Manhattan - School of Languages
2nd YEAR - ADULTS - FINAL EXAM – December 2023

Time allowed: 2 hr

Name: _____ Surname: _____

SECTION A: Reading Comprehension

Maesmawr Hall: A Haunted House in Wales

Maesmawr Hall is a manor house in Powys, Wales. It was built in 1535 and today is a 20-bedroom, hotel and venue for weddings. It is famous because people say it is haunted. Many guests say that they have seen ghosts. A businessman who stayed at the hotel said that when he looked out of the window he saw hundreds of Roman soldiers marching. In fact, in Roman timesthere was a road which passed through the grounds of Maesmawr Hall. Other guests said they saw the ghosts of Davies sisters who owned the hotel in the 1900s, and the ghost of an old housekeeper walking through a wall in the hall. But perhaps most frightening is the story that the ghost of an evil man called Robin Drwg haunts the woods around the hotel. Some people say that they have seen this ghost suddenly change into the shape of a bull.

Maesmawr was on a TV programme about houses with ghosts called *Most Haunted* The TV show presenters and investigators from the Mid Wales Paranormal (MWP) reported lots of strange activity in the hall - seeing balls of light, feeling movements, and hearing unusual sounds. During the investigation, the floor in one of the upstairs rooms moved. The hotel's current owner, Nigel Humphryson, says he often hears voices and banging noises that he cannot explain.

So if you're interested in ghosts, why not stay here? But don't go outside at night unless you're feeling really brave!

- **Read the text. Mark the following sentences T (true) or F (false).**
  1. Maesmwr Hall is more than 500 years old. ☐
  2. People have seen ghosts inside and outside the hotel. ☐
  3. The ghosts are all of people who lived in the house in the past. ☐
  4. Robin Drwg 's ghost sometimes appears as a bull. ☐
  5. Paranormal investigators didn't think that Maesmwr Hall was haunted. ☐

SECTION B: Use of English

1. **This exercise is haunted! Complete with going to + a verb from the box to break the curse.**

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be	cook	do	get	not go
learn	not listen	stay		

a. ____ your sister _____ Chinese?
b. You _____ in class 3 next year.
c. We _____ camping next summer. We _____ in a hotel.
d. We _____ a taxi to the airport.
e. I _____ a wonderful meal tonight.
f. You can talk, but I _____ to you.
g. What _____ you _____ when you leave school?

2. **Complete the story with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets. Be careful! The ghosts might be watching you!**

Last summer I _____ (go) to Los Angeles to stay with my cousin for a few weeks. One afternoon we _____ (have) lunch in a nice restaurant in the centre of town when my cousin _____ (get) a call on her mobile phone and went outside to talk. While she _____ (speak) to her friend, I suddenly _____ (notice) a man in a black hat who _____ (sit) at the next table. It was the actor Johnny Depp! He was alone, and I _____ (decide) to take my chance. So I got up and _____ (go) to his table. 'Excuse me, could I have my photo taken with you?' I asked. He _____ (say) yes, so I _____ (stop) a waitress who _____ (pass) by and gave her my camera. She _____ (take) the photo of me and Johnny, I thanked them both, and then I returned to my table. When my cousin _____ (come) back, I _____ (smile).

'Why are you looking so pleased with yourself?' she asked.
'I had my photo taken with Johnny Depp.'
'Johnny Depp? Where is he?'
'He's sitting over there. Look!'
She turned around to look and then started to laugh.
'That's not Johnny Depp!'
I _____ (look) at the man in the black hat - he _____ (laugh) too.

3. **This ghost forgot how to use *how much…?* and *how many…?* Help him by completing the questions. Then by completing the full answers.**

A: ***How much*** salt do you have with your meals?
B: Not much.
He ***doesn't have much salt with his meals***.

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1. A: _____ _____ sugar do you put in your tea?
   B: A lot.
   He _____

2. A: _____ _____ biscuits do you eat?
   B: Not many.
   She _____

3. A: _____ _____ sweets do you buy?
   B: Quite a lot.
   He _____

4. A: _____ _____ exercise do you do?
   B: Not much.
   He _____

5. A: _____ _____ cups of coffee do you drink?
   B: None.
   She _____

4. Write sentences using the opposite adjective so you can get out of the haunted house!

1. A bike is slower than a car.
   A car _____
2. Lions are smaller than tigers.
   Tigers _____
3. January is longer than February.
   February _____
4. A laptop is more expensive than an iPod.
   An iPod _____
5. Fridays are better than Mondays.
   Mondays _____
6. A cooker is hotter than a fridge.
   A fridge _____
7. Italian is easier than Russian.
   Russian _____

5. Can you write +, - , or ? sentences about this old haunted house? You have to use *there was/were* + *a/an, some* or *any.*

1. + table / the kitchen _____
2. ? fireplace / the kitchen _____?
3. - plants / your flat _____

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4. ? people / the hall _____?

5. + pictures / your bedroom _____

6. - TV / the kitchen _____

7. + computer / the study _____

8. - chairs / dining room _____

9. ? mirror / the bathroom _____?

SECTION C: Listening 4.2

- **Listen to the story. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).**

1. Somebody killed Jeremy between 12.00 a.m. and 2.00. ☐
2. The inspector questioned Amanda in the living room. ☐
3. Jeremy went to bed before Amanda. ☐
4. Amanda and Jeremy slept in the same room. ☐
5. Somebody opened and closed Amanda's door. ☐
6. Amanda got up at 7.00. ☐
7. Amanda didn't love Jeremy. ☐

SECTION D: Writing

- Choose one option and write about 120 words.

a) Write a description of your house or flat. Indicate where it is, give details about some of the rooms and tell how far it is from the city center.

b) Write a description about you or a person you know. Mention the person's name, nationality, age, family, physical appearance, personality, hobbies and interests. Write four paragraphs.

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