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Model A Paper 2

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.

You 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 ...





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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 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:
 - a. The writer's disapproval of sounds
 - c. Life in New York
- 2. According to the passage, New Yorkers:
 - a. pay attention to all sounds
 - c. jump out of bed at the smallest sound

- b. People's reaction to sounds
- d. The writer's description of his home town
- b. turn to look at fire engines
- d. rarely care about sounds
- 3. Quieter sounds are a source of ----- for the writer.
 - a. disturbance
 - c. enjoyment

- b. imagination
- d. nervousness





Fourth Period Grade Twelve Model A Paper 2 4. In New York, the writer thinks that the louder the sounds are, the -----a. more attention they get from us. b. less attention they get. d. more effect they produce on people. c. less effect they have on people. **B.** Are the following statements TRUE ($\sqrt{ }$) or FALSE(x): (4x5= 20) 5. Very few people cared about the sound that the coin had made on pavement. 6. The people who turned at the sound of the coin were New Yorkers. 7. The writer changes his behaviour when he's in his home town. 8. The story of the lady who had dropped the coin took place a long time ago. C. Answer the following questions: (3x5=15)9. What shows that the writer does not own a computer? 10. The writer has changed his opinion about whistling. How? 11. How long has the writer been hearing sounds at night in his house? D. Complete the following sentences with the information from the text: (3x5 = 15)12. In the first paragraph, the writer joined the other people in ------13. While the writer was walking back from lunch, ------

14. The writer has the ability to hear ----- at night.





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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."

<u>In four (4) sentences of</u>	f your own, desci	<u>ribe how Gregoria</u>	<u>o got stuck a</u>	<u>t the airport</u>	and how he
managed to get back he	ome $(4x5=20)$				
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IV. Translation (40 marks)

A. Translate the following passage into good Arabic (30 marks)

What pushes some people to be engaged in almost impossible or unbelievable competitions such as eating the longest sandwich, staying under water or being locked inside a box with scorpions and snakes!!

One would ask: are these people crazy? Why do they do it?

Evidence has shown that some everything and to satisfy their			• •	
Guinness encyclopaedia is full	of examples of	such adventurers		
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B. Translate the following sentences into good English (10 marks)

- 1. تعمل المحطات الفضائية على إجراء تجارب علمية مختلفة.
- 2. لقد ساهمت الأقمار الاصطناعية على تقريب المسافة بين الشعوب.

Good luck

انتهت الأسئلة مع تمنياتنا بالنجاح والتوفيق