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English B – Higher level – Paper 2 – Reading comprehension
Anglais B – Niveau supérieur – Épreuve 2 – Compréhension écrite
Inglés B – Nivel Superior – Prueba 2 – Comprensión de lectura

5 November 2024 / 5 novembre 2024 / 5 de noviembre 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]**.

Livret de questions et réponses – Instructions destinées aux candidats

- 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]**.

Cuadernillo de preguntas y respuestas – Instrucciones para los alumnos

- Escriba su número de convocatoria en las casillas de arriba.
- 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 — Microchips and drones: Kenyan conservationists' high-tech fight against poachers

Choose the correct answer.

1. In Kenya...

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- A. all rhinos have been implanted with microchips.
- B. prosecutors have tracked rhino horn smugglers.
- C. conservationists are encouraged to adopt new technologies.
- D. poachers are not developing their hunting techniques.

2. The role of The World Wildlife Fund is to...

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- A. track the whole rhino population of Kenya.
- B. make a donation of 1.3 million Kenyan shillings.
- C. provide the technology for tracking rhinos.
- D. donate enough money to microchip all rhinos.

3. Choose the **three** true statements.

[3]

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- A. Illegal hunting has been rising dramatically.
- B. Rhino numbers rose by 17 % between 2012 and 2013.
- C. Despite security, poachers are operating in national parks.
- D. Most of the poached rhino horns are sent abroad.
- E. Rhinos die if their horns are removed.
- F. Many poachers kill rhinos after their horns are removed.

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Find the words that complete the following sentences. Answer using the words as they appear in **paragraph 4**.

4. The search for effective medicine explains...

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5. Combatting organized crime will protect tourism and...

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6. One motive of poachers is to...

.....

Choose the appropriate word from the list that completes each gap in the following text.

The article discusses a high-tech project involving drones to [– 7 –] animals at risk. The drones can take photographs from the air, but they can also [– 8 –] elephants away from dangerous areas. Researchers think that the elephants [– 9 –] the sound made by the drones for a swarm of insects, and [– 10 –] whenever they hear the machines arrive.

7. [– 7 –] ☐

8. [– 8 –] ☐

9. [– 9 –] ☐

10. [– 10 –] ☐

- A. flee
- B. feed
- C. mistake
- D. fight
- E. chase
- F. transport
- G. fear
- H. monitor



Text B — Be our guest: Welcome to London’s greenest hotel

Choose the correct answer.

11. What does the text tell us about the hotel building?

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- A.** It is in a rural location.
- B.** It is unlike other local buildings.
- C.** It has been painted green.
- D.** It has office space within it.

Find the word or phrase in **paragraph 1** which means the following:

12. previously

.....

13. abandoned

.....

14. structural

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15. city

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Answer the following questions.

16. Who does the gardener ask for advice?

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17. How does the manager increase the greenery in the hotel?

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18. Who asks the hotel to care for their neglected plants?

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19. What special ingredient could soon be produced on the roof?

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20. Choose the **four** true statements.

[4]

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A. To reduce power consumption, the hotel does not have lifts.

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B. The lights in the hotel only come on when needed.

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C. The hotel has already obtained a B Corp certificate.

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D. Hotel staff learn to adapt to many different roles.

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E. Cleaners must pay for their English tuition.

F. Guest rooms at the hotel are built very quickly.

G. The hotel furniture is created by various local designers.

H. The hotel offers bottled water to its guests.



Choose the correct answer.

21. What does the writer think of this new type of hotel?

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- A.** It should not need to be certified.
- B.** More hotels should follow its example.
- C.** It is very similar to another eco-friendly chain.
- D.** Receptionists should not be serving food.

22. Overall, the writer feels that more hotels should...

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- A.** reduce their carbon footprint.
- B.** use designer furniture.
- C.** offer free drinks at the bar.
- D.** repurpose abandoned buildings.



Text C — An extract from *The heart goes last*, by Margaret Atwood

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]**.

23. Charmaine didn't get on well with older people.

☐ True	Justification:
☐ False	

24. Charmaine was progressing in her job.

☐ True	Justification:
☐ False	

25. Stan said that customers were happy to pay more when greeted with a smile.

☐ True	Justification:
☐ False	

26. The couple bought a property in perfect condition.

☐ True	Justification:
☐ False	

Answer the following questions.

27. When the situation changed suddenly, what was hard to find for ordinary people?

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28. Which part of the country suffered the most from the crisis?

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

29. out (line 23)

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30. belly up (line 24)

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31. high-end (line 25)

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32. picky (line 29)

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A. luxury

B. homeless

C. extinct

D. unreachable

E. unemployed

F. lazy

G. fussy

H. bankrupt

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

33. ...their old folks in there. (line 20)

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34. ...but that didn't happen... (line 22)

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35. Then another... (line 25)

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