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COURSE NAME: English Language

TRACK: UNIFIED & RELIGIOUS/BLIND

COURSE CODE: Eng. 102

TIME: 2 Hours

Listening 1: (5 marks)

Listen to the conversation between Janet and Dave and complete the table with the missing information.

reason for travelling to Brazil	for carnival
flight duration
accommodation
activities of carnival that David enjoyed	a. the parades b.
length of stay
evening activities David did	a. going to restaurants b.

Listening 2: (5 marks)

Listen to some information about Charles Dickens and state whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. Charles Dickens wrote novels. (.....)
2. He wrote only about the lives of rich and famous people. (.....)
3. His father was a manager in an office. (.....)
4. Charles went to prison when he was eleven. (.....)
5. He became a journalist when he was sixteen. (.....)

Reading 1: (10 marks)

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

(1) The Kingdom of Bahrain has many **different** attractions to please tourists and visitors. For history lovers, there is the rich heritage of ancient civilizations, which date back to over 5,000 years. A good place to start with is the Bahrain National **Museum** where you can learn about Bahrain's rich history. In addition, a tourist can go to the Pearl Museum and learn about the history of pearl diving in Bahrain and how hardworking the old Bahraini people were.

(2) Many tourists from the West come to Bahrain in winter to enjoy the fantastic mild **climate**. They enjoy all kinds of water sports such as diving, swimming, sailing and water rafting. They find the beaches of Bahrain the best places to spend winter in owing to the warm nice clean water and the large number of facilities they have.

(3) Forts at Riffa, Arad and, of course, the Bahrain Fort itself are **remarkable** examples of old architecture. Closer to the present, historically speaking, you can visit the restored houses of Muharraq which represent Bahraini style of homes as they were during the last years. They show how clever the Bahraini builders were and how simple and pure life in the past was.

(4) Nature lovers may visit the Al Areen Wildlife Park where they will see flamingos, ostriches, zebras and camels or take a trip to the centre of the Island and gaze in wonder at the Tree of Life which has **survived** for hundreds of years in the middle of the desert.

(5) For modern-style shopping, there are so many big shopping malls all over Bahrain. Some of the biggest malls are, Al A'ali Shopping Complex, Seef Mall, Bahrain Mall, Dana Mall, and Country Mall. These malls have everything shoppers may dream of for a competitive price.

A. Match the following headings with the suitable paragraphs (1-5).

Note that there is one extra heading.

(5 marks)

Paragraphs	Headings
	Winter in Bahrain
	Old buildings in Bahrain
	Well-known stores
	Health care in Bahrain
	History of Bahrain
	Birds and animals

B. Match the following words from the article with their definitions. Note that

there is one extra definition.

(5 marks)

(different – museum – climate – remarkable – survive)

Definitions	Answers
a building in which old and historical objects are stored and exhibited
quick to understand
the weather conditions in general
noticeable; worthy of attention
continue to live or exist in spite of danger
various; more than one

Reading 2: (10 marks)

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

Action Adventures

At Action Adventures, we provide exciting holidays for sixteen- to twenty-one-year olds. Our centre is in the beautiful region of Cornwall in the south-west of England (about 350 km from London).

Cornwall is famous for its dramatic coastline and long, sandy beaches. Our holidays are fun, adventurous and safe, and there is the opportunity to meet other people and make new friends. You can do a wide range of activities including water skiing, surfing, windsurfing, sailing, climbing, and mountain biking. We have courses for all levels from beginner to advanced. So, no previous experience of the activities is necessary.

The accommodation is fairly basic but comfortable. We have a choice of self-catering rooms, caravans or camping. All the rooms have the necessary equipment for making snacks and light meals. If you don't want to cook in the evenings, you can always eat out at one of the many restaurants nearby or come along to our evening barbecue.

If you are tired in the evening you can relax in our TV and recreation room. Alternatively, we have a lively evening social programme with something for everybody seven nights a week. You can watch and listen to live bands, go bowling or take part in our competitions, quizzes and games.

Accommodation, lessons and equipment are all included in the price and there is also free transport. The only thing not included is food.

A. Read the article and find the missing information. (6 marks)

1. name two water sports:

- a.
- b.

2. name two types of accommodation:

- a.
- b.

3. name two evening activities:

- a.
- b.

B. Read the article again and decide whether the following statements are (True) or (False). (4 marks)

- 1. Action Adventure holidays are for children. (.....)
- 2. It offers holidays for people with different levels of experience. (.....)
- 3. The accommodation hasn't got any cooking facilities. (.....)
- 4. The evening activities are only at weekends. (.....)

Writing 1: (10 marks)

