MIDTERM WRITEN EXAM

Name: _____ Course: C1 Date: _____

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

A Listen to Gabriela, Joon, and Alice talk about what is important to them when forming an impression. Complete the chart.

	What is important
1. Gabriela	
2. Joon	
3. Alice	

B Listen again. Which speakers mention what is *not* very important to them? What do they mention? Complete the chart.

	What is not very important
1. Gabriela	
2. Joon	
3. Alice	

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READING COMPREHENSION

Generation C will be nicer

Tomorrow's generation, or "Generation C," will be nicer, according to a report by the Social Issues Research Centre of Oxford, England. The study was undertaken to examine how the Internet is shaping our lives. It predicts that Generation C (standing for **content**, connectivity, creativity, collaboration, and communication) will be nicer to each other and more able to communicate with a wider variety of people.

Generation C, whose members will be **middle aged** by 2020, will have grown up under the Internet's principles of cooperation, exchange, and sharing of information. This knowledge will have strong yet positive consequences for society. The study also predicts a future with a greater **blurring** of real and virtual worlds, where the Internet and computer technology will continue to blend into our daily lives to become a norm for everyone.

The study points out that the number of social networking sites is increasing rapidly. These include those that cater to special-interest groups and those that **unite** people separated by geography. These sites are important because online relationships tend to be formed with people we do not normally come into contact with during our daily lives. This contact can broaden our horizons and increase understanding and tolerance among people from different backgrounds.

Although there is a **tendency** to focus on the Internet's negative implications, this study suggests that while there will still be problems, a more positive future lies ahead.

B Check (✓) the statements the author would probably agree with.

- ☐ 1. Generation C will only be able to communicate with younger people.
- ☐ 2. Generation C people could have friends all over the world.
- ☐ 3. Good things will come of Generation C's ability to cooperate.
- ☐ 4. Computing and technology will be a part of everyone's daily lives.
- ☐ 5. Generation C will have problems making friends online.

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A Read the article about the possible extrasensory perception of dogs. Match the abilities on the left with the explanations on the right.

1. finding its way home ____
2. predicting thunderstorms ____
3. knowing if a buried person is alive or not ____

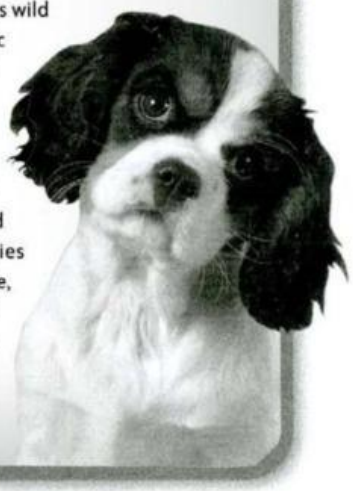
a. changes in barometric pressure
b. changes in the earth's magnetic field
c. infrared heat sensors on the dog's snout

The Amazing Abilities of DOGS

Do dogs have a sixth sense? Yes, but perhaps not in the way that is generally assumed. There is nothing supernatural about canine sensitivities. They can all be explained by biological mechanisms, although it is true that we are only beginning to understand some of them.

For instance, dogs can find their way home from long distances. It has been said that this ability is based on the detection of subtle differences and changes in the earth's magnetic field. We are still learning how dogs achieve such remarkable navigational feats as have been objectively recorded time and again.

Dogs are also capable of predicting thunderstorms. When a storm is imminent, they may become intensely alarmed and begin whimpering and trembling as if in pain. Their distress increases when the thunder starts to boom, but it can be observed for some time before the storm actually breaks overhead. This sensitivity is a response to changes in barometric pressure. It may seem to be meaningless behavior today, but in the dog's wild ancestry, it made good sense to become worried by these climactic signals. For example, wolves go to a great deal of trouble to build their dens on slopes, perhaps to protect tiny pups from floods. It is possible that domestic dogs are acting out the behavior of their ancestors' response to the danger of flooding.



One of the most amazing claims for the dog's sixth sense was made recently by researchers who reported that they had discovered infrared detectors in the dog's nose. This could explain certain abilities previously thought to be supernatural. St. Bernard dogs, for example, are said to be able to tell whether a climber buried in an avalanche is still alive, simply by sniffing the snow. If there are sensitive heat detectors in the noses of animals, this theory is not so far-fetched. We know that they exist on the snouts of certain snakes, and this strengthens the case for their existence in dogs.

B Check the statements that the author would probably agree with.

☐ 1. Dogs have more kinds of sensory perceptions than people.
☐ 2. Scientists will probably be able to discover how dogs' senses work.
☐ 3. The behavior of wolves is irrelevant to the understanding of dogs.
☐ 4. The behavior of some dogs during thunderstorms indicates that they are afraid of drowning.
☐ 5. The presence of heat detectors in some snakes proves that dogs have similar sensors.

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USE OF LANGUAGE

Complete the text with *a*, *an*, or *the*. Put an **X** where an article is not required.

Digital Cameras

(1) The digital camera has changed the way we take (2) _____ pictures. As with most technology, there are advantages and drawbacks to digital cameras.

Digital Camera

Traditional cameras work by focusing (3) _____ image onto light-sensitive film in the camera. To see the pictures, you have to send (4) _____ film to (5) _____ company that processes it. This is (6) _____ process that can take several days.

Digital cameras don't use film. Rather, they convert light entering the camera into (7) _____ information that can be read by (8) _____ computer.

Then you can also post your pictures on the Internet. Another advantage of (9) _____ digital cameras is that you can see your work immediately. If you don't like (10) _____ picture, you can simply erase it by pressing (11) _____ button.

Choose the words that best complete the sentences.

arrogant	innocent	intense	sympathetic
eccentric	intellectual	sinister	trustworthy

1. People think Liz is strange and ___eccentric___ because she lives with 12 cats.
2. The villain's small eyes gave him an evil and _____ look.
3. My boss is so _____ . He thinks he's better than everyone in the office.
4. If you need a _____ person to talk to, try Maya. She's very understanding.
5. Don't count on Jiro to complete his part of the project. He's not very _____ .
6. No wonder Ted won the tennis match. He was so _____ and focused.
7. Keri is so _____ . She could be a college professor!
8. Guy pretends to be _____ , but I heard he has a wild and crazy side.

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WRITTEN PRODUCTION

Have you had good or bad experiences with the new technology in the box?
Write sentences about your experience using *-ing* clauses.

using a digital camera
looking for information online
learning how to use a new cell phone
buying airline tickets online

1. Having bought a new digital camera, I realized I didn't know how to use it.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

MIDTERM ORAL EXAM

Assessment Criteria: Accuracy, Use of Language, Fluency, Pronunciation and Coherence.

Instructions: Choose one of the following topics: Animal cloning, modern clothes and fashion trends or Technology on people's lives nowadays. Make a video of 1:30 to 2:00 minutes in which you explain how this affects human lives, why is trendy in the present and what consequences may have in a near future.

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