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

7 May 2026 / 7 mai 2026 / 7 de mayo de 2026

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Question and answer booklet – Instructions to students

- 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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- 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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- 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 — Geocaching in Virginia’s Blue Ridge

Find the words that complete the following sentences. Answer using the words as they appear in **paragraphs 1–2**.

1. Geocaching is an activity in which participants locate caches by following both...

.....

2. Geocachers will often find caches in locations that they...

.....

3. Geocaching takes place worldwide with caches located in over...

.....

4. Visitors to Roanoke’s downtown district can explore the city’s special...

.....

Answer the following questions (paragraph **3**).

5. Where are the caches on the Trail of the Sasquatch?

.....

6. What can you get if you discover all the caches in the Trail of the Sasquatch?

.....

7. What do you need before you start geocaching on the Trail of the Sasquatch?

.....



8. Choose the **four** true statements (paragraph **4**).

[4]

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A. Geocachers can use public spaces if they respect local rules.

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B. Geocachers must not enter private land without asking for permission.

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C. Geocachers may leave the pathways to collect caches hidden in nature.

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D. Geocachers are encouraged to follow “Cache in Trash out”.

E. Geocachers may change the position of the containers they find.

F. Geocachers must keep it a secret when they find a cache.

G. Geocachers may replace the cache they take with any personal item.

H. Geocachers can remove a trackable item if they take it to another geocache.

Choose the correct answer.

9. What is this text mainly about?

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A. Different types of adventures suitable for families

B. A recently developed online game and its rules

C. An enjoyable activity and how to take part

D. Discovering nature while acting responsibly



Text B — Over £200,000 raised for Spellow Library after the riots

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

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| 10. raised (line 2) | ☐ | A. collected |
| 11. vandalised (line 6) | ☐ | B. disrupted |
| 12. served (line 9) | ☐ | C. damaged |
| 13. rallied (line 11) | ☐ | D. functioned |
| | | E. supported |
| | | F. donated |
| | | G. united |
| | | H. helped |

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

14. ...during the unrest. (line 4)

.....

15. ...pledging their support. (line 14)

.....

16. ...especially with it being a library... (line 19)

.....



Choose the correct answer (lines 21–25).

17. The text states that the sum of money donated was...

☐

- A. disappointing at the beginning.
- B. more than the original target.
- C. given largely by a celebrity.
- D. enough to build a children's library.

18. According to Alexandra, when something important to the community is destroyed, ...

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- A. people organize fundraising events.
- B. people respond in large numbers.
- C. people feel unsure about what to do.
- D. people start to lose trust in one another.



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Find the words that complete the following sentences. Answer using the words as they appear in lines 26–34.

19. A large number of people participated in the fundraising campaign as part of...

.....

20. Spellow Library was mainly designed to help...

.....

21. Spellow Library helps the local people all year round by organizing...

.....

22. Liverpool Libraries and Information Services were grateful to the community because of their...

.....

Choose the correct answer.

23. The main purpose of the text is to...

☐

- A. encourage donations to the appeal.
- B. advertise activities at the library.
- C. report a community news story.
- D. suggest ways to reduce local problems.



Text C — The dos and don'ts of your first semester at university

Find the word or phrase in **paragraphs 1–3** which means the following:

24. frightening

.....

25. essential

.....

26. keen

.....

27. in the future

.....



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]**.

28. You are going to spend many hours at the library.

☐ True	Justification:
☐ False	

29. You should become familiar with the library as soon as possible.

☐ True	Justification:
☐ False	

30. Other students' questions are likely to be different from yours.

☐ True	Justification:
☐ False	

31. Taking care of your finances may make you feel anxious.

☐ True	Justification:
☐ False	



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

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| 32. [– 32 –] | ☐ | A. Don't forget to budget |
| 33. [– 33 –] | ☐ | B. Do explore the library |
| 34. [– 34 –] | ☐ | C. Don't forget to bring your books |
| 35. [– 35 –] | ☐ | D. Do get the answers you need |
| 36. [– 36 –] | ☐ | E. Do prepare a list of questions |
| | | F. Do enjoy your first year |
| | | G. Don't skip lectures |
| | | H. Do play sports with other freshers |
| | | I. Don't spend too much |
| | | J. Do get involved |

Choose the correct answer.

37. The tone of the text is mainly...

- | | |
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| ☐ | A. lighthearted. |
| | B. encouraging. |
| | C. factual. |
| | D. critical. |



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