

Speaking (20 pts)

A. Have a phone conversation using the prompts and the Language for speaking box.

A	B	LANGUAGE FOR SPEAKING changing arrangements
Say hello and say who you are.	Say hello.	Changing arrangements <i>I'm meant to ..., but ...</i> <i>We had thought we'd ..., but now ...</i> <i>How about getting together ...?</i> <i>Would you be able to meet on ...?</i> Saying you are/aren't free <i>I'm (not) available then.</i> <i>I can't make it then.</i> <i>That's fine with me.</i> Confirming arrangements <i>I'll confirm it with you. I'll get back to you.</i>
You need to change the time/place because of work/family/studies.	It's difficult for you to change it because you're busy at work/you have family problems/you are going on holiday.	
Suggest a different time/place.	Say why you can't do that time.	
Find a time you are both happy with and agree to meet.		
Say you'll check your diary and confirm later.	Say that's OK and finish the call.	

Listening (20 pts)

B. ► Listen and complete the sentences. Write no more than five words for each answer.

- I didn't really connect with that book. _____, I found it quite boring.
- You should visit the museum. _____, why don't we go together next week?
- I had a wonderful time in Thailand. The weather was great, and so was the food. Oh, hang on a minute, I've just got a text message. _____, I was telling you about my holiday, wasn't I?
- I like watching films, reading and playing computer games. _____, I'm not very active.
- Sorry for the interruption – that was my daughter on the phone.
So _____, the traffic was worse than usual yesterday.

C. ► Listen to the five dialogues. Decide in which conversation(s) a speaker ...

- returns to a previous topic _____
- paraphrases _____ and _____
- gets someone's attention _____ and _____

Writing/Grammar (25 pts)

D. Rewrite the sentences. Add relative pronouns in the correct place and commas where necessary.

1. Many people have difficulty seeing will benefit from wearing glasses.

2. The websites will really help me with my geography course are ones like National Geographic.

3. Although smartphones are aimed at young people look good they can be quite expensive.

4. Bill Gates used to own Microsoft is one of the richest men in the world.

5. I don't think there are many places I couldn't get a signal on my mobile phone.

E. Complete the paragraph with the correct words/phrases. Use a word from A and a word from B for each answer.

A

global heat high rain
strong

B

fall temperatures warming waves
winds

Microclimates

A microclimate is a place where the weather is very different to the weather around it. For example, in a country that is generally hot and dry, there may be an area that has a greater amount of ¹ _____. Amman in Jordan is one city that experiences microclimates. While some parts may be experiencing relatively ² _____ for the time of year, there can be frost, or even snow, in other parts. In other cities around the world, the buildings themselves reduce the power of ³ _____ and the resulting air-flow which might otherwise help reduce the temperature. Microclimates can't of course stop temporary ⁴ _____ caused by the strength of the sun. It seems that microclimates within cities can contribute to the rise of ⁵ _____, by increasing the natural heat of the planet.

F. Choose the correct answer from the words in italics.

As many people know, honeybees ¹ *have died / have been dying* in huge numbers over the past few years and this ² *has been worrying / has worried* scientists. However, engineers at a university in the USA ³ *have worked / have been working* for some time on designs for robotic flying bees and we may soon see these 'Robobees' in our skies. Robobees could help by doing the jobs that real bees should be doing.

Over the years scientists ⁴ *have seen / have been seeing* many failed attempts at making such bees. Researchers on the Robobee project ⁵ *have had / have been having* many similar problems in the past. They ⁶ *have created / have been creating* lots of different versions but now believe that, finally, they ⁷ *have succeeded / have been succeeding* in creating a model that really works. They ⁸ *have been trying / have tried* for a long time to produce something that is both small and light and it seems that at last they ⁹ *have managed / have been managing* it. So far a number of countries ¹⁰ *have announced / have been announcing* their plans to use Robobees, so their future looks hopeful!

- G. Your boss has set you a deadline for a piece of work. You have been ill and will miss the deadline. Write a professional email to your boss, apologizing and explaining what has happened. Use the Language for writing to help you.

LANGUAGE FOR WRITING writing a professional email	
Subject box Put enough information in the subject box so that the recipient (the person receiving it) can see instantly who it is from and what it is about. <i>Subject: RE deadline for report</i>	
Addressing the recipient Generally use the surname and title and 'Dear', not 'hi' or 'hello'. <i>Dear Dr Smart,</i> If you are on an equal level, you might use the first name. <i>Dear Chris,</i> Certain set phrases can be useful. <i>Thank you for your email.</i> <i>I wonder if you could help me.</i> <i>I would like to apologize for ...</i> <i>Unfortunately, I will not be able to ...</i>	
Using abbreviations The kinds of abbreviations you can use on social media are not appropriate.	
Using too much punctuation Avoid using exclamation marks (!) and emoticons, e.g. :)	
Signing off Always sign off with your name (full name if they might not know who you are) and one of the following. <i>Best wishes,</i> <i>Many thanks,</i> <i>Yours sincerely,</i> (this is the most formal way)	

Reading (20 pts)

- H. Read the article about smartwatches. Match 1–5 with the missing sentences a–f. There is one sentence that you don't need.

- a The most famous smartwatch owner must of course be James Bond.
- b More and more technology companies have already launched their own smartwatches.
- c In some ways they are like the wristphones described by Gatland and Jefferis, but can do far more than they had imagined.
- d A basic smartwatch will probably cost you around £65.
- e In the past they appeared in science-fiction stories, worn by people like Dick Tracy, a cartoon character from the 1930s.
- f They even thought they would also be able to show people maps to help them find their way around, as well as allowing people to talk.

Smartwatches

Many people have smartphones nowadays, but not many people have a smartwatch. The idea of a watch that can do more than just tell the time isn't new. ¹ ____ It wasn't until several years later that this fictional private detective began wearing his two-way wrist radio. Later, many science-fiction films and TV programmes of the 1970s and 80s featured characters wearing communication devices on their wrists. ² ____

But these fictional smartwatches encouraged writers and inventors to wonder if they could exist in reality. In 1979, Kenneth Gatland and David Jefferis published a book called *Future Cities – Homes and Living into the 21st Century*, in which they predicted that people would wear gadgets containing a two-way radio. ³ _____

Recently, smartwatch technology has developed rapidly, so that they are now more user-friendly and therefore more successful. Smartwatches are often called ‘wearable computers’ because they have a very wide range of functions. ⁴ _____ You can listen to the radio on them, take photos, monitor your health and find your way around an unfamiliar place. They can even communicate with mobile phones, tablets and computers. And the good news is that it’s not only James Bond who can afford them. ⁵ _____ Perhaps we’ll all be able to enjoy our own piece of science-fiction technology in the future!