

Speaking (20 pts)

A. Use the prompts below and the Language for speaking box to have a conversation about cities to visit.

A	B	LANGUAGE FOR SPEAKING making recommendations
Ask for a recommendation for a city to go to. Give a reason why you need to go there.	Suggest a city.	Ask for a recommendation <i>Could you recommend (a) ...?</i>
Say why that's not suitable for you. Ask for another recommendation.	Suggest another city.	Recommend something <i>I'd definitely recommend it might be a good idea to ... Don't miss ...</i>
Ask for recommendations about what to do there.	Recommend some activities/places to go to.	Respond to a recommendation <i>Thank you, that's a great suggestion, but ... That's a good idea, (but) ...</i>
Thank B and accept the recommendation.		

Listening (20 pts)

B. ▷ Listen and write the number of words you hear. Short forms (e.g. don't) count as one word.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

C. Decide if these words are usually stressed (S) or unstressed (U) in spoken English.

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| 1. was _____ | 6. with _____ |
| 2. and _____ | 7. taken _____ |
| 3. city _____ | 8. it _____ |
| 4. chapter _____ | 9. years _____ |
| 5. did _____ | 10. they _____ |

Writing/Grammar (25 pts)

D. Choose the correct answer from the words in *italics*.

- Kim** Do you fancy coming to see the football match with me on Saturday?
- Lee** What? Do you have tickets?
- Kim** Yes. My company always gets tickets for the big matches so I thought I'd ¹ have / take advantage of it this time!
- Lee** That's wonderful. Is it all right if I ² have / take a word with my wife and let you know? I ³ have / take a feeling that she's invited some friends over that day, but I don't ⁴ have / take a clue at what time.
- Kim** Well, the match starts at half past seven. ⁵ Have / Take my word for it – it's going to be a great game!
- Lee** Well, we usually ⁶ have / take turns to go out on a Saturday while the other one ⁷ has / takes care of the children. It should be my turn to go out this week, but I can't ⁸ have / take that for granted!
- Kim** I understand – I don't expect you to ⁹ have / take a decision before you speak to her.
- Lee** Great – I really hope I can make it, but I'll let you know if I ¹⁰ have / take any difficulty arranging things!

E. Complete the sentences so that the second sentence has the same meaning as the first. Use the passive form.

1. Bill Gates started the Microsoft Corporation in 1975.
The Microsoft Corporation _____ Bill Gates in 1975.
2. People are setting up new independent cafés all the time.
New independent cafés _____ all the time.
3. The bank must review all applications for loans.
All applications for loans _____.
4. The government has set up a website for people wanting to start a company.
A website _____ for people wanting to start a company.
5. No one knows if the global crisis will affect any more countries.
No one knows if any more countries _____.

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

1. Many fans consider Lewis Hamilton to be a / an / the / – best racing driver in a / an / the / – world.
2. When I was younger I was in a / an / the / – school basketball team for my year, so my dream was to become a / an / the / – professional player.
3. Most experts advise that a / an / the / – healthy lifestyle should involve plenty of a / an / the / – exercise.
4. The playing field is free to use, but they don't provide equipment, so if you want to play a / an / the / – football, you will need to bring a / an / the / – ball.
5. Unfortunately our team didn't win a / an / the / – final, but at least it was a / an / the / – entertaining match!

G. Think about a city or town you know that has changed. Make notes about at least five changes to the city. Then, write a paragraph about the city or town. Use the language from the Language for writing box to describe the changes.

LANGUAGE FOR WRITING writing about changes and differences

When writing about changes and differences we use phrases like:

before ... now ...

whereas in the past ... today ...

whereas before ..., now ...

in contrast to ...

compared to ...

one of the most important changes ...

another important change ...

Reading (20 pts)

H. Read the text about Nairobi, the capital of Kenya. Match 1–5 with the missing sentences a–f. There is one sentence that you don't need.

- a. Another key point is that many companies focus on the country's needs.
- b. On the other hand, there is no guarantee that this will be successful.
- c. However, at the moment, they both have very different customers.
- d. Kenya has a good geographical location in Africa, a good climate, and a strong education system.
- e. Many of these have been set up by educated young Kenyans.
- f. It provides a money transfer service that can be used on a mobile phone.

Nairobi: The new business city

In the last few years, the capital of Kenya has become recognized around the world as a place for new businesses and new ideas. In particular, Nairobi is now a popular city for small businesses that have a focus on technology. ¹ _____ Encouraged by government support and interest from outsiders willing to invest money, this new generation is prepared to take risks and create new products for the local market.

There are many reasons for Nairobi's success. ² _____ Nairobi also has the right balance of creative people and support from global IT companies, universities, the government and the local business community.

Many young Kenyans have been starting up new businesses and aren't afraid to take risks in the hope of being successful.

³ _____ For example, several of them have been praised for their ability to respond to the requirements of local people working in farming and clothes making. M-Pesa is one such example of a successful company.

⁴ _____ Because internet access is not always reliable in many parts of the country, using text messaging is an excellent way of helping farmers and clothes makers take payments and so expand their businesses.

Some experts even think Kenya may soon overtake South Africa as the technology centre of Africa.

⁵ _____ While Kenya has so far focused on its own region, South Africa does more international business. But the future is certainly looking good for young business-minded Kenyans. As long as the government continues to support them, it may just be a question of time before Nairobi becomes the new tech centre after all.

I. Read the text again and complete the sentences. Use one or two words from the text for each answer.

1. Kenya is now globally _____ as a source of new business ideas.
2. New businesses have been receiving _____ from the government as well as local and international companies.
3. In many areas of Kenya, using text messaging is more _____ than using the internet.
4. According to _____, Kenya may become more important than South Africa in terms of technology businesses.
5. Kenya's business interests are not yet as _____ as South Africa's.