

XXII CYCLE EXAMINATION –ADVANCED LEVEL - 1 hour 40 minutes
001-XXII INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

PART 1 (20 min)

Questions 1-8

You are going to read an article about life in the countryside. For questions 1- 8, choose the correct answer A, B or C. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

HOW I CAME TO ENVY THE COUNTRY MICE

I have been living in London for more than 60 years, but still, when I'm driving and take some clever backstreet short cut, I catch myself thinking: how extraordinary that it is me doing this! For a moment the town mouse I have become is being seen by the country mouse I used to be. And although, given a new start, I would again become a town mouse, when I visit relations in the country, I envy them. Recently, I stood beside a freshwater lake in Norfolk, made by diverting a small river, near where my brother lives. As he was identifying some of the birds we could see, in came seven swans. They circled, then the haunting sound of their wing beats gave way to silence as they glided down for splashdown. It is not a 'picturesque' part of the coast, but it has a definite character of line and light and color. 'You do live in a lovely place,' I said to my brother, and he answered, 'Yes, I do. There are probably few days when he does not pause to recognize its loveliness as he works with his boats - he teaches sailing - or goes about his many other occupations. The lake's creator is a local landowner, continuing a tradition whereby the nature of our countryside has been determined by those who own the land. Formerly, landowners would almost certainly have made such changes for their own benefit, but this time it was done to help preserve the wildlife here, which is available for any visitor to see, providing they do nothing to disturb the birds. **It** is evidence of change: country life is changing fast. One of the biggest changes I have witnessed is that second-homers, together with commuters, have come to be accepted as a vital part of the country scene. And the men and women who service their cars, dig their gardens, install their phones, repair their word processors, lay their carpets and do all the other things they need are vital to modern country life. It is quite likely that the children of today's workers may be moving into the same kind of jobs as the second homers and the retired. Both the children of a country woman I know are at university, and she herself, now that they have left home, is working towards a university degree. One of the delights of country life today, it seems, is that there you can see how fast **social mobility** is increasing. Much depends, of course, on the part of the countryside you are living in and on personality — your own and that of your neighbors. In my brother's Norfolk village, social life seems dizzying to a Londoner. In addition to dropping in on neighbors, people throw and attend parties far more often than we do. My brother's wife Mary and her friends fly off on the most dashing bargain breaks in Krakow or Prague or Venice, and are always going into Norwich for a concert or to King's Lynn for an exhibition. The boring country life that people from cities talk about is a thing of the past

-or perhaps it was always mainly in their minds. This is very unlike living in a London street for 50 years and only knowing the names of four other residents. In these 50 years I have made only one real friend among them. I do enjoy my life, and Mary says that she sometimes envies it (the grass on the other side of the fence ...); but whenever I go to Norfolk, I end up feeling that the lives of country mice are more admirable than my own

1. It is sometimes a source of surprise to the writer.

- A to find herself driving through back streets.
- B that she has been in the city for so long.
- C to realize how much she has got used to living in London.

2. The atmosphere created by the writer when she describes the swans is.

- A magical.
- B frightening.
- C deafening.

3. What does the writer's brother think of his village?

- A He prefers the sea to the land.
- B He finds it dull and boring.
- C He is often struck by the beauty of the countryside.

4. What does 'It' in line 16 refer to?

- A the lake.
- B the reason for the landowner's action.
- C the fact that wildlife now needs to be preserved.

5. What is suggested about outsiders who now live in the country?

- A that country people no longer reject them
- B that they often do work like servicing cars and digging gardens.
- C that the men and women who work for them are from the city.

6. What does 'social mobility' in line 25 mean?

- A Country people are going to university.
- B Children of country people are taking jobs in cities.
- C People from workers' families are moving into higher social classes.

7. Social life in the country

- A depends completely on where you live.
- B is not as boring as people in cities think it is.
- C is not affected by your neighbors.

8. What do we learn about the writer's attitude to London?

- A She can't adjust to living in London.
- B She has regretted moving to London.
- C Life there is very different to country life.

PART 2 (15 min)**Questions 9-17**

You are going to read an article about student accommodation in which four college students talk about the place they live. For Questions (9-17), choose from the people (A-C). There is an example at the beginning.

Which student says . . .?

My accommodation seems quite expensive.	(0) A
I have plenty of storage space.	(9)
I have reason to regret a decision.	(10)
My college doesn't provide accommodation.	(11)
My room is maintained to a high standard.	(12)
I would like to have more independence.	(13)
I had to buy some extra electrical equipment.	(14)
I would like to have more private space.	(15)
It's easy to keep in touch with people here.	(16)
I'm expected to do my share of the housework.	(17)

A Matthew Wren

I live in what's called a hall of residence where I get full board as well as a room, it's not exactly what you call cheap, though. I pay £87 per week for my single room and three meals a day. This also includes the use of a washing machine and ironing board. But I can't complain because my room has just been re-carpeted, the furniture's new and the cleaner comes in daily. The main drawback is sharing the bathroom with nine other students and we don't have any kitchen facilities. The first thing I did when I arrived was buy myself a mini-fridge, so I could have cool drinks whenever I wanted. But, we're on the university network, so I have access to the Internet and free e-mail from my room, and we get room phones so I can ring friends around the campus for nothing.

ACCOMMODA TION

*Four college students talk
about the place they live.*

B Kerry Dynnock

The city where I study is appalling for cheap accommodation, and the college has nothing of its own to offer you, but I was lucky. I found a room in a nice little terraced house with central heating which I share with three other girls. I have a yearly contract with a private landlady and I pay £220 a month for my study bedroom. This is not bad as it also has a large walk-in wardrobe where I put all my stuff. I share the bathroom, kitchen and a small living room with the other girls, and we split all the bills between us. We tried to make a rota for the washing up, cleaning and putting out the rubbish, but it's not always strictly followed. Cooking your own food is much cheaper than eating at college, and I like it because I have what I want when I want it.

C Karl Yorat

I made the big mistake of going to a college fairly near my home. It isn't so much the course that I don't like, but the fact that I'm stuck at my parents' house so I don't feel in touch with what's going on at campus. In some ways I'm lucky because I'm not paying out all the money for food and rent that other people have to find, and I have someone to do my washing, but I don't have the same amount of freedom or privacy as the people who're living away from home. I even have to share a room with my younger brother. When I told my parents I wanted to move out and go into college accommodation, they said they'd stop supporting me financially. So, in the end, I had to give up the idea, that hasn't made any of us very happy.

PART 3 (10 min)

Questions 18-27

Read the text and choose the correct word for each space. For each question, mark the correct letter **A, B, C** or **D**.

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CLASSICAL MUSIC FOR BABIES

Listening (0)..... to Beethoven or Bach can make your baby more intelligent and better at (18)..... problems, according experts. The complex structure of classical music (19)..... young minds. Many scientists believe that children will benefit from hearing classical music at a very (20)..... age. Some childhood experts even believe that (21)..... music to children the womb can have a (22)..... effect on unborn children. "I used to (23)..... down for one hour a day and put headphones against my stomach. I (24)..... exposed my baby to Mozart," says Dr. Rose Montrose, a professor in behavioral psychology (25)..... a well-known university. "She's two now, and if I put on Mozart, she relaxes and behaves perfectly, nothing (26)..... works! I've tried other composers, but their music has no effect, and she really can't (27)..... rock music."

18.A working B solving C calculating D making
19.A stimulates B encourages C persuades D wakes
20.A tiny B little C small D early
21.A showing B playing C putting D displaying
22.A forward B better C advantage D positive
23.A lie B lay C relax D place
24.A uniquely B only C solo D all
25.A to B of C at D on
26.A different B any C else D other
27.A like B help C listen D stand

PART 4 (10 min)

Questions 28-37

Complete this extract from a novel by putting one suitable word into each gap.

0 come

Aya Hokkaido, Japan

I (0) from Japan, and I (28) to live in the north, in Hokkaido, but then I moved to Madrid about five years (29) I had to (30) used to having lunch quite late, (31) about 2:00 p.m., and dinner (32) late as 9:00 or 10:00 p.m. I love the weather in Spain. There are more sunny days, and it's a lot warmer. In Japan, things usually happen exactly on (33) , but here things are much more relaxed. I like that too. The only thing I really miss is Japanese tea! I was used to (34) able to choose from many different kinds (35) tea, but here it's more like two or three and mostly black, not green tea. And sometimes I have problems with noisy neighbors, especially at night. That never (36) to be a problem in Hokkaido. People there usually go to bed (37) earlier.

PART 5 (10 min)

Questions 38-50

Write the missing word. The first letter is there to help you. There is an example at the beginning.

Example:

0 gone

0 Have you ever promised someone something important and then gone back on your word?

38. The referee was definitely b..... . He preferred Manchester soccer team over deportivo de la Coruña.
39. My stepfather is a f..... journalist now. He works for different newspapers.

40. Has your wife seen the **f**..... page of the newspaper? It says her party won the election!

41. David's cousin thought it was a good play, but the newspaper **c**..... wrote a bad review.

42. Rachel heard that Pete's new movie was **c**..... . They cut out some of the violent scenes.

43. My fiancé loves to write. He wants to travel the world and be a **r**..... for a newspaper.

44. My boss wants you to write an **o**..... report. He's interested in facts, not opinions.

45. The news **a**..... looked very serious as he reported the famine.

46. The information in this report isn't **a**..... . They didn't check their facts.

47. The newspaper **e**..... lost his job when he published some fake photos.

48. Let's see what my **h**..... says. Am I going to meet the man of my dreams today?

49. Look at this **c**..... . It's really funny! I love the way he draws people's noses.

50. Look up the weather **f**..... online. If it's good, we'll go to the beach.

PART 6

Questions 51-60 (10 min)

Read the sentences below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning.

Example:

0 We went to a really **interesting** little restaurant the other night.

INTEREST

51. My teacher me to practice speaking in the class. **ADVICE**

52. Betty thought the lead singer was the best looking, but I preferred the **DRUMS**

53. Who's the in the concert next week? **PIANO**

54. The most successful songs are the ones with tunes. **CATCH**

55. It isn't fashionable to like Beethoven, but I find his music very **MOVE**

56. The for the local newspaper gave our play a very good review. **CRITICIZE**

57. Let's watch the rest of the DVD tomorrow. I'm starting to feel really **SLEEP**

58. They found together at last. **HAPPY**

59. How can you listen to that music? It all sounds the same. **MONOTONE**

60. I hope you're going to for behaving so badly last night. **APOLOGY**

PART 7 (15 min)

Questions 61-70

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.

Example:

0 We were late because we got lost.

IF

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if we hadn't gotten

We wouldn't have been late if we hadn't gotten lost.

61. My sister-in-law plays the keyboard. She really likes it.

ENJOYS

My sister-in-law the keyboard.

62. Pete had to drive on the right in Peru. He found it very difficult.

GET

Pete couldn't on the right in Peru.

63. Taking care of my little sister can be exhausting, but it will be easier soon.

IT

Taking care of my little sister can be exhausting, but you'll soon.

64. Pilots get up at 6:00 every morning.

GETTING

Pilots are at 6:00 every morning.

65. I'm a vegetarian now, so I don't eat meat anymore.

USED

I , but now I'm a vegetarian.

66. When you were younger, you weren't so interested in English.

NOT

You so interested in English.

67. "Catherine, if you hit the cat, I'll tell dad!" said Bob.

THREATENED

Bob his dad if Catherine hit the cat.

68. My wife has allergies and she sneezes all the time.

STOP

My wife has allergies, so she can't

69. Please pick Tiffany up from school. Don't forget!

REMEMBER

Please Tiffany up from school.

70. Jacqueline told him she was twenty-five, but she wasn't really.

PRETENDED

Jacqueline twenty-five.

PART 8 (10min)**LISTENING 1****Questions 71-75**

AEF 4 T10 Listen to a woman give advice about how to get a good night's sleep. Choose the correct answer.

71. The woman started having difficulty sleeping...

- A. a few years ago
- B. a few weeks ago
- C. about a year ago.

72. Her sleeping problems started when she changed her...

- A. working hours
- B. job
- C. bedtime ritual.

73. According to the woman, you should always go to bed...

- A. at ten o'clock

- B. at the same time every day
- C. early during the week.

74. It's not a good idea to include...

- A. watching TV
- B. listening to music
- C. doing breathing exercises as part of your bedtime ritual.

75. The woman mentions making sure the room is...

- A. dark
- B. warm
- C. clean in order to create a comfortable sleep environment.

LISTENING 2**Questions 76-80**

AEF 4 T11 Listen to five extracts from an interview with Gary Hall, the editor of a local newspaper. Choose the correct answer.

76. What does Gary say he enjoys most about his job?

- A competing with bigger newspapers
- B working with a small staff
- C meeting people in the community

77. How does Gary feel about writing for a larger newspaper?

- A It isn't the most important thing for him right now.
- B He would prefer it to working for a small paper.
- C He doesn't think he'll have that opportunity.

78. According to Gary, how will local newspapers change?

- A They will include more national news.
- B They won't survive very long.
- C They will focus more on local news stories.

79. Does Gary think newspapers influence communities more nowadays than in the past?

- A possibly
- B definitely
- C definitely not

80. How do reporters research stories?

- A They use researchers to do most of it.
- B They rarely use the Internet because it's not perfect.
- C They do all their own research using the Internet.