Reading and Use of English (1 hour 15 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 seriously B extremely C absolutely D intensely

Multitasking children

The trend for children to multitask by juggling all sorts of electronic gadgets at the same time is 0. _____ damaging their levels of concentration, scientists have warned. They found that children 1. _____ homework while sending messages via the Internet can 2. _____ up spending 50% longer than if they had done each task 3. _____.

David E Meyer, Professor of Cognitive Psychology at the University of Michigan, said that true multitasking is 4. _____ possible for simple activities such as ironing and listening to the radio. He ran experiments demonstrating that young adults who had to 5. _____ from one maths problem to another wasted significant amounts of time. Meyer said: 'For situations 6. _____ more complex tasks, especially those requiring language, the total time taken to get all the tasks done will increase 7. _____. Over long periods, this kind of multitasking can stress you out and 8. _____ to mental and physical exhaustion.'

1 A engaging	B tackling	C attending	D undergoing
2 A turn	B come	C use	D end
3 A separately	B distinctly	C apart	D aside
4 A merely	B purely	C only	D simply
5 A alter	B switch	C interrupt	D exchange
6 A consisting	B containing	C involving	D meaning
7 A largely	B greatly	C widely	D highly
8 A result	B proceed	C lead	D bring

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PART 2

For questions 9-16, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.

The London Marathon

The London Marathon race is a long-running story. 0. ___IT____ was first held in 1981, 9. _____ when more than half a million marathon runners of various shapes, sizes and abilities have completed the challenge of running the full 42 km of the course.
The London Marathon was the brainchild of Chris Brasher. The former Olympic champion brought the idea home to London 10. _____ completing the New York Marathon in 1979. 'Could London stage 11. _____ an event?' wondered Brasher, answering his 12. _____ question by organizing the first London Marathon on March 29 1981, 13. _____ 6,255 runners completed the course.

The event has captured the public imagination and there are always 14. _____ many people wanting to take part. Last year 15. _____ amazing 98,500 people applied to run in it, although only 46,500 16. _____ be accepted.

For those who do take part, the day is about fun, achievement and raising money for charity - with varying degrees of pain!

PART 3

For questions 17-24, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.

Example:

0 NATIONAL

MOBILE LIBRARY'S A WINNER	
The city's new mobile library has won an award at a 0. _____ meeting of mobile library providers. The award is for the 17. _____ design of this new vehicle.	NATION STAND
The new library went into 18. _____ in April and has been very well received by the public. Both visits and loans of books have increased 19. _____ since the new vehicle began operating. Comments have included 'It's such a friendly-looking library', 'I couldn't wait to look inside!' and 'Thanks for all the 20. _____ new books.	SERVE CONSIDER WONDER
The mobile library is an air-conditioned, state-of-the-art vehicle, which is fully networked for using information technology. The air suspension system allows the vehicle to be 21. _____ for easy access and ensures	LOW
22. _____ when parked. The internal layout was designed with major input from the library staff, who insisted that the décor was bright and 23. _____. The library carries up to 3,000 books, CDs and DVDs for all ages and 24. _____, and much of the stock is brand new.	STABLE COLOUR INTERESTED

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PART 4

For questions 25-30, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. Here is an example (0).

Example:

O Making new friends was easy for her. **DIFFICULT**

She didn't ____*FIND*___*IT*___*DIFFICULT*___*TO*__*MAKE*_____new friends.

The gap can be filled with the words 'find it difficult to make', so you write:

25 Despite winning the race, he wasn't very pleased. EVEN

He wasn't very pleased, _____ the race.

26. His first novel was better than this one. GOOD

This novel is not _____one he wrote.

27 I'm sorry, could you wait for a moment, please? MIND

I'm sorry, _____ for a moment, please?

28 We're so late now that we definitely won't get to the party on time. CHANCE

We're so late that we have _____ to the party on time.

29 The food she eats affects her health badly. EFFECT

The food she eats _____ her health.

30 The only thing I did at the weekend was housework. APART

I did _____ housework at the weekend.

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