

Use of English **PART 2**

- A. For questions 13—27, 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). In the exam you write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on a separate answer sheet.

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Kangaroos										
The kangaroo is (0) of Australia's most iconic animals. Kangaroos of different types live in all areas of Australia, (13) cold-climate areas and desert plains to tropical rainforests and beaches. Kangaroos are herbivorous, eating a range of plants and, (14) some cases, fungi. Different kangaroo species inhabit different habitats. Some, for example, make nests on the ground while tree-kangaroos live (15) the ground. Larger species of kangaroo tend (16) shelter under trees or in caves. Most kangaroos are distinguished from (17) animals by the way they hop on their strong back legs. A kangaroo's tail is used to balance while hopping and (18) a fifth limb when moving slowly. All female kangaroos have front-opening pouches that contain four teats, (19) is in here that the 'joey' (20) baby kangaroo is raised (21) it can survive outside the pouch. Most kangaroos have no set breeding cycle and are able to breed all year round. (22) they are such prolific breeders, a kangaroo can increase fourfold in five years. Kangaroos have long been important to the survival of Australia's indigenous people, (23) have hunted them for tens of thousands of years, using both the meat and the skins. (24) Europeans arrived in Australia in the late eighteenth century, they too hunted kangaroos (25) survival. Kangaroos continue to be used as a resource, but only under strict government controls. Nowadays only the four most abundant species of kangaroo may (26) commercially harvested for export, and then only by licensed hunters in accordance (27) an approved management plan.										

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Generating electricity from heat

What if (0) single gallon of gas in our cars and lump of coal in our power plants did extra duty? What if we could get even, (13) out of our fuel? (14) is the basic idea of waste heat recovery systems. A young business called Alphabet Energy based in California aims to take the well-known idea of generating electricity from captured heat, and use (15) on a massive scale with a (16) help from nanotechnology.

Alphabet hopes to make its name (17) providing a tiny chip that can be inserted into any exhaust pipe or engine to convert heat (18) electrical power. This tiny chip is a clever device that can (19) use of heat to generate power without needing any moving parts at (20) (in much the same way (21) a solar cell generates electricity from light). It is based (22) the familiar principle that it is possible to use heat to push electrons through a material. Alphabet says its innovation lies not (23) in its choice of material but also in its special technology, all of (24) makes it highly suitable for use in small pipes as (25) as in large factory chimneys. The device is connected by wire to the plant's electrical system or to the grid (26) that it is able to feed in power converted by heat in real time.

Still only a year old, Alphabet has the ambitious goal of leading (27) it believes could be a \$200 billion global market.

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Ethics and Fashion

People are becoming increasingly aware of the relationship (0) ethics and fashion. At last month's Fashion Week, for example, visitors enjoyed a large room devoted (13) an exhibition featuring designers promoting ethical fashion. Then came the launch of GreenLuxury, a new company (14) aim is to provide luxury that is produced in an ethically sound way. Articles about fashion are as likely to mention campaigns (15) as "Garments Without Guilt" as exquisite fabrics and Sharp cuts.

So, (16) has given rise to this change in an area of life we might normally think (17) as being millions of miles away from world of politics? The argument goes that (18) idea of buying 'disposable clothes' that we only wear a (19) times before relegating to the back of the wardrobe, clashes (20) environmental ethics about waste and over-consumption. When the government announces that the fashion market annually produces two million tonnes of waste and uses 3.1 million tonnes of CO₂, we know that fashion is (21) dragged into the green discourse (22) it likes it or not. In fact, it seems the industry has actually embraced this approach.

(23) exception, all the designers at this year's Fashion Week claimed their pieces were ethically made. The fashion industry is certainly (24) the issue of ethics seriously, as (25) shown by its call on the government to introduce tax breaks (26) designers working sustainably, as (27) as by a leading supermarket's recently announced partnership with a group of designers using recycled fabrics.

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My perfect weekend

Each week we ask a famous person to tell us about their ideal weekend. This weekend it's the turn (0) actress, Laila Rouass.

(13) would I spend the perfect weekend? Well, on Sundays I like (14) better than to hang out in Shoreditch around Brick Lane. When I was younger, I'd go there more or (15) every weekend with my parents; we'd go to the market and have lunch from a food stall and it's still as crazy and quirky as it (16) to be when I was a kid. I always have (17) good look around the bric-à-brac shops. I love the second-hand furniture they sell though I (18) ever actually buy anything.

I'm not (19) of those people who escape to the countryside at weekends. If we went anywhere, it would (20) to Morocco, where I spent a large part of my childhood. My parents are from there and I now own a farm near Tangiers. I love it: it's so quick and easy (21) get to - just a three-hour flight from London and a two-hour time difference as (22) as you step off the plane, you're in a different world. You're in Africa and nowhere else has (23) a lively café culture as there is in Morocco.

When I was younger, I'd go out clubbing every weekend (24) I can't remember the last time I went dancing. On the rare occasions that we do go out, it's usually to Home House, a club in London. I joined a few years (25) because I really like the atmosphere.

But more often than not I just don't feel (26) going out. I've got a reputation for arranging things with my girlfriends and (27) sticking to them. They end up coming over to mine and watching a movie.

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Flamingos

Flamingos, those beautiful long-legged pink birds. rub the reddish pigments, released in oil from a gland near their tail, into their feathers to bring (0) their vibrant colour. The result, according to researchers studying the birds in Spain, (13) that the birds seem to become far (14) likely to find themselves a mate.

Scientists noticed that, (15) they were arranging their feathers, many flamingos scraped their cheeks across the gland before rubbing their face against their breast, back and neck (16) the aim of spreading the colour.

In a journal article, the experts explained that (17) so helped the birds appear extra attractive to potential mates - not so (18) because of their eye-catching colour, but because other flamingos could tell they had (19) an effort with their appearance.

One of the researchers says: 'The rubbing is time-consuming. And (20) more frequently the birds practise it, the pinker they become.

'If the birds stop rubbing, their colour fades in a (21) days because the pigments bleach quickly in the sunlight.'

Rubbing the pigment into the feathers takes time and effort, and, (22) a result, colourful feathers are a sign to the opposite sex that a flamingo is healthy and well-fed, because it (23) afford to spend time on (24) it looks.

The behaviour is more common in female flamingos (25) in males, the researchers said. They added that the brightest coloured birds also took the best breeding sites, (26) gives them a reproductive advantage (27) their paler rivals.

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Toronto: Canada's Largest City

Everywhere (0) look in downtown Toronto skyscrapers are rising. This new landscape of chrome and glass, unrecognisable from a couple of years ago, disorients (13) as I try to find the ferry terminal. When I eventually make (14) across to Toronto Island, I'm rewarded with a view back to the mainland of the perfect North American pop-up city, seemingly growing (15) my eyes.

Canada's largest city is developing fast; yet it has (16) quite slow to shake off the atmosphere of conservatism that once earned it the label "Toronto the Good". It's only in the (17) few years that the place has let its creative communities lead the way. This new confidence (18) be seen everywhere; in new luxury hotels, innovative dining restaurants and pioneering design studios. Toronto (19) days is not so much "good" (20) "good-time".

The recent rise (21) profile of the Toronto International Film Festival has helped. A permanent home for the festival has just opened and this will attract stars all year (22) The Art Gallery of Ontario, redesigned by architect Frank Gehry, a native of the city, is (23) of his rare home-grown projects.

Just (24) the border, the cities of the US seem to (25) currently stagnating, but in Toronto the appetite (26) upgrading thrives. The "Fashion Mile" shopping district has had a major facelift. Last but certainly (27) least, Union Station is undergoing a C\$200 million renovation that should allow it to experience the sort of glory enjoyed by Grand Central in New York.