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English ab initio – Standard level – Paper 2 – Reading comprehension
Anglais ab initio – Niveau moyen – Épreuve 2 – Compréhension écrite
Inglés ab initio – Nivel Medio – Prueba 2 – Comprensión de lectura

9 May 2024 / 9 mai 2024 / 9 de mayo de 2024

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Question and answer booklet – Instructions to candidates

- Write your session number in the boxes above.
- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer all questions. Each question is allocated **[1 mark]** unless otherwise stated.
- Answers must be written within the answer boxes provided.
- All answers must be based on the appropriate texts in the accompanying text booklet.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[40 marks]**.

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- Écrivez votre numéro de session dans les cases ci-dessus.
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- Rédigez vos réponses dans les cases prévues à cet effet.
- Toutes les réponses doivent s'appuyer sur les textes correspondants dans le livret de textes.
- Le nombre maximum de points pour cette épreuve d'examen est de **[40 points]**.

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- No abra esta prueba hasta que se lo autoricen.
- Conteste todas las preguntas. Cada pregunta vale **[1 punto]** salvo que se indique lo contrario.
- Escriba sus respuestas en las casillas provistas a tal efecto.
- Todas las respuestas deben basarse en los textos adecuados del cuadernillo de textos correspondiente.
- La puntuación máxima para esta prueba de examen es **[40 puntos]**.



Text A — This year's best inventions

Choose the correct answer (lines 1–6).

1. Inventions on the list must be...

- A. technological.
- B. beautiful.
- C. problem-solving.
- D. eco-friendly.

Answer the following questions (lines 7–23).

2. Where can you use the Air Remote Charger?

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3. Why do Smart Tires never lose their shape?

.....

4. Why do Smart Tires save you money?

.....

5. What is inside the Hero Backpack that helps you when you lose it?

.....

6. What material is used to make the Hero Backpack?

.....



Choose an appropriate heading from the list that completes each gap in the text.

- | | | |
|------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 7. [- 7 -] | <input type="checkbox"/> | A. You can cycle faster |
| 8. [- 8 -] | <input type="checkbox"/> | B. Ride forever |
| 9. [- 9 -] | <input type="checkbox"/> | C. The best charging cable |
| | | D. You will never lose it |
| | | E. The perfect bag for your phone |
| | | F. The first wireless charger |

To whom or to what do the underlined words refer? Answer using words as they appear in the text.

10. This is the first ever device with... (lines 9-10)

.....

11. ...plugging them in. (line 12)

.....

12. They also last forever... (line 17)

.....

13. ...making it an environmentally friendly... (line 23)

.....



Text B — A teen travel blogger on what it's like to travel the world – by Brandon Lewis

14. Choose the **four** true statements (paragraphs **1–2**).

[4]

- A. The writer recently went to a bloggers' event.
- B. The writer was invited to speak about Global Citizenship.
- C. The event wanted people to think about the best way for students to travel.
- D. The event wanted to inspire more students to study in the US.
- E. The event made the writer think about teens and travel.
- F. According to the writer, teens' travel expectations are similar to adults'.
- G. The writer's parents often choose the family's trips.
- H. The writer often enjoys trips chosen by his parents.

Choose the appropriate words from the list that completes each gap in the following text (paragraphs **3–4**).

The writer likes to visit distant places connected with his [- 15 -]. When he is there, he likes most of all to think about important [- 16 -] from the past. However, he says many young people like to stay connected online. This can limit many teenagers' [- 17 -], but a small number like to visit other [- 18 -].

- 15. [- 15 -] A. buildings
- 16. [- 16 -] B. exhibitions
- 17. [- 17 -] C. studies
- 18. [- 18 -] D. events
- E. travels
- F. friendships
- G. hobbies
- H. societies



Find the word or phrase in **paragraph 4** which means the following:

19. travelling to the past

.....

20. remain

.....

21. locations

.....

22. screen

.....

Choose the correct answer.

23. When the writer travels, he...

- A. leaves his phone at home.
- B. wants to keep in contact with people.
- C. avoids places with expensive Wi-Fi.
- D. mainly looks for beautiful beaches.



Text C — Learning to read at 104!

The following statements are either true or false. Tick [✓] the correct option, then justify it using words as they appear in the text. **Both** parts are required for **[1 mark]** (lines 1–12).

24. Kuttiyamma's days were unchanging.

<input type="checkbox"/> True	Justification:
<input type="checkbox"/> False

25. Kuttiyamma receives her newspaper at home.

<input type="checkbox"/> True	Justification:
<input type="checkbox"/> False

26. Kuttiyamma learned to read not very long ago.

<input type="checkbox"/> True	Justification:
<input type="checkbox"/> False

27. Kuttiyamma's neighbours used to help her understand the news.

<input type="checkbox"/> True	Justification:
<input type="checkbox"/> False



Choose the correct answer (lines 13-22).

28. Rehana helped Kuttiyamma by firstly...

- A. finding her a good literacy teacher.
- B. showing her other people's schoolwork.
- C. offering her several books to read.
- D. introducing her to another elderly student.

29. What were Kuttiyamma's difficulties with study?

- A. She did not have time for homework.
- B. She could not see or hear clearly.
- C. She lacked writing materials.
- D. She sometimes disagreed with her teacher.

30. Kuttiyamma wants family members to...

- A. take daily classes.
- B. allow her to cook.
- C. do more housework.
- D. read more books.



Find the words that complete the following sentences. Answer using the words as they appear in lines 23-28.

31. Last month, Kuttியamma scored full marks in mathematics when she did...

.....

32. Kuttியamma is an unusual candidate for the fourth standard examination because it is usually taken by students...

.....

33. Kuttியamma feels confident in her abilities and she plans...

.....

What do the following words mean in the text? Choose the appropriate words from the list.

34. curiosity (line 14)

35. chores (line 21)

36. courage (line 21)

- A. work
- B. business
- C. bravery
- D. concern
- E. interest
- F. care

Choose the correct answer.

37. This article aims to...

- A. describe Kuttியamma's learning experience.
- B. describe Kuttியamma's daily routine.
- C. encourage people to study more.
- D. encourage people to read more.

