



ENGLISH EXAM A2
Reading & Writing
3rd Trimester

Read carefully, and follow the directions.

- I. Read the review about a TV series. Decide if the statements are true (T), false (F), or not mentioned (NM). Circle your choice. 10 pts

One of the best series on TV at the moment must be *Penguin Island* on Tuesday evenings at 7.30. Next Tuesday will be the last in the series. If you didn't see the first five programmes, you must watch this last one! It's a brilliant series about an island, Phillip Island, off the coast of Australia. This island is home for thousands of Little Penguins. These are the smallest penguins in the world. The penguins make their homes and lay their eggs a few hundred metres from the beach. Every day the adult penguins go to sea and swim hundreds of miles to find fish. They bring it back for their babies (called chicks) every night. The part of the island where the penguins live is very special. It is one of the few places in the world where these penguins live and it is very important to protect them. Before, there were holiday houses for Australians here, but not now. The government moved all the people away and knocked down the houses. They wanted to let the penguins live in peace. This was the first time in the world that people had to leave an area to protect the animals! Now, people can come and sit and watch the penguins on the beach. When the penguins come back with their food, they have to walk the few hundred metres to their homes. The people watch this walk. It is called the Penguin Parade! So, people can still enjoy watching the penguins, but they don't live close to them anymore. The series has watched the lives of several penguins. On Tuesday, we will learn about Tilda, a young female chick. Will her parents come back with food or will she have to go and swim for the first time to find food? Don't miss this incredible programme. You'll love it!

- A. The TV series has five programmes.
- B. The name of the island is Penguin Island.
- C. The penguins live in special hotels.
- D. People live close to the penguins now.
- E. The penguins are still a tourist attraction.

II. You received an email from a friend in England, he wrote...

It's summer soon! Do you have any interesting plans? Write and tell me!

Write your email. Write 60-80 words. 10 pts

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III. Read the article from which some sentences have been taken out. Choose the correct sentences (A - G) to fill the gaps. Write the letter on the line. There is one sentence you don't need. 7 pts

Mike Atkins is a homeless person. **(1)** ____ During the day, he sits on park benches or goes to shops, asking for food or money. At night, he sleeps under a bridge or in a doorway. Sometimes when it's very cold, he goes to a special shelter for a few nights. **(2)** ____

There are a lot of homeless people in big cities like London and Paris. There are also a lot of people who try to help them. They try to help the homeless find work or a real home to live in. There are some hostels for homeless people. **(3)** ____ But all this costs money. The money usually comes from special charities, but governments should do more to help. It's a very big problem. The homeless people have a very difficult life and they need work and routine to get them off the streets. **(4)** ____ They have been on the streets for a long time and they don't know how to change.

Some people get angry with homeless people and say that they should go and find a job, but it's not very easy. **(5)** ____ Mike, for example, was once a successful businessman, but his business lost a lot of money, and Mike lost his job and his house. **(6)** ____ Mike didn't have a job, a home or a family and he started to live on the streets. It didn't take a long time to go from rich to poor, from a successful businessman to a homeless person. Perhaps Mike will get another chance. I hope so. He needs it.

- A** There he sleeps in a warm room and in a real bed.
- B** Then his wife took his children and left him.
- C** Many of them also need hospital care and special help.
- D** Also, there are places called soup kitchens where homeless people can get hot food at meal times.
- E** Please give as much money as you can to help the charities.
- F** They didn't all choose to live on the streets.
- G** These days, the streets are his home.

IV. Answer the following questions by giving your opinion on the previous article. 3 pts

1. Do you think homelessness is a problem in Morelia?

2. How could you help people like Mike Atkins?

3. Do you know any homeless person?
