MOCK EXAM 3

A) READING – read the text.

The Guardian newspaper has a weekly feature called *That's me in the picture*, where people describe famous photos they were in. This photo was sent in by Jane Rangeley.

In 1972, I was living in London. I was in my early twenties, and I was working for an advertising agency. That summer, I went on a camping holiday with my parents in the south of France. One night, I went to a nightclub on the beach and I met a young Frenchman, and we fell in love. When I got home, I immediately started looking for a job in Paris. He was at university there – he was studying medicine. In the end, I found a job as a secretary with UNESCO, and I went to live there.

We lived together for six years. On Sundays, we often went for a walk, and one of our favourite places was the botanical gardens. It had a zoo, and I often put some bread in my pocket to give to the animals. We were walking in the gardens one Sunday in autumn when we stopped because a lot of noise was coming from one of the trees. There was an owl there, maybe escaped from the zoo, and some little birds were attacking it. I also noticed a man with a camera. When we started walking again, I said 'Why was that man taking photographs of us?'.

I now know that Cartier-Bresson often waited in parks in Paris for the perfect photo opportunity. The following year, one of my boyfriend's friends saw the photo in a magazine. Before I returned to London, I phoned the magazine and I got Cartier-Bresson's phone number. I was very shy, but I called him. He was very friendly, and he sent me a copy. Years later I met him and he signed the photo for me.

I love this picture. It was a happy time for me. And although my French boyfriend and I broke up in the end, we're still in touch.

Adapted from the British press

1. Decide if the statements are TRUE or FALSE.

a. The photo was taken in 1972.

b. Jane fell in love with a man who was from France.

c. Jane changed jobs to move in with her boyfriend.

d. They liked going on walks in the woods.

e. Cartier-Bresson was the owner of the magazine where the picture was posted.

2. Answer the questions:

a. What was jane's situation at the beginning of the story?

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b. Where did she meet her boyfriend? How did this change her life?

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c. Why did they stop in the gardens? What did they see?

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d. Why is this photo important for Jane?

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B) USE OF ENGLISH

1. Complete with the correct form of the verb in brackets. (note: use contractions if necessary)

This week we _____ (talk) to Jim Watts about a book that _____ (be) important to him so far: In Praise of Slow by Carl Honoré.
- So, Jim, when _____ first _____ (read) the book?
- It was about five years ago. I loved it and _____ (think) the ideas about the "Slow Movement" were very interesting.
- What is the Slow Movement exactly?
- Well, today everything is faster than in the past, so the movement _____ (be) about slowing down and enjoying life. Sometimes speed is a great thing, sometimes it's bad. As the book says, it _____ (depend) on what you're talking about.
- Is there anything else that is better if you do it slowly?
- Almost everything. Like food, for example. I _____ (never/go) to fast food restaurants. It's better to go somewhere more traditional, sit down and _____ (talk) to your friends while you wait half an hour for your food. We _____ (not need) to be in a hurry all the time.

2. Read the text. Complete with ONE word.

Dear Allie,

Thanks _____ your email! Everything's great around here. I thought it _____ going to be difficult for _____ to get used to their culture, but I feel really comfortable, actually. The people I _____ staying with are very caring, too. I got _____ know them very well, and I can say they are excellent _____.

It's _____ difficult to move inside _____ town, though. It's quite _____ (the nearest city is 150 km away) and there _____ any buses, so we have to _____ by car. If you don't have a car, then you have _____ call a taxi agency and make a _____.

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I miss everybody! Why don't you come? You _____ apply for the exchange programme in a couple of months. We would have a wonderful time together. Think about it.

I have to go.
Hope to hearing from you soon!

C) WRITING

Write about your best friend
Include (at least):
- personal information about him/her
- a short description of his/her personality
- how long you've been friends
- an anecdote you remember

Your writing must be -at least- 90 words long.

write here:

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