Manhattan - School of Languages
2nd YEAR - ADULTS - FINAL EXAM – October 2023

Time allowed: 2 hr

Name: _____ Surname: _____

SECTION A: Reading Comprehension

Maesmawr Hall: A Haunted House in Wales

Maesmawr Hall is a manor house in Powys, Wales. It was built in 1535 and today is a 20-bedroom, hotel and venue for weddings. It is famous because people say it is haunted.

Many guests say that they have seen ghosts. A businessman who stayed at the hotel said that when he looked out of the window he saw hundreds of Roman soldiers marching. In fact, in Roman timesthere was a road which passed through the grounds of Maesmawr Hall. Other guests said they saw the ghosts of Davies sisters who owned the hotel in the 1900s, and the ghost of an old housekeeper walking through a wall in the hall. But perhaps most frightening is the story that the ghost of an evil man called Robin Drwg haunts the woods around the hotel. Some people say that they have seen this ghost suddenly change into the shape of a bull.

Maesmawr was on a TV programme about houses with ghosts called *Most Haunted* The TV show presenters and investigators from the Mid Wales Paranormal (MWP) reported lots of strange activity in the hall - seeing balls of light, feeling movements, and hearing unusual sounds. During the investigation, the floor in one of the upstairs rooms moved. The hotel's current owner, Nigel Humphryson, says he often hears voices and banging noises that he cannot explain.

So if you're interested in ghosts, why not stay here? But don't go outside at night unless you're feeling really brave!

- **Read the text. Mark the following sentences T (true) or F (false). Correct them if they are false.**

1. Maesmwr Hall is more than 500 years old. ☐
   _____
2. People have seen ghosts inside and outside the hotel. ☐
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3. The ghosts are all of people who lived in the house in the past. ☐
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4. Robin Drwg 's ghost sometimes appears as a bull. ☐
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5. Paranormal investigators didn't think that Maesmwr Hall was haunted. ☐
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SECTION B: Use of English

1. **We are investigating a murder in a haunted house. Can you help us by completing the dialogue using the past simple of the verbs in brackets?**

A: Where _____ (be) you last night at 8.00?
B: I _____ (be) at home, Inspector. With my wife. We _____ (be) at home all evening.
A: What _____you _____ (do)?
B: We _____ (watch) TV and then we _____ (have) a light dinner. We _____ (not be) hungry. After that, we _____ (go) to bed.
A: What time _____ you _____ (go) to bed?
B: About 10 o'clock.
A: _____ you _____ (hear) a noise during the night?
B: No, I _____ (not hear) anything.

2. **These two ghosts are planning a dinner party. Complete the dialogue between them with a, an, some, or any.**

A: What do we need to buy for our dinner party? Let 's make a list.
B: Well, I want to make _____ lasagne, so we need _____ pasta and _____ meat.
A: Pasta… and meat. What about tomatoes? Are there _____ tomatoes in the fridge?
B: Let's have a look. There's _____ onion, but there aren't _____ tomatoes. Put those on the list, too.
A: Right… tomatoes. Is there _____ cheese?
B: Yes, there's _____ mozzarella cheese, so that's perfect.
A: Let's have _____ salad with the lasagne.
B: Ok. Then we need to buy _____ lettuce.
A: What about dessert? Is there _____ fruit?
B: No, there isn't. Let's get _____ strawberries.

3. **Can you write +, - , or ? sentences about this old haunted house? You have to use *there was/were + a/an, some* or *any*.**

1. + table / the kitchen _____
2. ? fireplace / the living room _____?
3. - plants / your flat _____
4. ? people / the hall _____?
5. + pictures / your bedroom _____
6. - TV / the kitchen _____
7. + computer / the study _____

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8. - chairs / dining room _____

9. ? mirror / the bathroom _____?

4. This ghost forgot how to use *how much…?* and *how many…?* Help him by completing the questions. Then by completing the full answers.

A: ***How much*** salt do you have with your meals?
B: Not much.
He ***doesn't have much salt with his meals***.

1. A: _____ _____ sugar do you put in your tea?
   B: **A lot.**
   He _____

2. A: _____ _____ biscuits do you eat?
   B: **Not many.**
   She _____

3. A: _____ _____ sweets do you buy?
   B: **Quite a lot.**
   He _____

4. A: _____ _____ exercise do you do?
   B: **Not much.**
   He _____

5. A: _____ _____ cups of coffee do you drink?
   B: **None.**
   She _____

5. Write sentences using the opposite adjective so you can get out of the haunted house!

1. A bike is slower than a car.
   A car _____

2. Lions are smaller than tigers.
   Tigers _____

3. January is longer than February.
   February _____

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4. A laptop is more expensive than an iPod.
   An iPod _____

5. Fridays are better than Mondays.
   Mondays _____

6. A cooker is hotter than a fridge.
   A fridge _____

7. Italian is easier than Russian.
   Russian _____

SECTION C: Listening 4.2

- **Listen to the story. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).**

1. Somebody killed Jeremy between 12.00 a.m. and 2.00. ☐
2. The inspector questioned Amanda in the living room. ☐
3. Jeremy went to bed before Amanda. ☐
4. Amanda and Jeremy slept in the same room. ☐
5. Somebody opened and closed Amanda's door. ☐
6. Amanda got up at 7.00. ☐
7. Amanda didn't love Jeremy. ☐

SECTION D: Writing

- Choose one option and write about 120 words.

1. Write a description of your house or flat. Indicate where it is, give details about some of the rooms and tell how far it is from the city center.

2. Write an email to a friend that lives in New York. Tell him/her about your life, your hobbies, your family and your town. Ask him/her to come visit you.

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