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COURSE NAME: English Language  
COURSE CODE: Eng.301(**Blind**)

TRACK: Unified Tracks  
TIME: 2 Hours

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**Listening 1: (5 Marks)**

**Listen to the report about Mohammed Ali and decide whether the following statements are true ( ✓ ) or false ( X )**

1. Mohammed Ali ran to school every day because he wanted to exercise. (     )
2. Mohammed Ali won all the professional fights he participated in. (     )
3. Some people wanted to stop Mohammed Ali from Boxing because of his views.(     )
4. Mohammed Ali opened a centre in 2005 to encourage respect and understanding. (     )
5. Mohammed Ali was chosen the sports personality of the 20<sup>th</sup> century by the British people. (     )

**Listening 2: (5 Marks)**

**Listen to an interview about Abu Dhabi's green city and circle the correct answer.**

**1. At present, the citizens of the United Arab Emirates:**

- a. don't produce rubbish.
- b. have the largest carbon footprint in the world
- c. don't use large amounts of energy.

**2. The government of Abu Dhabi:**

- a. is the world's biggest energy supplier.
- b. cannot solve the problem.
- c. has started work on building a green city.

**3. The planners of Masdar city will:**

- a. use air transport.
- b. build narrow streets for cars only.
- c. protect the city from local climate.

**4. When construction is finished, Masdar will:**

- a. become home to companies interested in improving the environment.
- b. be controlled by the university.
- c. be home to 50,000 university students.

**5. Supporters of the project think Masdar:**

- a. will become a world leader in education.
- b. is a chance for Abu Dhabi to be a world leader in the field of green cities.
- c. will solve all environmental problems.

**Reading 1 (10 Marks) Read the following article and answer the questions below.**

( 1 ) Bikes are better for the environment than cars. They are better for us too. These days bikes can have up to 21 gears, but hills can still be a bit steep and hard work. How about some help? Would you like to get up hills where you used to get off and walk?

( 2 ) Sir Clive Sinclair, whose products include portable computers, electronic calculators and micro-radios to fit in the ear, has invented something which could be a great help to you. His latest invention is a power kit with a battery and electric motor which you attach to the front of your bike. The control switch is easy to reach. You simply pedal to start moving and then press the switch to apply electric power to your wheel. Cycling is so much easier.

( 3 ) The kit weighs less than five kilos. You can fit it to your bike yourself in half an hour, without the use of any tools. And after you have fitted it for the first time, removing and putting it back on your bike only takes seconds. So when you leave your bike, you can take the kit with you. Another advantage is that you don't need a driving license, so anyone over the age of 14 can use it on the road.

( 4 ) You only use your motor when you feel the need. On flat ground, you can pedal as usual, or choose to use the motor without pedaling and reach speeds of 15 kilometer per hour. You can go downhill as fast as you like and go uphill at 10 kilometer per hour without pushing the pedals at all. And you only have to pedal half as hard as you used to when you go up really steep hills. The power kit is the best thing since the wheel.

**A. Answer the following questions. Short answers only. ( 5 marks)**

1. Who invented the power kit for bicycles?

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2. How long does it take to fit the power kit to your bike for the first time?

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3. What can you do with the power kit when you get off your bike?

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4. Who can use the power kit?

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5. How fast can you go on flat ground with a power kit on your bike?

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**B. State whether the following statements are true ( ✓ ) or false ( X ). (5 marks)**

1. Bikes are friendly to the environment. (    )
2. The power kit has a battery. (    )
3. The weight of the kit is fifty kilos. (    )
4. You need a driving license to have the power kit. (    )
5. The power kit is a fantastic invention. (    )

## **Reading 2 (10 Marks)**

### **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.

A climb to the summit was attempted by George Mallory 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 in 1953. The first ascent by a woman was on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 avalanches, but also from falls in crevasses, cold, or high-altitude **sicknesses**.

**A. Choose the correct answer a, b or c. ( 5 marks)**

- 1. In what way does Mount Everest change annually?**
  - a) It is shrinking a very small amount
  - b) It is getting a little wider
  - c) It is growing a very small amount taller
- 2. Mount Everest is in the mountain range called the:**
  - a) Rocky Mountains
  - b) Andes
  - c) Himalayas
- 3. Who wanted to climb Mount Everest "because it's there"?**
  - a) George Mallory
  - b) Andrew Irvine
  - c) Junko Tabei
- 4. The first team to successfully reach the summit was:**
  - a) George Mallory and Andrew Irvine
  - b) Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay
  - c) George Mallory and Edmund Hillary
- 5. Since 1953, how many people have reached the summit?**
  - a) About 20
  - b) Fewer than 600
  - c) More than 600

**B. Match the following words with the right meanings. Note that there is an extra meaning. ( 5 marks )**

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| ----- | <b>summit</b>    | a. water          |
| ----- | <b>giant</b>     | b. diseases       |
| ----- | <b>location</b>  | c. position/place |
| ----- | <b>attempted</b> | d. very big       |
| ----- | <b>sickness</b>  | e. top            |
|       |                  | f. tried          |

**Writing 1: (10 Marks) You MUST answer this Question. Write about 250 words**

**Writing 2: (10 Marks)      Choose A OR B. Write about 250 words.**

**A.** Memories are sometimes full of beautiful moments which we wish they happen all over again and bad moments which we all wish to forget forever. **Write a personal anecdote describing an incident that you were involved in.**

**OR**

**B.** You have noticed that garbage is increasing in your neighbourhood. **Write a report to your school magazine about this serious environmental problem. Include why you think this problem exists ad suggest ways to solve it**

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