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ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TEST – BASED ON CAMBRIDGE KET TEST

Este examen está diseñado para evaluar la capacidad del estudiante para comprender y utilizar el inglés básico en diferentes contextos, tales como la expresión oral, la lectura, la escritura y la comprensión auditiva. Para aprobar este examen, el estudiante deberá obtener una calificación mínima de **70/100.**

La vigencia del examen corresponde a un período académico. En caso de que el estudiante no obtenga la calificación mínima requerida y desee presentarlo nuevamente, podrá hacerlo en el período académico siguiente, en el cual se aplicará una nueva versión del examen.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Mantenga su cámara y micrófono encendidos todo el tiempo.
- Su pantalla debe estar compartida durante todo el examen.
- Mantenga su vista al frente.
- No se permite la compañía de otras personas.
- No se permite el uso del celular.

SECTION 1: READING COMPREHENSION 25pts

Part 1

Urban Gardening: Growing Communities

Urban gardening has become increasingly popular in large cities around the world. Although many people assume that gardening requires vast amounts of land, modern urban gardeners have shown that even small balconies and rooftops can produce impressive results. The rise of urban gardening is not only a response to limited space but also a reaction to growing concerns about food quality. As consumers become more aware of the environmental impact of large-scale agriculture, they look for alternatives that allow them to control how their food is grown.

Community gardens, in particular, have had a strong influence on urban life. These shared spaces bring neighbors together, encourage collaboration, and create a sense of belonging that is often missing in large cities. In addition, they offer educational opportunities for children and adults, teaching them about sustainability and healthy eating. Although urban gardening cannot replace traditional farming, it plays a significant role in promoting environmental awareness and strengthening local communities.

Read the text carefully. Answer questions 1–4. Choose the correct option (A, B, or C).

1. **What is the main idea of the text?**

   A. Urban gardening is an efficient replacement for commercial farming.

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B. Urban gardening helps address environmental concerns and builds community.

C. Most cities lack space for gardening activities.

2. **Which detail supports the idea that urban gardening promotes community?**

   A. It teaches people about food quality.

   B. Community gardens bring neighbors together.

   C. It produces impressive results on balconies.

3. **Which detail supports the idea that urban gardening responds to environmental concerns?**

   A. People look for alternatives to large-scale agriculture.

   B. These gardens cannot replace farms.

   C. Gardening is possible on rooftops.

4. **Which detail supports the idea that urban gardening has educational value?**

   A. It creates a sense of belonging.

   B. It offers opportunities to learn about sustainability.

   C. It produces fresh vegetables.

Part 2

A Community Approach to Reducing Plastic Waste

The city council recently announced a new initiative aimed at reducing plastic waste in local neighborhoods. The plan includes installing recycling stations in busy areas and launching educational campaigns in schools. Although the proposal was initially met with resistance, most residents now recognize that the program is necessary.

To ensure its success, the council will monitor the project's impact over the next six months. If the results are promising, additional funds will be allocated to expand the initiative to nearby towns. However, some business owners argue that the new regulations will increase their operational costs. Despite these concerns, environmental groups are confident that the plan will encourage people to adopt more sustainable habits and reduce the amount of plastic that ends up in landfills.

Read the text. Answer questions 1–3 by choosing the option (A, B, C, or D) that best explains the meaning of the highlighted word or phrase based on context.

1. **The phrase "met with resistance" most nearly means:**

   A. welcomed with enthusiasm

   B. completely ignored

   C. considered unnecessary

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2. **The word "promising" most nearly means:**

   A. likely to succeed

   B. complex

   C. rapidly changing

3. **The word "encourage" most nearly means:**

   A. force people

   B. prevent people

   C. persuade people

SECTION 2: LISTENING COMPREHENSION 25pts

Part 1

You will hear David telling his friend Janet about his recent trip to Brazil. Choose the best answer.

1. **Where was the first place he went?**
   A. To the beach
   B. To the hotel
   C. To the Carnival
2. **What does Dave say about the dancers?**
   A. They were tireless
   B. They were tiring
   C. They were tired
3. **What is the Sambodromo?**
   A. A parade
   B. A street
   C. A dance
4. **What does Dave say about the nightlife?**
   A. It is an interesting mix
   B. He did not go out much
   C. The nightclubs were great
5. **What is Janet going to do?**
   A. Take some potos
   B. Look at some potos
   C. Get some photos developed

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SECTION 3: WRITING 25pts

Part 1

Write a 140–190-word paragraph about a memorable day or event that happened to you last year.

Include:

- Past Simple to talk about completed actions
- Past Continuous to describe background actions
- A clear paragraph structure
- Linking words.

Part 2

Write a well-structured paragraph explaining which personal habit (for example: reading daily, exercising, planning your day, meditating, etc.) you believe is most essential for personal growth in modern life.

Include:

- A strong topic sentence stating your main idea
- Supporting ideas with clear explanations and examples
- Linking words.
- A short concluding statement summarizing your message

SECTION 4: SPEAKING 25pts

PERSONAL QUESTIONS

- **Daily Life & Routines**

How has your daily routine changed in the last few years?

- **Education & Work**

What skills do you think are most important in your field of study or work, and why?

- **Technology**

Which piece of technology do you rely on the most, and how does it help you in your daily life?

- **Free Time**

What do you usually do to relax after a busy day?

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OPINIONS QUESTIONS

- Do you think AI has a positive or negative impact on society? Why?
- Is public transportation in your country good enough?

DESCRIPTIONS/SPECULATIONS

- Describe this picture. What do you think is happening? Give details. Talk as much as you can.



THIS IS THE END OF THE EXAM

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