

## Reading and Use of English (1 hour 30 minutes)

### PART 1

For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Example:

0 A interfering      B upsetting      C damaging      D intruding

0	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>
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## Taking photographs ruins the memory, research finds

Our obsession with recording every detail of our happiest moments could be 0 \_\_\_\_\_ our ability to remember them, according to new research.

Dr Linda Henkel, from Fairfield University, Connecticut, described this as the ‘photo-taking impairment effect’. She said, ‘People often whip out their cameras almost mindlessly to 1 \_\_\_\_\_ a moment, to the point that they are missing what is happening 2 \_\_\_\_\_ in front of them. When people rely on technology to remember for them – 3 \_\_\_\_\_ on the

camera to record the event and thus not needing to 4 \_\_\_\_\_ to it fully themselves – it can have a negative 5 \_\_\_\_\_ on how well they remember their experiences.’

In Dr Henkel’s experiment, a group of university students were 6 \_\_\_\_\_ on a tour of a museum and asked to either photograph or try to remember objects on display. The next day each student’s memory was tested. The results showed that people were less 7 \_\_\_\_\_ in recognizing the objects they had photographed 8 \_\_\_\_\_ with those they had only looked at.

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|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 1 A seize    | B grasp    | C capture  | D snatch     |
| 2 A quite    | B right    | C merely   | D barely     |
| 3 A counting | B settling | C assuming | D swearing   |
| 4 A engage   | B apply    | C attend   | D dedicate   |
| 5 A result   | B aspect   | C extent   | D impact     |
| 6 A steered  | B run      | C led      | D conveyed   |
| 7 A accurate | B faithful | C exact    | D factual    |
| 8 A measured | B compared | C matched  | D confronted |

## Writing (1 hour 30 minutes)

### PART 1

You **must** answer this question. Write your answer in **220–260** words in an appropriate style.

- 1 Your class has attended a panel discussion on the subject of TV shows that feature members of the public, such as reality TV shows and talent competitions. You have made the notes below.

#### Aspects of reality and talent TV shows

- entertainment for viewers
- influence on young people
- effect on participants

Some opinions expressed in the discussion:

'These programmes are just harmless entertainment and there is nothing wrong with them.'

'The influence these programmes can have on young people can be very bad indeed.'

'People who take part in these programmes can be damaged by the experience.'

Write an **essay** for your tutor discussing **two** of the aspects in your notes. You should **explain which aspect you think is the most important** regarding these TV shows and **provide reasons** to support your opinion.

You may, if you wish, make use of the opinions expressed in the discussion, but you should use your own words as far as possible.

# Listening (40 minutes)

## PART 1

You will hear three different extracts. For questions 1–6, choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to what you hear. There are two questions for each extract.

### Extract One

You hear two people talking about public speaking.

1 Both speakers refer to a feeling of

- A over-confidence.
- B embarrassment.
- C achievement.

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2 The two speakers agree that a big problem with speaking in public is

- A losing the audience's attention during a speech.
- B choosing the wrong content for a speech.
- C feeling nervous at the thought of giving a speech.

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### Extract Two

You hear part of a radio programme about the London Underground.

3 The poster campaign came at a time when

- A various aspects of life in London were changing.
- B many people were reluctant to travel on the Underground.
- C the use of posters for advertising was increasing.

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4 What does Zoe say about the content of the posters?

- A It only appealed to a certain type of person.
- B It contrasted with real life for many people.
- C It influenced the lifestyles of some people.

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### Extract Three

You hear two people discussing the news media.

5 What opinion does the man express about the news media?

- A It doesn't deserve its reputation.
- B It has become more influential.
- C Its standards have risen.

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6 The woman mentions medical stories

- A to explain her attitude to the news media.
- B to illustrate the importance of the news media.
- C to describe why people dislike the news media.

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# Speaking (15 minutes)

## PART 1 (2 minutes)

- Where do you come from?
- What's your job / What are you studying?
- How long have you been learning English?
- What do you like most and least about your job / course? ..... (Why?)
- How does a typical day for you start?
- Would you say that you have an exciting social life? ..... (Why? / Why not?)
- What kind of books do you like most? ..... (Why?)
- Do you try to keep fit? If so, how? If not, why not?
- Describe the people that you work / study with.
- What hobby / hobbies do you have?
- What are your aims and ambitions for the future?
- What kind of things cause you stress?

## PART 2 (4 minutes)

- 1 Characters on TV
- 2 Things that annoy people

**Candidate A** Look at the three photographs 1A, 1B and 1C on page 25 They show scenes from different TV series.  
Compare two of the photographs and say what each series might be about, and what the characters might be like.  
*Candidate A talks on his / her own for 1 minute.*

**Candidate B** Which of the series would you prefer to watch, and why?  
*Candidate B talks on his / her own for about 30 seconds.*

**Candidate B** Look at the three photographs 2A, 2B and 2C on page 25. They show things that often annoy people.  
Compare two of the photographs and say why people find these things annoying, and what can be done about them.  
*Candidate B talks on his / her own for 1 minute.*

**Candidate A** Which of these things annoys you the most, and why?  
*Candidate A talks on his / her own for about 30 seconds.*