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Model Answer

COURSE NAME: English Language
COURSE CODE: Eng. 302

TRACK: UNIFIED TRACKS
TIME: 1 ½ Hours

Listening Comprehension 1 (7 ½ marks)

Listen to Mr. Henderson checking into a hotel and choose the correct answer a, b or c.

7 ½

1. How long is Mr. Henderson going to stay?
a. One night **b. Two nights** c. Three nights
2. What is Mr. Henderson's opinion of the sea view?
a. It's unimportant because he will be too busy.
b. It will help him to work better.
c. **He's quite happy to have it**
3. Why doesn't he have to give the key card back when he leaves?
a. **Because it won't work after he leaves anyway.**
b. Because the reception will collect it in the morning.
c. Because he'll need to use the calendar.
4. Which two things does the receptionist tell Mr. Henderson about at the beginning?
a. The fire exit and the reception opening hours.
b. **The fire exit and the restaurant.**
c. The fire exit and how to make phone calls.
5. What should Mr. Henderson do in order to call any room in the same hotel?
a. Dial 9 and the room number
b. Dial the room number directly
c. **Dial 1 and the room number**

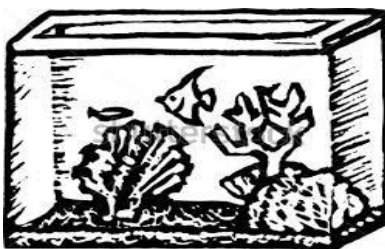


Listening Comprehension 2 (7 ½ marks)

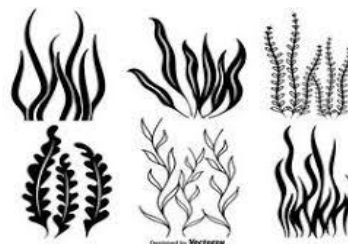
Listen to a speaker talking to a class on a trip to a marine aquarium and decide whether the following statements are true or false.

7 ½

Statements	True	False
a. The speaker is mainly talking about an unusual part of the Atlantic Ocean.	√	
b. The waters in the Sargasso Sea are cold and violent.		√
c. Sailing boats sail faster once they enter the Sargasso Sea		√
d. The seaweed makes sea life impossible in Sargasso Sea		√
e. The rotating water currents prevent the seaweed from leaving the Sargasso Sea.	√	



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Reading Comprehension (15 marks)

Read the following article and answer the questions that follow accordingly.

Reflections on Modern Life: Travel Blogs**15**

1.....Many students for example take a year out to go travelling after leaving school and before starting university. Increasingly, older people are also choosing to take a year away from **their** work or careers in order to spend time travelling to discover new cultures, become more independent and **broaden** their horizons.

2..... One major difference is the rise of technology and the increasing use of online websites or “travel blogs” to **chart** a traveller’s progress around the world. Blogs (a short form of “web logs”) are online diaries that open up the travelling experience to the world. Using both text and pictures, travellers can communicate their adventures to anyone with access to the web simply by stopping off once in a while in an internet café. Such adventurers are no longer solitary people who disappear from society for a year to appear 12 months later as changed and wiser people. They no longer carry a diary to fill with notes and sketches. They are permanently connected to the world.

3.....They claim that there are a number of advantages to using travel blogs. One suggested advantage is that you only need to write once for all your family and friends to be informed of where you are and what you are doing. It is also free. There is a whole range of sites available for you **that** do not require any payment and give you a generous amount of storage space for uploading photos. Finally, it is supposed to be a secure way

to store your information. Once uploaded, your photos are safe. Once saved, the text you have written should be there for good. So, there is no need to carry a heavy diary with you and the risk of **dropping** your valuable information on a bus you will never see again is significantly reduced.

4.....There is a growing feeling that the appearance of such online recording of travelling is actually detracting from the overall experience. There is a strong argument that travelling is essentially a solitary experience. The whole point of a gap year is to distance yourself from your normal life. The aim is to discover new and fascinating things not only about the world but also about yourself. Furthermore, although your friends and relatives can access the information free, it can become a difficult task for them to follow an almost daily, generic diary and access hundreds of photos while being simultaneously **bombarded** with Internet advertising. Finally, although generally secure, using an online storage system is not free from risk. If the website you use ceases to exist or is taken over by another company, you could potentially lose a significant amount of time and effort.

5.....Are online travel blogs killing the benefits of travelling? Are they destroying the **mystery** and the pleasure of escaping for a year to play out the fantasy of adventure? Is it not more exciting to return home full of stories to tell around a fire on a cold, frosty night?

A. Complete each paragraph 1-5 with their corresponding topic sentences.**NOTE: THERE IS ONE EXTRA TOPIC SENTENCE. (5 marks)**

Topic Sentences	Paragraph Numbers
a. There are some people who believe that blogging is an essential part of modern life.	3
b. So, think about the following.	5
c. There are many differences between modern-day travellers and those in the past.	2
d. You need to prove that you are different, to be a successful travel blogger.	X
e. Today, many people in the UK take a gap year to travel around the world.	1
f. However, it seems that blogging has its drawbacks.	4

B. Answer the following questions. (5 marks)1. Why do some people take a gap year to travel around the world? (**Write one reason only**)

To discover new cultures /to become more independent/to broaden their horizon/ to distance themselves from their normal life/ to discover new and fascinating things not only about the world but also about themselves. (ACCEPT ANY)

2. What does the highlighted pronoun “**their**” in paragraph 1 refer to?

Older people (DO NOT ACCEPT PEOPLE)

3. Find and write **ONE detail** from the article that describes travellers in the past.

They used to solitary people/ disappear from society for a year to appear 12 months later as changed and wiser people/they used to carry a diary to fill with notes and sketches /they were disconnected to the world... (ACCEPT ANY)

4. What does the highlighted pronoun “**that**” in paragraph 3 refer to?

(a whole range of) sites

5. Based on your understanding to the article, what is the writer’s opinion about travel blogs?

- The writer is probably neutral and presents both arguments without stating any opinion.
- The writer probably believes that travel blogs are a good thing.
- The writer probably believes that travel blogs are not necessarily a good thing

C. Complete the sentences with these words from the text. NOTE: THERE IS ONE EXTRA word (5 marks)

broaden	chart	solitary	dropping	bombarded	mystery
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- The nurse used a pen and paper to chart all of the patient’s heart rate for the night.
- He bombarded the teacher with questions to which he should have known the answers.
- Purchasing books and visiting the library can certainly broaden the child’s knowledge and reading skills.
- Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. But today is a gift.
- The apple tree leaned to the field dropping its flowers on the grass.

Writing (20 marks)

Choose ONE question ONLY to answer

- A) You find it hard to remember important information and figures.
Improve your memory in 10 weeks with our Memory Course.
Places are limited and the course is available for a short time.**

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You saw the above advertisement for a course designed to help improve your memory.
Write a letter :(around 150 words) to the organizer of the course, Mrs. Jones in which you include the following hints:

- background information about yourself (**YOUR NAME IS NOOR AHMED**)
- reason(s) for applying for this course
- explain your own problem(s)
- enquire about the methods used in the course, fees, dates etc.

DO NOT WRITE ANY ADDRESSES

OR

- B) Being the only child in a family has advantages and disadvantages.**

Write a short essay discussing this topic and expressing your point of view with examples from real life. (200- 250 words)

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Task Focus 5 Marks	Organization 5 Marks	Language Accuracy 5 Marks	Appropriateness 5 Marks	Total 20 Marks

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