends. True / False

B. Match the words in the box with their definitions. Write the answer in the space provided. Note that there is one extra word. (5 Marks)

identity - bachelor - hall - reception - delightful - horrendous

Definitions	Words
1. a celebration to welcome guests	
2. very enjoyable	
3. a single unmarried man	
4. a very loud shocking noise	
5. Qualities that make people different from each other.	

WRITING 1

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You MUST answer this question

You are a student who has a part time job in a call center. Write an email to reply to your classmates' enquiry about your experience. **(Write between 150 - 200 words)**

Write about the advantages, problems faced, and your advice for those who want to follow your example etc.) Your name is Noor Ahmed.

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WRITING 2 Choose ONE Question ONLY

A/ Most people would probably agree that the small lies parents tell their children in order to protect them or motivate them are harmless (and perhaps even helpful).But others feel that, if parents lie, they are only teaching their children to lie.

Write an essay discussing this statement and highlighting the advantages and disadvantages and expressing your opinion (250 words).

(OR)

B/ Many scientists argue that there is a direct link between fast food and obesity.

Write a report to your school magazine about this topic using the notes below. (Write between 150 - 200 words)

Information sources **World Health Organization**	**Conclusion** - A serious problem, death rate increase. - Fighting obesity is everyone's responsibility
Facts - 2016: more than 1.9 billion adults aged 18 years and older were overweight. - About 41 million children under the age of 5 years were overweight. -main cause: energy imbalance between calories consumed and calories expended. (Foods high in fats), physical inactivity, food culture change etc. -consequences : heart diseases and stroke (leading cause of death in 2012) , some cancers (like breast and liver cancer)	**Recommendations** -Raising social awareness (importance of healthy diet and physical activity) - healthy lifestyle. - food industry : must produce healthy diets (less sugar , fat, salt etc.) - banning marketing unhealthy foods (especially those aimed at children and teenagers.)

(WRITING ___)

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