

JETSET LEVEL SEVEN

WRITING TEST PRACTICE PAPER 01

TIME ALLOWED: 120 MINUTES

Complete the details below in block capitals.

Candidate name																				
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You need:

- this question paper;
- a pencil or a pen.

You may NOT use a dictionary.

Do NOT open this paper until you are told to do so.

Try to answer ALL the questions.

Total marks 60

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read each question carefully.
- Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Part one

Read the following text and fill the numbered gaps with a suitable word. The first one has been done for you.

The General Certificate of Education, the examination system for British teenagers, is about to change. The biggest shake-up of the qualification ¹ _____ it was introduced will make the GCSE structure overwhelmingly modular. ² _____ than assessment being by examination at the end of a two-year course, each unit will be assessed ³ _____ it is completed, with pupils allowed one chance to retake any module they fail. Critics of the new system claim that this will make it almost impossible for teenagers ⁴ _____ to achieve good grades. Pupils in their early teens will be encouraged to start GCSEs ⁵ _____ the usual age of 14: the new modular system will make it simpler ⁶ _____ talented younger pupils to take units. Candidates used to be able to take coursework projects home ⁷ _____ they will no longer be able to do this – instead they will complete “controlled assessment” in the classroom. The new modular system will be introduced in all parts of Britain ⁸ _____ Scotland, which retains its own examination system, ⁹ _____ the next year. GCSEs were ¹⁰ _____ introduced in 1986, and have undergone many changes since then.

(10 marks)

Part two

Fill the gaps with the correct variation of the word in brackets. The first one has been done for you.



Researchers (research) say the sun has ¹¹ _____ (awake) after a period of low activity, which does not bode well for a world ever more ¹² _____ (depend) on satellite navigation. The sun's ¹³ _____ (regular) activity can wreak havoc with the weak sat-nav signals we use.

The last time the sun reached a peak in activity, sat-nav was barely a consumer ¹⁴ _____ (produce), but the sun is on its way to another solar maximum, which could generate large and ¹⁵ _____ (predict) sat-nav errors - so be prepared!

(5 marks)

Part three

Rewrite each sentence so that the meaning is similar. Include the given words.

Example: She doesn't have many enemies.

She **has few enemies.**

16. I think you should've gone to Greece instead.

Why _____.

17. Peter hadn't expected everybody to turn up.

Everybody turned up _____.

18. She walked for two hours and then she discovered the waterfall.

When she discovered the waterfall, _____

19. His hopes for a quiet evening were dashed when his noisy friends arrived.

_____ but his noisy friends arrived.

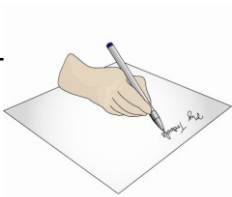
20. Tomorrow is their tenth wedding anniversary.

Tomorrow _____ for ten years

(5 marks)

Part four

**Write a review of your favourite book of all time, explaining why others should read it.
Write about 200 words.**



Lined area for writing the review.

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(10 marks)

Part five

Read the following text and fill the gaps by writing the correct form of the verb from the infinitive supplied. The first one has been done for you.

An extract **found** (find) in the bright yellow curry spice turmeric can help prevent the onset of dementia, scientists ²¹ _____ (show). The chemical – curcumin – has long been thought to have healing powers and is already ²² _____ (test) as a treatment for arthritis and even cancer. But the theory, ²³ _____ (present) at the annual meeting of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, ²⁴ _____ (give) a lukewarm reception by UK experts who ²⁵ _____ (hope) for more conclusive evidence. It is thought that in order to get a clinical dose of curcumin, people would need to eat over 100g of turmeric – that's a lot of curry!

(5 marks)

Part six

Read the following text and write a summary of it in the space provided on the next page. Write no more than 100 words. Use your own words as much as possible.

Rising Sea Levels

There has been much talk of rising sea levels in recent years, tending to focus on the impact this will have on small island states if global warming continues unchecked. But those living on low-lying islands are not the only ones in danger of losing their homes. Millions of people live by the sea and many of our largest cities are on the coast. Over the next 40 years the number of people living in delta-cities is due to increase by as much as 70%, putting even more people at risk.

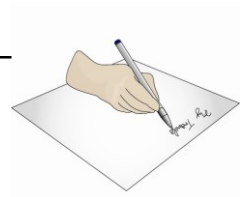
In the twentieth century, the main cause of rising sea levels was the expansion of warming oceans, and this still accounts for much of the observed rise in levels. Another cause is the melting of the world's mountain glaciers and icecaps, which could account for a rise of half a metre. But if the East Antarctic Ice Sheet, a vast reserve containing billions of tonnes of frozen water, were to melt, the global sea level would rise by an estimated 64m.

The weakening of the Gulf Stream and the gravitational effects of proximity to the North Pole, mean that the sea level is rising faster in the north. Sea levels off the Netherlands, for example, have risen by 20cm in the last 100 years, but it is predicted that they will rise by 4m by 2200. Much of Rotterdam, Europe's busiest port, is several metres below sea level and has some of the best flood protection in the world. After a massive storm surge in 1953, which caused widespread flooding, the Dutch constructed an extensive network of dykes and dams which, it is hoped, will afford the country protection.

In Mozambique it is a different story. As one of the world's poorest countries, it is struggling to provide cost-effective measures to mitigate the effects of the rising waters. Its capital, Maputo, which already has to cope with regular floods and cyclones, has been identified as one of the areas most at risk. Although exact figures detailing the rise in sea levels are not available for this area, the effects are already apparent as the land on the coast is washed away year after year.

Mozambique clearly does not have the resources to finance any plan of action to cope with the rise in sea levels and is reliant upon the help of richer countries, like the Netherlands. Africa argues that climate change – including rising sea levels – is a global problem and demands a global response. The World Bank, the United Nations and many other aid agencies have already offered them help but time is of the essence. As the saying goes, 'time and tide wait for nobody'.

Part six continued



(10 marks)

Part seven

Read the following pairs of sentences and think of one word that can be used appropriately in both sentences. Write the word in the box provided. The first one has been done for you.

The plumber had to _____ off the water before he could access the leak.

There is a queue you know. You must wait your _____.

turn

26. I was _____ the impression he'd had a public school education.

He wanted to join them but he was feeling a bit _____ the weather.

27. Gerald was pleased when his colleagues _____ up for him in front of the boss.

We were in the desert for two weeks but I couldn't have _____ it out any longer.

28. I can't quite _____ it out, but it looks like an eagle to me.

You can't possibly tell them the truth; you'll have to _____ something up.

29. I'd be grateful if you'd _____ an eye over this report before I submit it.

The playwright was applauded by the audience and members of the _____.

30. I sometimes _____ into her at the supermarket and we have a chat.

I remember him. Didn't he use to _____ a small hotel in Ledbury?

(5 marks)

Part eight

Choose ONE of the following and write your answer in the space provided.

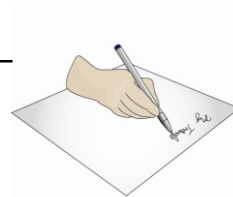
Write about 300 words.

Either

Write a report on facilities for mothers with young children in your local shopping centre, making recommendations for improvement.

Or

“You can’t buy happiness”. Do you agree?



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(10 marks)