

READING

1 Read the text and write the headings above the correct paragraph.

<i>About London</i>	<i>What next?</i>	<i>Negative aspects</i>	<i>Positive aspects</i>	<i>A new life</i>
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An Italian Experience in London

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London is home to more than 7.5 million people. It's popular with young people who move to the city to work or experience life in the UK. Today we talk to Maria Rizzo from Le Marche in Italy about her time in London.

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I came to London to study and I loved it, so I stayed. I've been here for four years now. I've worked in a clothes shop for the last three years. It isn't my ideal job – I'd like to be a teacher – but it's fine for now.

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Living here hasn't always been easy, and there are things I don't like. In London there are long queues for everything, which can be frustrating. Also, it's an expensive city, so I haven't saved much money.

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Still, there are many things that I love. You don't have to worry too much about what you are wearing. I love that freedom. I've also improved my English a lot and made friends with people from all over the world. I've tried food from all over the world too – you can find restaurants of every kind in London.

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What are my plans for the future? Well, I'm going to try to save up and go on a teacher training course. After that, I'm not sure. I think I'll stay for another five years, but I won't live here forever. I miss the weather in Italy and of course I miss my family.

2 Read the text again and choose the correct answer.

- 1 Why do some young people move to London?
 - a) *To know about life there.*
 - b) *To spend their holidays.*
- 2 When did Maria move to London?
 - a) *Four years ago.*
 - b) *Three years ago.*
- 3 Why did Maria first come to London?
 - a) *To work in a clothes shop.*
 - b) *To study.*
- 4 What is Maria's ideal job?
 - a) *To be a shop assistant.*
 - b) *To be a teacher.*
- 5 Why hasn't Maria saved much money?
 - a) *Because London isn't a cheap city.*
 - b) *Because she spends a lot of money on clothes.*

USE OF ENGLISH (40 marks)

3 Circle the correct answer.

- 1 Gina has red hair and **hands / freckles / rashes** on her cheeks.
- 2 We **don't have to / shouldn't / have to** forget our umbrellas. It's raining heavily!
- 3 Chris is losing his hair very quickly. He'll be **fuzzy / bald / overweight** soon.
- 4 Zac is an excellent **swimmer / fighter / sprinter**. He's won lots of marathons.
- 5 A horse **rider / driver / jogger** was injured in the road accident.
- 6 It doesn't matter if you don't call him. It's **inimportant / important / unimportant**.
- 7 'Does this laptop cost a lot of money?' 'Not really. It's quite **inexpensive / expensive / unexpensive**'.
- 8 It was a **powerful / peaceful / successful** demonstration. The police didn't have to arrest anyone.

9 There aren't any cars **on / in / at** this island. The only mode of transport is horse and cart.

10 Sally is much **more taller / tallest / taller** than Paul. Paul is very short!

11 Benny's is **the cheapest / cheaper than / cheapest** shop around. It's full of bargains!

12 This holiday is definitely **more expensive / the most expensive / expensiver** than last year.

13 Rene lives **on / in / at** the north of Sweden.

14 Unfortunately, we got up late and **caught / missed / booked** our plane.

15 We'll take the boat in the morning. Let's meet **on / in / at** the harbour.

16 Stephen King is a **professional / successful / natural** writer. He's written lots of best-sellers.

17 Eastbourne is a seaside town **on / in / at** the South East coast of England.

18 David's a **worse / the worst / a badder** driver now than he was last year.

19 This **baggy / rucksack / tights** is very heavy! What have you got in it?

20 You can't wear those **smart / fit / scruffy** jeans to the wedding ceremony.

21 This is **the goodest / the better / the best** meal you've ever cooked. It's absolutely delicious.

22 There's a **sale / purchase / debt** on at the moment in Electro, which is a big shop that sells electronic gadgets.

23 I've got a **sore throat / cold / bad cut**. I keep blowing my nose.

24 Jackie sat down because she suddenly felt **dizzy / shivery / bruise**.

25 You **shouldn't / don't have to / have to** smoke. It's bad for your health.

26 Sally is very tired. She **doesn't have to / has to / shouldn't** go to bed early tonight.

27 I'm not surprised that Tim is such a good swimmer. He **can / couldn't / could** swim when he was four.

28 Oscar is taking **care / place / part** in the London Marathon.

29 My favourite writer, Roald Dahl **be born / was born / born** in Wales in 1916.

30 I **see / have seen / saw** a really good film on TV last night.

31 Dad **didn't driven / didn't drive / didn't drove** us to school yesterday. The car was broken.

32 I'm tired. Can we take a 10-minute **control / break / photo**?

33 'Where / When / What did you return the book?' 'On Monday'.

34 'Why / When / How did you leave work earlier?' 'Because I had a headache'.

35 They all looked **tanned / fair / dyed** after a week's holiday on the beach.

36 She eats well and goes to the gym every day. She's very **fair / overweight / slim**.

37 It was a real **amusement / achievement / disappointment** for me that I failed my driving test.

38 By 2030, people probably **won't / will / going to** use gas or oil. They'll drive electric cars.

39 I always wear a **top / cap / necklace** when it's sunny. It keeps the sun off my face.

40 'Have you **ever / never / been** swum with dolphins?' 'No, I haven't'.

Writing:

4 Choose ONE of the options and write about between 90 - 120 words.

A) Write an informal email to your friend about your plans for the summer holiday.

Follow the plan:

Paragraph 1: Ask questions about your friend and his / her plans for the holiday.

Paragraph 2: Write about what you did last weekend.

Paragraph 3: Write about your plans for the summer holiday.

Finish your letter with a personal comment or question (PS).

B) Write a narrative about a happy and memorable day in your life.

Remember to use past simple and narrative adverbs.

Follow the plan:

Paragraph 1: Introduction: what happened?

Paragraph 2: The start of the day.

Paragraph 3: Later in the day.

Paragraph 4: How you feel about the day.