

Exam Preparation Tasks

Task 2 (10 points)

Read the text and decide whether each statement (1-10) is true (T), false (F) or not mentioned (NM), according to the text. Tick (✓) the appropriate box. An example (0) has been given.

SAVED BY CHANCE

The story of saving the Pere David's deer shows us how easily something beautiful can be destroyed by people forever.

Big herds of *milu* – as it is known in China – once lived there, but by the 1860s there were none of them living in the wild. The last population of *milu* lived in the Emperor of China's Imperial Hunting Park. The park was surrounded by large walls and was well protected by the Emperor's guards.

A French missionary, Pere (*Father* in French) Armand David combined diplomatic service with research work. Once he heard about the mysterious deer kept in the Imperial Hunting Park. However, there was one problem: the *milu* were so carefully protected that no one was even allowed to look into it. The punishment was death. But Father David had to see the deer. He gave money to the guards to let him see the animals. What could that possibly hurt? The guards agreed, but he could only look once.

The animals had a long tail and weird-branching horns unlike any other. Father David realised at once that it was an animal new to Western science. Father David managed to buy the skin of the unusual deer and send it to his country. The researchers confirmed that this really was a new, unknown type of deer. In honour of their discoverer the *milu* were named the Pere David's deer.

The discovery of the unknown animal led to a fashion craze among European countries. After various diplomatic efforts two deer were sent to Europe. In 1869 the Emperor of China even presented some deer to France, Germany and Great Britain.

In the meantime in China, the Imperial Hunting Park proved to be not such a safe place after all. First, there was a great flood of the Hwang Ho River. The water stormed through the Emperor's park, drowning some deer and freeing others. As the flood brought hunger, the deer were quickly eaten by starving people. Then, during the Boxer Rebellion, hungry soldiers killed and ate every last deer. It was the end of the Pere David's deer in China.

Fortunately, there were still deer in Europe. The last sixteen deer were relocated to the Duke of Bedford's deer park in England. By 1932 the Duke already had 182 animals in his park. The Pere David's deer survived World War I, but when World War II started, the Duke decided not to keep all his deer in one place and sent many of them to zoos in other locations.

Today, the Pere David's deer is found widely in deer parks, hunting ranches and zoos. In the 1950s a group of deer was sent to their historical homeland - China. The best zoos of the world breed and study these precious animals. Biologists confirm that the Pere David's deer will not completely disappear from our planet. It forms a stable, ever-growing population. These magnificent animals, saved by people, are still sharing the planet with us.

Write a **X** in the T/F/NM cells.

Statements	T	F	NM
0. In the past, there were many wild milu in China.	√		
1. By the 1860s the Emperor of China was the only owner of the milu.			
2. Father Armand David worked in China as a biologist.			
3. Any person who once saw the milu in the Imperial Hunting Park had to be killed.			
4. When Father David first saw the milu, he understood that it was an unknown kind of the deer.			
5. The French government asked Father David to get the skin of the deer.			
6. The new animals were named in honour of Saint David.			
7. All European monarchs wished to get live Pere David's deer for their gardens.			
8. Some deer ran away when the Hwang Ho River flooded the Imperial Hunting Park.			
9. During World War II the Duke of Bedford sent all deer to other zoos.			
10. Scientists are certain that the Pere David's deer will not die out.			

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Listen to the recording and complete the sentences with one or two words.

A NEW MATERIAL

1. A group of engineers have made a new material to keep the buildings _____.
2. The engineers are all from the university in _____.
3. The new material can do its job even in bright _____.
4. The material works without any _____ or _____ to cool the objects.
5. The new material may replace _____ because it is cheaper.
6. The material is about as _____ as cooking foil.
7. The new material makes the things stay cool because it _____ the Sun's rays.
8. It also takes away _____ from the things that it covers.
9. The team of engineers are going to explore how the material could be used in _____, aerospace, agriculture and more.
10. If the material is placed on _____, it will be able to cool the whole house.

USE of ENGLISH

Task 2 (10 points)

Fill each of the numbered gaps in the following passage. Use only one word in each gap. The task begins with an example (0).

SKYDIVE OVER IGUASSU FALLS

Two years ago I (0) spent three months travelling round South America. We visited so (1) _____ places and it was a great experience. One of the most amazing things we saw was Iguassu Falls. The day after we visited the waterfalls we (2) _____ relaxing in a hotel in Brazil. My friend then suddenly noticed an advert on the wall saying 'Skydive over Iguassu Falls today!' We looked at each other and decided it (3) _____ time to do something crazy. Today would (4) _____ the day that we would jump out of a plane.

That afternoon we (5) _____ picked up and taken to the Skydive Centre. We put on our equipment and we were (6) _____ some instructions. After signing a few papers, we were (7) _____ our way to the plane! There were 14 of us in a very small space as we took off into the air. This is when my heart started to beat very fast.

Suddenly we were 10,000 feet (3,000 metres) above the ground. Luckily, I was strapped to an instructor so I didn't (8) _____ to worry about anything. He asked me if I was ready to fall from the plane, but (9) _____ I had time to answer, I felt the wind rushing against my face as we fell to the ground (10) _____ 200 km an hour! Everything below me looked so small and my breath was literally taken away.