

**Westminster International University in Tashkent
LYCEUM
ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
ENGLISH PAPER
Version 1**

Date: July 2014

Time allowed: 1 hour 15 minutes

Section 1: Use of English (30 marks) [take about 15 mins]

Section 2: Reading (30 marks) [take about 25 mins]

Section 3: Writing (40 marks) [take about 35 mins]

Total: 100 marks

Read all the instructions carefully. Make sure you write all of your answers in this booklet.

No dictionaries. No mobile phones. You may not ask questions. Nothing is to be removed from the exam room.

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Section 1. (30 marks) Choose the correct answer by circling the letter A, B, C or D.

I asked him why he did it but he didn't have (1) ... to say.

- 1 A) anything B) nothing C) anybody D) nobody

The air conditioner will have to be worked on (2) ... the office is in use.

- 2 A) only B) meanwhile C) while D) during

Some of my friends can play (3) ... football very well.

- 3 A) the B) – C) a D) this

Most of my time in Samarkand was spent (4) ... relatives.

- 4 A) to visit B) visiting C) going visiting D) go to visit

Uzbekistan is one of (5) ... cotton exporters in the world.

- 5 A) biggest B) the biggest C) big D) bigger

I know (6) ... people who think they can succeed without hard work.

- 6 A) many B) lots C) much D) very

Mr Brown's lessons got much better after he (7) ... teacher training.

- 7 A) receive B) receiving C) received D) was receiving

She made a mistake and apologised (8) ... for what she had done.

- 8 A) insincere B) sincerest C) sincerely D) sincere

The first bank in America (9) ... in Philadelphia in 1781.

- 9 A) establish B) was established C) was establishing D) established

The patient (10) ... examined by his doctor tomorrow.

- 10 A) was B) will be C) has D) has been

I went to the park to play football (11) ... my cousin.

- 11 A) to B) next C) at D) with

My father (12) ... me out for a meal at a restaurant yesterday

- 12 A) has taken B) is taking C) take D) took

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He wasn't sure which was his favourite food, rice (13) chicken soup.

- 13 A) but B) for C) of D) or

You should seek advice from your parents before (14) ... advice from your friends.

- 14 A) seeking B) seek C) sought D) will seek

Most travel agents advise (15) ... early, in order to avoid disappointment.

- 15 A) buying B) postponing C) booking D) cancelling

Section 2. (30 marks) Read the texts and answer the questions. Choose the correct answer by circling the letter A, B, C or D.

Some questions require you to write a short answer. For these questions, write NO MORE THAN FOUR words.

About ten thousand years ago, around forty per cent of the land surface of Earth was covered by forests. Today, thanks to the power of chain saws and bulldozers, about half of these forests have vanished.

Very few forests remain which are still ecologically intact. It is difficult to measure the extent of the harm that deforestation is causing to our planet because forests are so central to life on Earth and, hence, impact it in so many ways. For example, they stabilise climate, foster and maintain bio-diversity and prevent flooding and soil erosion.

The effects of logging operations on a forest can be devastating. As soon as trees are lost, erosion begins. Next, hunters and miners move in as the land becomes more accessible and then farming takes over as the last trees are cleared away. Once farming establishes itself, there is little hope for reforestation.

16. What is the author's purpose?

- A) To warn readers of a dangerous situation
- B) To release new scientific research
- C) To sell forests to developers
- D) To hold a controversial position

17. Why are the effects of logging difficult to measure?

- A) Forests are so vast.
- B) They appear late.
- C) They are so widespread.
- D) The hope of reforestation remains.

18. What often happens after forests are removed?

- A) They are re-forested and re-cut.
- B) They stabilise the climate, foster biodiversity and stop flooding.
- C) They are cleared by loggers and exploited by others.
- D) They are cut down and die.

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Hi Jane,

I hope you're keeping well.

I'm organising Alison's birthday party and was hoping you could help. As you know, she's going to be 17 next month and I want it to be a big surprise for her. I've already spoken to her family and they've agreed to keep it a secret.

First of all, we need to find a venue. We'll probably be inviting around 100 people, so we'll need quite a big venue. Also, I think a place with a garden would be ideal. Then we need to organise the food. She loves Indian food, so I thought we could find an Indian catering company to cook for us. Last of all, is the entertainment. For this, I thought we could hire a DJ to come and play music. Of course, these are just my ideas and you probably have better suggestions. Can you help with any of this? Let me know.

Take care,

Michelle

19. What is the purpose of this email?

- A) Invite a friend
- B) Inform a friend
- C) Ask for help
- D) Give advice

20. Who doesn't know about the party?

- A) Jane
- B) Alison
- C) Michelle
- D) The family

21. What type of entertainment is being suggested?

- A) Music
- B) A band
- C) Indian food
- D) A party

Hi Charlie,

How are you? I hope you're keeping well.

I'm doing OK. My exams are over and I think I did quite well, actually. I'm still nervous, though. The results come out in a few weeks. The only thing is my health seems to be getting worse. I've got pains in my legs and feel tired all the time. Hopefully, it's nothing serious.

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Anyway, I need you to do me a favour. I have an appointment with my doctor tomorrow afternoon and I want you to pick up my clothes from the dry cleaner's. There should be three pairs of jeans, two white shirts and one black coat. They close at 8pm. Will that be OK? Please let me know asap.

Speak soon.

Ali

22. When will Ali know how well he did in his exams?

Write **NO MORE THAN FOUR** words: _____

23. Where are Ali's clothes?

Write **NO MORE THAN FOUR** words: _____

24. What does he want Charlie to do?

Write **NO MORE THAN FOUR** words: _____

To Do List

July 30

- Check my email
- Cancel doctor's appointment
- Reserve a taxi for tomorrow (6:30am)
- Confirm next week's tutorial with Mrs. Indira
- Phone Jaloliddin (do it 1st thing in the morning)
- Book room at the Imperial Hotel
- Business lunch with Temurbek
- Buy flowers for aunty Zulfizar
- Expect Jamshid to ring up at 10:30am

25. What kind of information is mentioned in this document?

- A) Email instructions
- B) Tasks to be completed
- C) Details of a hotel reservation
- D) Details of a business lunch

26. Who will phone this morning?

- A) Jaloliddin
- B) Temurbek
- C) Mrs. Indira
- D) Jamshid

27. What is planned for today?

- A) A tutorial meeting
- B) A doctor's appointment
- C) A hotel reservation
- D) A business dinner

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The state of Nevada plans to build a nuclear waste disposal site in the Nevada desert. However, the proposal is being challenged from all sides. Economist Alison Spears thinks the site is unnecessary: "With the advances in recycling and new compacting technologies, our other waste sites are not even in full use." Spears argues that existing sites should be developed before new ones are built. Furthermore, environmentalists are asking for all waste sites to be tested for leaks and for other safety tests to be carried out. Developers in the Nevada desert are also resisting the plans for the site. Most builders in the area would prefer to have the land developed for homes.

28. What is the subject of this article?

- A) Opposition to a planned nuclear waste disposal site
- B) Growth in the Nevada desert
- C) Environmental effects of nuclear waste disposal sites
- D) Advances in recycling and compacting technologies

29. What do developers envision for the land?

- A) Nuclear development
- B) Environmental development
- C) Test development
- D) Residential development

30. Why does Alison Spears think this site is unnecessary?

- A) There are already too many waste sites in Nevada.
- B) The existing waste sites are not being used to their capacity.
- C) It will be an economic burden on the State of Nevada.
- D) Now that people recycle, Nevada doesn't need waste sites.

Section 3. Writing Task 1 (20 marks)

Your parents have told you that for your next birthday, they will take you to a café or a restaurant to celebrate the occasion. Write an email to a friend in the United Kingdom. Include the following:

- ask him/her how he/she is getting on
- tell them about this good news
- the kind of food you plan to eat
- the number of people you hope to be able to invite and anything else you plan to do to celebrate your birthday.

Write about 150 words.

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