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Section W1 (25 marks)

Write a composition of 200-250 words on ONE of the following topics:

- 1. Which life skills do you think should be taught at school?
- 2. Describe a natural place you enjoy visiting.
- 3. Give an account of a disappointing day in a city.
- 4. 'Public transport should be free for everyone to use.' Discuss.

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You are planning a party. You want to make a booking at a restaurant.

In your letter, you should:

- (You do not need to include the addresses in the letter.)

[illegible]

Section W2 (continued)

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You are planning a party. You want to make a booking at a restaurant.

Task 2- Write an informal email of about 50 words to a friend.

In your email, you should:

- invite your friend to join the party
- describe what you are planning to do after eating at the restaurant

From:

Subject:

Message:

C__
A__
T__

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extra space



Windows Into the Future

People have been using wood and products made from wood for thousands of years. It is a sustainable and renewable material found all over the world, from the oak trees of North America to the pine trees of China. Studies have shown, however, that wood from the fast-growing balsa tree can be used for a new purpose: to replace glass or plastic. In 1992, a German scientist initially discovered that this wood could be made *transparent*, meaning you can see through it, rather like glass. Recently, a team led by a professor from Sweden and researchers from the United States conducted further experiments and are now honing the process to make wood completely clear.

In the past, experts made the wood transparent by soaking it in harmful chemicals to remove a structural component called *lignin*. However, this process caused damage to the environment. Now, they modify the *lignin* rather than remove it, which is not only environmentally friendly but affordable. The earlier procedure was too costly to be a commercial possibility. Using the first technique, only thin pieces of wood could be made transparent. With the latest method, wood of any thickness can be used.

Although glass itself is an environmentally-friendly material, heat can still get through it, meaning it isn't very energy efficient. Transparent wood solves that problem as it is five times more effective than glass at trapping heat. Not only that, but it is lighter than glass and just as strong. It is almost as transparent as glass and is 90% as effective at letting light through.

As a much more sustainable alternative to plastic, transparent wood has already had many uses such as storing energy, in electronics and as a material for wrapping goods to protect them during transportation. There is even ambition for its use in optical applications such as lenses for glasses. Scientists have yet to use the material in construction, and while transparent wood could eventually be used to make windows, roofs and walls, there is not yet enough production and the process of making the material would need to be developed on a very large scale. Until this happens, we can only imagine the endless possibilities.

For questions 1-3, please answer in complete sentences. (2 marks each)

1. What kind of wood is suitable for transparent wood?

2. For which two reasons was the early process of making transparent wood changed?

3. What needs to happen to make transparent wood a practical building solution?



For questions 4-8, tick (✓) the box. (1 mark each)

4. Any thickness of wood can be made transparent.
True ☐ False ☐
5. Transparent wood lets through the same amount of light as glass.
True ☐ False ☐
6. Where did the original idea of transparent wood come from?
A a scientist from Germany
B a research team from the United States
C a professor based in Sweden
A ☐ B ☐ C ☐
7. The characteristics of transparent wood mean that it is
A slightly weaker than glass.
B less efficient at keeping heat in than glass.
C not as heavy as glass.
A ☐ B ☐ C ☐
8. Transparent wood has been used
A to construct buildings.
B as packaging material.
C to make lenses for glasses.
A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

Write the words in the box. (½ a mark each)

9. Find the word or phrase in the passage which means the **SAME** as:
improving (paragraph 1)
part (paragraph 2)
10. Find the word or phrase in the passage which means the **OPPOSITE** of:
releasing (paragraph 3)
limited (paragraph 4)



Section R2 (7 marks)

Read the six short news stories below. Choose from the articles (A to F) and complete the answer grid. The articles may be chosen more than once. **One** article should not be chosen at all. One question has been done for you as an example.

Marks
Awarded

- A.** An extremely unusual sea bird has been spotted off the beach at Sandgate. A pair of storm *petrels* were seen by local wildlife photographer, Sallie Birch. These tiny birds are usually only seen in the far north of the country, so it was a surprise to the photographer. Unfortunately, Sallie was unable to capture the moment on camera as it happened so quickly. However, she hopes to see them again so that she can photograph them.
- B.** Ten beach huts on the east coast have been turned into a work of modern sculpture. The wooden huts, unused for many years, were thought to be spoiling the natural landscape. Artist Rhodri Jones received local council approval to enhance their appearance. Now some of the huts are covered in shells, whereas others have been designed to look more natural. Visitors are encouraged to donate money to local good causes.
- C.** The ‘Clean Our Beaches’ group has revealed what the top ten most common plastics found on our beaches are. Plastic bottles and lids were far and away the most common plastic pollution found. Incredibly though, balloons also made it into the top ten. The group strongly urges all beach visitors to take their rubbish home with them - and better still, to not use single-use plastic at all.
- D.** The popular painter, Adella Sanchez, has announced a new exhibition in a small gallery in the seaside town of Margaretport. Known for her stunning landscapes of stony beaches and caves, this will be her first exhibition in over 15 years. Health problems have affected Sanchez’ creative output during this time. Collectors of her work will enjoy this new opportunity to purchase some of her incredible paintings.
- E.** Arnaud D’Amico is the town’s newest business owner. He took over the beach café six months ago and wasted no time in updating the building. The café now has better access and improved lighting. D’Amico, a wheelchair user himself, said it was important for everyone to be able to use the space safely and easily. He hopes that the café will become a significant part of the town’s culture.
- F.** The oldest hotel in the town of Barbrook will be knocked down at the end of the month. The hotel, which faces the main beach, was abandoned earlier this year because of financial difficulties. It is unclear what will be built to replace it, but local residents will be asked for their opinions in a questionnaire. Possibilities so far include a sea-life centre, a restaurant and a recycling centre.

Which article, A, B, C, D, E or F talks about

a call to action?	e.g.	C
a decision to be made?	1	
a missed opportunity?	2	
a return from sickness?	3	
a surprising statistic?	4	
support from an authority?	5	
a rare sight?	6	
a money problem?	7	



Section R3 (10 marks)

Choose the correct answer in each sentence and tick the box.

Marks
Awarded

Example:

If I had a bike, I would ride everywhere.

☐ A will ride ☐ B am riding ☒ C would ride ☐ D have ridden

1. I'll talk to Annie when she _____ into the office.

☐ A came ☐ B will come ☐ C comes ☐ D is coming

2. These clothes should _____ in the top drawer.

☐ A be keeping ☐ B have kept ☐ C to keep ☐ D be kept

3. Amir found it difficult _____ on his schoolwork.

☐ A to focus ☐ B in focusing ☐ C focused ☐ D focus

4. Their manager let them _____ home early yesterday.

☐ A going ☐ B gone ☐ C to go ☐ D go

5. He'd rather I _____ a car instead of a motorbike.

☐ A have bought ☐ B bought ☐ C buy ☐ D to buy

6. Samira isn't used to _____ in the city yet.

☐ A lives ☐ B living ☐ C live ☐ D lived

7. Jon and Matt suddenly turned _____ at my flat last night.

☐ A in ☐ B out ☐ C up ☐ D by

8. Alina _____ a complaint to the restaurant manager about the slow service.

☐ A made ☐ B gave ☐ C put ☐ D did

9. Please check that the lights are off before _____ the house.

☐ A leaves ☐ B leaving ☐ C left ☐ D to leave

10. Where's the cake gone? Someone must _____ it.

☐ A to eat ☐ B been eating ☐ C be eaten ☐ D have eaten

10



Section W3 (10 marks)

Rewrite the sentences to give the same meaning as the original. Rewrite all direct speech as reported speech.

Example:

Perhaps they didn't hear the doorbell ring.

They might not have heard the doorbell ring.

1. I have rarely seen such heavy rain.

Rarely

2. You really should throw away those old magazines.

It's about time

3. She came to the party last night so I saw her.

If

4. The workforce was repairing the road as I drove past.

The road

5. 'Markus, do you want a cup of coffee?' Peter asked.

Peter asked

Marks
Awarded

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Section R4 (10 marks)

Read the following sentences. They make a story. Write *ONE* missing word in each space.

Marks
Awarded

Example:

Have you ever had a strange experience?

1. Harvey and Milo were good friends and they were searching _____ an old house to buy, which they could fix and subsequently sell at a profit.
2. They had found a potential house, which they felt optimistic about but, _____ they arrived to view it, they were immediately disappointed.
3. _____ the fact that the house had an extensive garden and was spacious with three floors, it was clear that nobody had lived there for years.
4. This was obvious because the garden was extremely untidy, _____ really tall trees, long grass and overgrown hedges.
5. The estate agent hadn't told them _____ the previous owners were or how long they had lived there.
6. Going into the house, they noticed an unusual smell coming from the old-fashioned kitchen, which was empty and in _____ of a thorough clean.
7. The smell _____ Milo of peaches and of the jam his mother used to make when he was a child.
8. The next room they looked at was the living room, which had hardly _____ furniture, apart from one old armchair.
9. Unfortunately, they weren't _____ to climb the stairs as there were none there - there was just a hole where the staircase should have been.
10. By this time, the pair were feeling _____ uncomfortable that they decided to leave. As they closed the door, they heard the sound of footsteps coming from upstairs.



Section R5 (10 marks)

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

Example:

He gratefully took the cup and drank the water. (grateful)

1. Barbara is a very _____ teacher. (imagine)
2. Have you filled in that job _____ yet? (apply)
3. I was sitting _____ on the sofa and fell asleep. (comfort)
4. Rahul says that you need a lot of _____ in his job. (patient)
5. The river is often completely _____ during the winter. (freeze)
6. The office is really _____ and he can never find what he needs. (organise)
7. The _____ of the CEO has left the company shocked. (depart)
8. He makes _____ visits to the head office in New York. (year)
9. Boris _____ tried to fix the heating. It's still not working and he's going to call an engineer. (success)
10. Vegetarian food is the _____ of this restaurant. (special)

