

PAPER TWO

I. Composition (70 marks)

A. Report

The dream of a better life in another place is not unique and it may take various forms in different parts of the world. You dream of buying a farm and leaving the city. In no less than 15 sentences, **write a report about city life and why you want to buy a farm and live in the countryside.**

These words and phrases can help you:

Life in the city:

noisy – polluted – dangerous - crimes – violence –
drugs – traffic jam – disturbance – insecurity –

Life in the countryside:

quiet – spacious – safe – peaceful – relax –
enjoyment – environment – pure – natural – secure -

B. Dialogue

Space exploration and space tourism are adventures that require billions and billions of dollars.

Your friend argues that there is no harm in sending people into space either to discover new things or to enjoy one's time. But you think that we'd better spend this money on helping the poor and on finding solutions to ecological threats.

Imagine you had a heated discussion with this friend on this issue.

These words and phrases can help you:

Waste of money/dangerous/space missions/ fail /disasters/ need training/problems on earth: lack of water/global warming/financial insecurity/civil wars/ forced migration/diseases / kill millions/starvation/famine ...



II. Reading Comprehension (70 marks)

Read the following passage carefully, then answer the questions below:

A few minutes ago, walking back from lunch, I started to cross the street when I heard the sound of a coin dropping. It wasn't much but, as I turned, my eyes caught the heads of several other people turning too. A woman had dropped what appeared to be a dime.

The tinkling sound of a coin dropping on pavement is an attention-getter. It can be nothing more than a penny. Whatever the coin is, no one ignores the sound of it. It got me thinking about sounds again.

We are besieged by so many sounds that attract the most attention. People in New York City seldom turn to look when a fire engine, a police car or an ambulance comes screaming along the street. When I'm in New York, I'm a New Yorker. I don't turn either. Like the natives. I hardly hear a siren there. At home in my little town in Connecticut, it's different. The distant wail of a police car, an emergency vehicle or a fire siren brings me to my feet if I'm seated and brings me to the window if I'm in bed.

It's the quietest sounds that have most effect on us, not the loudest. In the middle of the night, I can hear a dripping tap a hundred yards away through three closed doors. I've been hearing little creaking noises and sounds which my imagination turns into footsteps in the middle of the night for twenty-five years in our house. How come I never hear those sounds in the daytime?

I'm quite clear in my mind what the good sounds are and what the bad sounds are. I've turned against whistling, for instance. I used to think of it as the mark of a happy worker but lately I've been associating the whistler with a nervous person making compulsive noises. The tapping, tapping, tapping of my typewriter as the keys hit the paper is a lovely sound to me. I often like the sound of what I write better than the looks of it.

A. From a, b, c and d choose the right answer: (4x5=20)

1. A good title for this passage would be:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The writer's disapproval of sounds c. Life in New York 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> b. People's reaction to sounds d. The writer's description of his home town
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2. According to the passage, New Yorkers:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. pay attention to all sounds c. jump out of bed at the smallest sound 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> b. turn to look at fire engines d. rarely care about sounds
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3. Quieter sounds are a source of ----- for the writer.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. disturbance c. enjoyment 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> b. imagination d. nervousness
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III. Summary Making (20 marks)

A Dutch tourist has finally returned home after five months stranded in a Brazilian airport. Sheridan Gregorio was stuck at Fortaleza airport after he spent all his money on holiday. He had a return ticket to get home but did not realize that he also had to pay airport tax. After missing his flight, he was told he had also lost his ticket because it was non-refundable. With no money, Mr. Gregorio resorted to sleeping in the airport and cleaning restaurants in exchange for food and some money.

After he saved enough for the airport tax, Brazilian police negotiated with the airline to let him use his old ticket to go home.

Mr. Gregorio told Jornal da Globo: "The Brazilian people were really nice to me; they treated me well."

In four (4) sentences of your own, describe how Gregorio got stuck at the airport and how he managed to get back home (4x5=20)
