

## Reading and Use of English (1 hour 15 minutes)

### PART 1

For questions 1-8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Example:

0 A seriously      B extremely      C absolutely      D intensely

#### Multitasking children

The trend for children to multitask by juggling all sorts of electronic gadgets at the same time is 0. \_\_\_\_\_ damaging their levels of concentration, scientists have warned. They found that children 1. \_\_\_\_\_ homework while sending messages via the Internet can 2. \_\_\_\_\_ up spending 50% longer than if they had done each task 3. \_\_\_\_\_.

David E Meyer, Professor of Cognitive Psychology at the University of Michigan, said that true multitasking is 4. \_\_\_\_\_ possible for simple activities such as ironing and listening to the radio. He ran experiments demonstrating that young adults who had to 5. \_\_\_\_\_ from one maths problem to another wasted significant amounts of time. Meyer said: 'For situations 6. \_\_\_\_\_ more complex tasks, especially those requiring language, the total time taken to get all the tasks done will increase 7. \_\_\_\_\_. Over long periods, this kind of multitasking can stress you out and 8. \_\_\_\_\_ to mental and physical exhaustion.'

- 1 A engaging      B tackling      C attending      D undergoing  
2 A turn      B come      C use      D end  
3 A separately      B distinctly      C apart      D aside  
4 A merely      B purely      C only      D simply  
5 A alter      B switch      C interrupt      D exchange  
6 A consisting      B containing      C involving      D meaning  
7 A largely      B greatly      C widely      D highly  
8 A result      B proceed      C lead      D bring

PART 2

For questions 9-16, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.

The London Marathon

The London Marathon race is a long-running story. 0. IT was first held in 1981, 9. \_\_\_\_\_ when more than half a million marathon runners of various shapes, sizes and abilities have completed the challenge of running the full 42 km of the course.

The London Marathon was the brainchild of Chris Brasher. The former Olympic champion brought the idea home to London 10. \_\_\_\_\_ completing the New York Marathon in 1979. 'Could London stage 11. \_\_\_\_\_ an event?' wondered Brasher, answering his 12. \_\_\_\_\_ question by organizing the first London Marathon on March 29 1981, 13. \_\_\_\_\_ 6,255 runners completed the course.

The event has captured the public imagination and there are always 14. \_\_\_\_\_ many people wanting to take part. Last year 15. \_\_\_\_\_ amazing 98,500 people applied to run in it, although only 46,500 16. \_\_\_\_\_ be accepted.

For those who do take part, the day is about fun, achievement and raising money for charity - with varying degrees of pain!

PART 3

For questions 17-24, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.

Example:

0 NATIONAL

MOBILE LIBRARY'S A WINNER

The city's new mobile library has won an award at a 0. \_\_\_\_\_ meeting of mobile library providers. The award is for the 17. \_\_\_\_\_ design of this new vehicle. The new library went into 18. \_\_\_\_\_ in April and has been very well received by the public. Both visits and loans of books have increased 19. \_\_\_\_\_ since the new vehicle began operating. Comments have included 'It's such a friendly-looking library', 'I couldn't wait to look inside!' and 'Thanks for all the 20. \_\_\_\_\_ new books.

The mobile library is an air-conditioned, state-of-the-art vehicle, which is fully networked for using information technology. The air suspension system allows the vehicle to be 21. \_\_\_\_\_ for easy access and ensures 22. \_\_\_\_\_ when parked. The internal layout was designed with major input from the library staff, who insisted that the décor was bright and 23. \_\_\_\_\_. The library carries up to 3,000 books, CDs and DVDs for all ages and 24. \_\_\_\_\_, and much of the stock is brand new.

NATION  
STAND  
SERVE  
CONSIDER  
  
WONDER

LOW  
STABLE  
COLOUR  
INTERESTED

#### PART 4

For questions 25-30, 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. Here is an example (0).

Example:

O Making new friends was easy for her. **DIFFICULT**

She didn't    *FIND*    *IT*    *DIFFICULT*    *TO*    *MAKE*    new friends.

The gap can be filled with the words 'find it difficult to make', so you write:

25 Despite winning the race, he wasn't very pleased. **EVEN**

He wasn't very pleased, \_\_\_\_\_ the race.

26. His first novel was better than this one. **GOOD**

This novel is not \_\_\_\_\_ one he wrote.

27 I'm sorry, could you wait for a moment, please? **MIND**

I'm sorry, \_\_\_\_\_ for a moment, please?

28 We're so late now that we definitely won't get to the party on time. **CHANCE**

We're so late that we have \_\_\_\_\_ to the party on time.

29 The food she eats affects her health badly. **EFFECT**

The food she eats \_\_\_\_\_ her health.

30 The only thing I did at the weekend was housework. **APART**

I did \_\_\_\_\_ housework at the weekend.