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Part 1

LISTENING

Time: 10 minutes (10 points)

Task

For items 1–10 listen to a man talking about a boy called Michael who crossed the Atlantic in a sailing boat and decide whether the statements 1–10 are TRUE according to the text you hear (A), or FALSE (B), or the statement information is NOT MENTIONED in the text (C). You will hear the text twice.

1. Michael Perham, a teenage boy from the south of England, became the only person to sail across the Atlantic alone.
2. Michael started his voyage across the Atlantic when he was seven.
3. The Cheeky Monkey is a 9-metre yacht which was designed for the cross-Atlantic voyage.
4. During his voyage, Michael ate food which had been presented to him by a local supermarket.
5. Burgers and crisps were the things Michael missed most during his voyage.
6. One day during the trip, Michael's father contacted him to say that a part of Michael's boat was broken.
7. Michael didn't play his guitar during the trip.
8. Once he managed to catch a flying fish which had jumped into his boat.
9. Michael contributed a lot of money to the fund Children in Need.
10. Michael and his father would like to do their next trip in bigger and faster boats.

Part 2

READING

Time: 30 minutes (12 points)

You are going to read an extract from a magazine article. Six paragraphs have been removed from the extract. Choose from the paragraphs **A – G** the one which fits each gap (**1 – 6**). There is one extra paragraph which you do not need to use. Mark your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

Scottish Wildcat

On my living-room wall I have a painting of a wildcat by John Holmes of which I am extremely fond. It depicts a snarling, spitting animal, teeth bared and back arched: a taut coiled spring ready to unleash some unknown fury.

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However, the physical differences are tangible. The wildcat is a much larger animal, weighing in some cases up to seven kilos, the same as a typical male fox. The coat pattern is superficially similar to a domestic tabby cat but it is all stripes and no spots. The tail is thicker and blunter, with three to five black rings. The animal has an altogether heavier look.

The Scottish wildcat was originally distinguished as a separate subspecies in 1912, but it is now generally recognised that there is little difference between the Scottish and other European populations. According to an excellent report on the wildcat printed in 1991, the animals originally occurred in a variety of habitats throughout Europe.

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It was during the nineteenth century, with the establishment of many estates used by landowners for hunting, that the wildcat became a nuisance and its rapid decline really began; 198 wildcats were killed in three years in the area of Glengarry, for example. However, things were later to improve for the species.

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The future is by no means secure, though, and recent evidence suggests that the wildcat is particularly vulnerable to local eradication, especially in the remoter parts of northern and western Scotland. This is a cause for real concern, given that the animals in these areas have less contact with domestic cats and are therefore purer.

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Part of the problem stems from the fact that the accepted physical description of the species originates from the selective nature of the examination process by the British Natural History Museum at the start of the century, and this has been used as the type-definition for the animal ever since. Animals that did not conform to that large blunt-tailed 'tabby' description were discarded as not being wildcats. In other words, an artificial collection of specimens was built up, exhibiting the features considered typical of the wildcat.

The current research aims to resolve this potential problem. It is attempting to find out whether there are any physical features which characterise the so-called wild-living cats.

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But what of his lifestyle? Wildcat kittens are usually born in May/June in a secluded den, secreted in a gap amongst boulders. Another favourite location is in the roots of a tree.

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Rabbits are a favourite prey, and some of the best areas to see wildcats are at rabbit warrens close to the forest and moorland edge. Mice, small birds and even insects also form a large part of the diet, and the animal may occasionally take young deer. The wildcat is one of the Scottish Highlands' most exciting animals. Catch a glimpse of one and the memory will linger forever.

! 3A The recruitment of men to the armed forces during the conflict in Europe from 1914 to 1918 meant there was very little persecution, since gamekeepers went off to fight. As the number of gamekeepers decreased, the wildcat began to increase its range, recolonising many of its former haunts. Extinction was narrowly averted.

! {B The wildcat waits for a while in rapt concentration, ears twitching and eyes watching, seeing everything and hearing everything, trying to detect the tell-tale movement of a vole or a mouse. But there is nothing, and in another leap he disappears into the gloom.

4 C The results, which are expected shortly, will be fascinating. But anyone who has seen a wildcat will be in little doubt that there is indeed a unique and distinctive animal living in the Scottish Highlands, whatever his background.

✗ D They probably used deciduous and coniferous woodland for shelter, particularly in winter, and hunted over more open areas such as forest edge, open woodland, thickets and scrub, grassy areas and marsh. The wildcat was probably driven into more mountainous areas by a combination of deforestation and persecution.

6 E As the animals emerge, their curiosity is aroused by every movement and rustle in the vegetation. Later they will accompany their mother on hunting trips, learning quickly, and soon become adept hunters themselves.

X₂ F This is what makes many people think that the wildcat is a species in its own right. Research currently being undertaken by Scottish Natural Heritage is investigating whether the wildcat really is distinct from its home-living cousin, or whether it is nothing more than a wild-living form of the domestic cat.

G It is a typical image most folk have of the beast, but it is very much a false one, for the wildcat is little more than a bigger version of the domestic cat, and probably shows his anger as often.

Part 3

USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 30 minutes (35 points)

Task 1

For questions 1-15, read the text below and decide which word A, B, C or D best fits each space.

STRESS

Stress is important. We all need a certain (0)... of it in order to (1) ... fulfilling lives. However, if we have too much of it, it can have the opposite (2) Some people can tolerate greater (3) ... of stress than others, but most of us will (4) ... at some time our lives. It is (5) ... a good idea to learn a few stress management techniques. Identifying the (6) ... of the problem we have, so that we can (7) ... it more effectively, is one of the first (8) ... towards reducing stress. The second is talking to a person you can trust, who will listen and, if necessary give you (9) ... positive advice. Not only are smoking and drinking (10) ... to our health, they actually increase stress (11) ... than reduce it. So, next time you want to relax, (12) ... of reaching of that glass of wine or a cigarette, have a warm bath or go for a walk. Walking has more than health benefits; it helps you think more (13) ... too. Pets have a calming influence on us, unless they make noise which irritates us. In fact, unwanted noises should be (14) ... as far as possible. On the other hand, laughter is one of the best ways to (15) ... yourself feel considerably better.

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| 0 | A number | B bulk | <u>C amount</u> | D load |
| 1 | A guide | B lead | C carry | D spend |
| 2 | A influence | B solution | C answer | D effect |
| 3 | A levels | B platforms | C grades | D scales |
| 4 | A undergo | B suffer | C tolerate | D torture |
| 5 | A therefore | B so | C however | D nevertheless |
| 6 | A purpose | B occurrence | C cause | D reason |
| 7 | A rather | B solve | C do | D cope |
| 8 | A movements | B methods | C ways | D steps |
| 9 | A something | B any | C none | D some |
| 10 | A negative | B destructive | C harmful | D hurtful |
| 11 | A more | B rather | C as | D quite |
| 12 | A head | B other | C because | D instead |
| 13 | A clearly | B well | C skillfully | D cleanly |
| 14 | A subtracted | B avoided | C limited | D transported |
| 15 | A succeed | B have | C do | D make |

Task 2

Read the text. Some of the lines are correct and some have a word which should not be there. If a line is correct, put a tick (V) in the space provided. If a line has a word which should not be there, write it in the space provided.

Crosswords

0	A crossword is a form of word puzzle which it is thought to	0	it
00	have originated as a children's game in Britain in the	00	V
1	19 th century. "The New York World" began to publishing	1	
2	crosswords in 1913. By the 1923, newspaper crosswords	2	
3	had become a popular trend, spreading across the America	3	
4	and later Britain. As like a feature in daily newspapers,	4	
5	the crossword is now popular in many languages all over the	5	
6	world. A crossword consists with of numbered white squares set	6	
7	in a frame with some black squares that are mostly generally	7	
8	been placed to form a symmetrical pattern. The black	8	
9	squares are there to separate individual words. In addition	9	
10	to being the frame, a set of numbered clues is given.	10	

Task 3

Match the parts of the sentences to make English proverbs.

1	An honest tale speeds best	A ✓	can't be smooth.
2	There's more than one way	B ✓	to overcome yourself.
3	The proof of the pudding	C ✓	my brother's keeper.
4	Real life	D ✓	grow fonder.
5	The squeaky wheel	E ✓	make the most noise.
6	It is no small contest	F ✓	being plainly told.
7	Absence makes the heart	G .	and hang him.
8	I am not	H	is in the eating.
9	Make a dog a bad name	I ✓	gets the grease.
10	Empty vessels	J ✓	to skin a cat.

Part 4

WRITING

Time: 45 minutes (points 14)

Writing

As a part of a class project, all students have been asked to write an essay on the subject of the impact of modern technology and been given the details of the project below. Write your essay according to the instructions. Write your answer in 150-200 words in an appropriate style. You have 45 minutes to do the task.

Living in a technologically advanced society has negative effects on humanity.

In your essay, you should

- make an introduction (state the problem)
- express your personal opinion and give 2–3 reasons for your opinion
- express an opposing opinion and give 1–2 reasons for this opposing opinion
- make a conclusion restating your position

Бланк ответов

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Writing

Most people have their own opinion whether living in a technologically advanced society has negative effects on humanity. I will try to prove my point about this subject. So, in my opinion technology is a very important part of our every day life. We wake up and use technologies to clean, entertain ourselves and even to eat. I will look at the problems from both sides.

I think technologies are never negative. We can get any information from internet, we can prepare food fast thanks to microwave. Some characters in media actually changed my life. I would not be myself if movies and comics did not exist.

I understand why some people think technologies have negative effects on humanity. Some advanced things cause health problems. But I personally think it is so little compare to other everything else technology does to us.

In conclusion, living in a technology advanced society has very little negative effects on humanity.

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