TEST 6 PAPER 1: READING Part 1 (questions 1-8)

Part 1

You are going to read an interview with a keen and well-respected gardener. For questions **1-8** choose the answer (**A**, **B**, **C** or **D**) which you think fits best according to the text.

Mark your answers **on the separate answer sheet.**

When did you first become interested in gardening?

I started gardening at the age of 5; my mother gave each of us, my older sister and brother and me, a section of the garden which was ours to look after. I used to save my pocket money to buy seeds and bulbs and things to plant in my little patch and was really excited to watch the things I planted begin to grow. My brother and sister were never very interested and my mother used to do what needed to be done in the garden to keep it looking nice but it was really only me who had a real passion for gardening. I was quite unique in my family in that respect. I used to go out to the woods and countryside near where I lived and collect wild flowers when I was a child. Then when I got home I would look up in books the names of the flowers I had found and press them and keep. On a good day I would find about twenty new flowers. At school I chose to study science and botany right up to the age of 18 and learnt a lot about plants.

And what do you like about gardening now?

I love being outside in the fresh air and seeing things develop and grow. I like planning in the autumn
line 14 for the next year and imagining how it will look in the spring and summer. You never really know how it will turn out in the end and when it works out well it is very satisfying. In that way gardening can be very rewarding. It can also be very challenging. You need to learn about different soil types and which plants grow best in which places. It is also important to know how big plants will grow and how quickly. And you have to consider which plants will go together with others. You have to be very patient to be a good gardener as you always have to wait a long time to see the results of your ideas and hard work. You usually have to wait months to see if something works or not. But in the summer there is nothing I like more than being outside in my garden with the beautiful flowers and their lovely smells and scents.

Are there any negative points?

It can be very physically demanding and there are times when the weather means you can't get outside and do things, which can be very frustrating. The winter months are obviously more difficult than other times of the year as there is still work to be done but not so much to enjoy, and working outside in winter is not as pleasant as at other times of the year.

Have you ever grown fruit and vegetables?

Yes, I have grown quite a lot of fruit and vegetables in the past. My husband and I love cooking and it is great to cook with home grown fruit and vegetables. More than anything else we use all our own herbs from the garden when we're cooking. It's wonderful to be able to go out and pick things like parsley, mint, coriander or rosemary from the garden for dishes we're making; it is the ultimate in fresh ingredients. For that reason I have always had a herb garden. Most herbs have flowers so they look pretty in the garden and they smell nice too. They are also quite easy to grow and don't take up much space so you can grow them even if you have a small garden.

Have you ever won any prizes for your plants or flowers?

We live in a small village in the countryside and each year there is a flower show which I have taken part in. I've won a couple of times but I am not that interested in competitions. I don't think growing plants and flowers should be competitive. I enter the flower show each year because I want to support the village, and the spring flower show is a long established tradition which I think it is important to maintain.

What advice would you give someone who wants to start gardening?

Don't be too ambitious. I would say you should start with well-known plants that are easy to grow, and have a look at what grows in other gardens near you to get an idea of what sorts of plants suit the area you are in. The main thing is not to be impatient. You need to realise that it takes a long time to see the fulfilment of your work.

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1 Why does she say she was quite unique in her family?

A She started gardening when she was younger than her brother and sister.
B She was the only one who really loved gardening.
C She had more money to spend on the garden than the others.
D Everyone else in her family disliked gardening.

2 Why did she collect wild flowers when she was a child?

A She liked being outside in the countryside.
B She wanted to do well in science at school.
C She enjoyed finding new flowers she hadn't seen before.
D She wanted to have a big collection of dried flowers at home.

3 What does she mean in line 14 when she says, 'You never really know how it will turn out in the end'?

A You can't predict how successful your plans for the garden will be.
B You don't know what the weather will be like.
C You can't have a beautiful garden all the time.
D You don't know exactly if the plants will grow.

4 Why does she think gardening is challenging?

A Sometimes your ideas don't work out the way you planned.
B There is a lot to learn and think about.
C It takes a long time to plant new things.
D You have to spend time travelling around and looking at other people's gardens.

5 Which of the following does she not say is a negative point of gardening?

A The weather controls when you can and can't do gardening.
B It is hard work.
C Sometimes it can be boring.
D It is not nice to be outside when it is cold.

6 Why does she like growing her own herbs?

A She likes to use them when she is cooking.
B It is satisfying to see them grow.
C It is easier than going to the shops to buy herbs.
D She only has a small garden.

7 How does she feel about her village flower show?

A It is an out-of-date tradition and they shouldn't do it anymore.
B She doesn't like it because it makes gardening too competitive.
C She likes it because it is an opportunity to win prizes for her flowers.
D It is an important part of village life and should continue to happen every year.

8 What does she think is the most important quality to be a successful gardener?

A ambition
B patience
C physical strength
D scientific knowledge

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TEST 6 PAPER 1: READING Part 2 (questions 9-15)

Part 2

You are going to read an article about learning a second language. Seven sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences **A-H** the one which fits each gap (**9-15**). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

Mark your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

How to be a better second language learner

There is a lot of evidence which suggests that it is better to learn a second language when you are still young, ideally before the age of 11, and that once you are a teenager it is more difficult to learn a foreign language. This might be true but there are plenty of examples of adults who have started to learn a second language later in life and still managed to achieve a very good level. There are lots of factors involved in how well people are able to learn and use a second (or third or fourth) language and age is only one of them. 9 Here are some tips which might help you:

Firstly you are likely to learn a language more quickly the more exposure you have to it. It therefore makes sense to try to spend time in a country where the language is spoken. You do not necessarily have to go and live in the country long term but try to make frequent visits so that you often have to use the language for genuine communication and see and hear the language all around you. It is important that even if your visits are short they are frequent so that you do not forget everything you have learnt in between one trip and the next. 10 If you go with friends who speak your language it is unlikely you will have much need to use the language you are trying to learn. Probably the best thing to do is to go alone and enrol on a language course so that you will have some instruction and help with the language from a teacher and you will also meet other people in a similar situation to yourself. Of course this might not be possible, it might be too far away or too expensive. Don't worry, even if you stay in your own country and learn another language there are still things you can do to make the experience more effective.

It is possible to try to teach yourself; you can buy some books, borrow material from a library or follow an online course but the best thing to do is sign up to have language classes with a qualified teacher. It is more fun to attend classes with other people and you can often help each other and learn things from other students so you are likely to make more rapid progress than if you try to study on your own. 11 In addition, you want a teacher who will give you homework and correct it for you and guide you in what other things you can be doing outside of class by yourself.

One thing you should definitely try to do is read in the language you are studying as reading is the best way to increase your vocabulary. 12 When you are reading you will probably come across language you are already familiar with in new and different contexts. This helps to broaden your knowledge. For example, you might see verbs you already know in different forms. It doesn't matter what you read, and the best advice is to read something that you would read in your own language. Reading in a foreign language can be difficult, so it is important that you choose something you are interested in and would enjoy in your own language. You can even read a book you have already read in your own language.

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When you come across new words or expressions try to guess their meaning rather than looking them up in a dictionary. It is not usually necessary to understand every single word. 13 That way you won't interrupt the flow of your reading. When you come to recording new words or expressions either in class or from reading it is really important to write whole sentences and use meaningful examples. 14 A big problem when you try to use the language you are learning is inaccurate translation. You shouldn't try to construct sentences and phrases the same way you do in your first language as this often results in something that sounds strange or even something that makes no sense at all. The best way to avoid this is to learn whole expressions and sentences and not to focus too much on individual words.

If possible, you should try to listen to the language too. You can do this by listening to the radio or watching TV. 15 Short episodes of television series are better than films as films can be very long and the language is often very colloquial and informal. And finally, ideally you should practice speaking and communicating in the language with someone who knows the language better than you. This doesn't need to be a native speaker but should be someone who can correct you and help you with things you don't know.

A And you need a teacher to explain things to you and more importantly to correct you if you make any mistakes.

B Like with reading try to choose things you are interested in already and would listen to or watch in your own language.

C Another point to consider is how you spend your time while you are there.

D This means you are more likely to want to finish it and keep going when it gets difficult.

E Try to write things which are real and true for you as this will make it easier to remember.

F It is also a good way of reinforcing the grammatical structures you already know.

G So the good news is that if you are learning a language as a teenager or adult there is no reason why you should not reach a good level if you really want to.

H If you really want to check the meaning of something underline it and come back to it later.

TEST 6 PAPER 1: READING Part 3 (questions 16-30)

Part 3

You are going to read about 5 hotels. For questions **16-30** choose from the hotels (**A-E**). The hotels may be chosen more than once. When more than one answer is required they may be given in any order.

Mark your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

Which hotel or hotels:

is in the centre of a big city? 16

offers guests the chance to do water sports? 17

is best for people interested in nature and outdoor activities? 18

can cater for a very large number of people? 19

is suitable for families with young children? 20

make an effort to be environmentally friendly? 21 22

would be good for a relaxing and quiet holiday? 23

would suit someone who is interested in keeping fit? 24

does not have somewhere you can eat dinner? 25

makes a request about how their guests should behave? 26

can help guests plan trips to the surrounding area? 27 28

offer free transport for guests? 29 30

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Hotels

A

Palm Beach Resort

At Palm Beach you will find everything you need for a perfect holiday. Our hotel offers visitors complete peace and quiet away from the crowds and noise of the city; we have our own private beach where you will always find plenty of space to relax and enjoy the spectacular scenery, white sand and perfectly clear blue sea. For those who want to do more than lie in the sun we have our own team of diving instructors who can teach you how to scuba-dive and take you to the nearby reefs to see the amazing marine life. Wind-surfing, water-skiing and jet skis are also available. In the evenings there are 3 high quality restaurants to choose from all inside the hotel complex. All of our 300 luxury rooms have their own balcony with stunning views out to sea. Our reception staff will be happy to help you organise any excursions around the island.

B

Forest Lodge

Forest Lodge is the ideal place to stay after a day of walking in the hills. The hotel is situated in a secluded area on the edge of the forest inside the national park. There is wildlife right on our doorstop and it is possible to see a number of rare birds and plants. The hotel has 240 large rooms on three stories, all with en-suite facilities and a large restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Our aim is to provide you with a place to enjoy the natural beauty of the area. We are also very conscious of the need to protect the wildlife in the area and try to keep our impact on the environment to a minimum. We hope our visitors will help us with this by not leaving any litter in the forest area and recycling waste where possible. As evidence of our commitment to protecting the environment and in order to welcome guests without cars we will be happy to pick up any guests arriving by train from the nearest station free of

C

The Tower Hotel

This ultra-modern hotel is located within easy walking distance of all the main sights and just 5 minutes from the central station. It is the ideal location for anyone looking for a place to rest in total comfort after a busy day shopping and sightseeing in this amazing city. The hotel was completely renovated last year and is now equipped with the most up-to-date technology and appliances. The Tower Hotel has 45 rooms all with en-suite bathrooms, underfloor heating, flat screen TV, wifi internet access and mini bar. Over 70 per cent of the hotel's energy needs are provided by the solar panels on the roof making the Tower Hotel one of the greenest in the city. We are very proud to be contributing to the city's sustainable development programme. Room service is available 24 hours a day and we offer breakfast in the Terrace bar overlooking the river. It is also possible to book theatre tickets, boat trips and city bus tours with our reception staff at a discounted price.

D

Parkside Hotel

As the name suggests the Parkside Hotel is located right next to the city's largest park, to the west of the city away from all the noise and crowds of the downtown area but still close enough that if you want to go to the theatre or spend a day shopping you can get there easily by public transport or taxi. The hotel has its own garden and from the roof terrace you can enjoy beautiful views of the city, the park and the mountains to the north. There is a large and fully equipped gym, swimming pool, sauna and spa so this is the perfect place to feel good and stay in shape. With its large dining room, which can seat over 400 people this hotel is also the perfect place to celebrate your wedding or any other large party. The Parkside Hotel is also the ideal location to hold a business conference; we have 2 large conference rooms with all the latest technologies and experienced staff on hand to provide any additional support you may need.

E

Bluewater Bay Resort

This is an all inclusive resort which welcomes guests of all ages. From the moment you arrive at the airport all your needs are taken care of by our very efficient and friendly team of staff. There is a complimentary bus service to and from the airport which takes only 20 minutes. There are four restaurants serving food all day and a poolside bar which is open for lunch and evening drinks. All food and drinks are included so you won't need to worry about carrying money around with you. There are three swimming pools, including one exclusively for our younger guests with slides and inflatable toys. In the afternoons there are a variety of kids' activities in the pool area so parents can relax and have some time to themselves. In the evenings we also have a babysitting service. Most evenings there is entertainment in the main restaurant after 10 pm and the rock and sand disco is open until 3 am every night. For those who want to be active during the day we have tennis courts and a golf course. We believe we have something for everyone, all in the same place.

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TEST 6 PAPER 2: WRITING Part 1 (question 1)

Part 1

You **must** answer this question. Write your answer in **120-150** words in an appropriate style on the opposite page.

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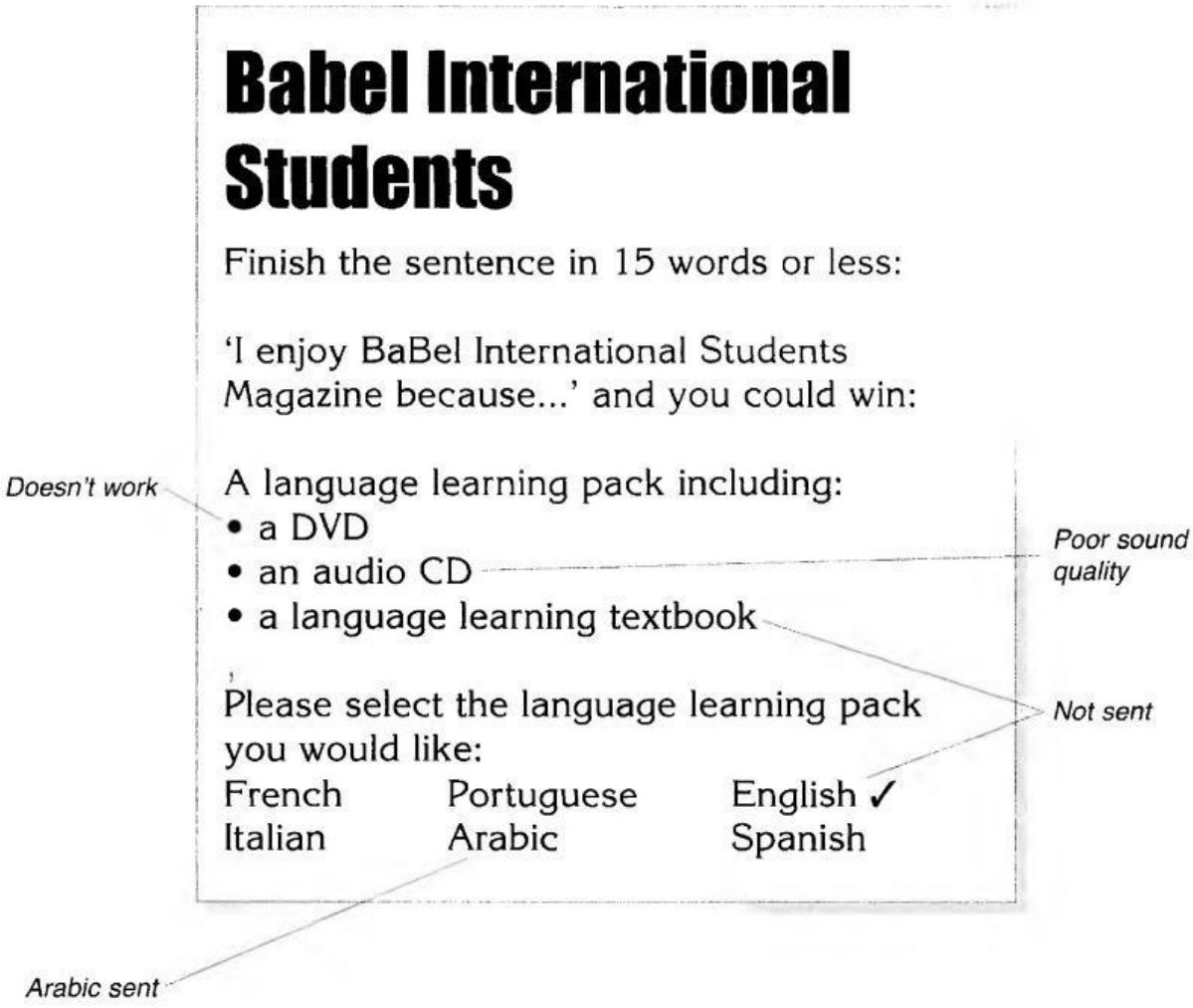
1 You have recently won a competition organized by an international students magazine. Unfortunately there are a few problems with the prize you received. Read the original advertisement for the competition. Using the notes you have made, write to the magazine explaining the situation.



Write your **letter**. You must use grammatically correct sentences with accurate spelling and punctuation in a style appropriate for the situation.

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TEST 6 PAPER 2: WRITING Part 1 (question 1)

Question 1

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TEST 6 PAPER 2: WRITING Part 2 (questions 2-5)

Part 2

Write an answer to **one** of the questions **2-5** in this part. Write your answer in **120-180** words in an appropriate style on the opposite page. Put the question number in the box at the top of the page.

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2 You have seen this announcement on the college notice board.

> **The most valuable thing I have learned**
> Write an article about the most useful subject or skill you have learned.
> Say how you learned it and why you think it is useful or important.
> The writer of the best article will win a €50 book voucher.

Write your **article**.

3 You recently saw this announcement in an English language magazine.

> *We are looking for reviews of websites which our readers may find useful or enjoyable. The best reviews will be printed in our next edition.*

Write your **review**.

4 Your teacher has asked you to write a story for the school magazine. The story must begin with the following words:

Jimmy had never felt so proud.

Write your **story**.

5 Answer **one** of the following two questions based on your reading of **one** of the set books. Write the letter (**a**) or (**b**) as well as the number 5 in the question box on the opposite page.

(a) Write an **essay** describing one of the minor characters in the book and describe their role in the story.

(b) Write a **letter** to a friend comparing the book you have read with your favourite book.

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TEST 6 PAPER 2: WRITING Part 2 (questions 2-5)

Question	

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TEST 6 PAPER 3: USE OF ENGLISH Part 1 (questions 1-12)

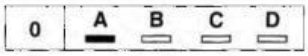
Part 1

For questions **1-12**, 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** transport **B** travel **C** convenience **D** vehicles



Lost Property

Have you lost anything on public **(0)** ..... ? An umbrella, perhaps, or a pair of gloves? Your **(1)** ..... teeth, a lawnmower, a wedding dress or maybe your favourite park bench? All of these and many other unusual items have been **(2)** ..... and handed in to London's lost property office in Baker Street over the **(3)** ..... 75 years. If you go to their office you will be amazed at the enormous number of things people **(4)** ..... while travelling in the city on buses, trains and the underground. Last year 36,852 books were found; that's enough to fill a library. 28,550 bags were handed in, with things in them, and 27,174 **(5)** ..... of clothing. The manager of the lost property office says she loves being reminded how **(6)** ..... Londoners are when they hand in lost property. Of course not everything gets handed in but stories **(7)** ..... the time a bag was handed in with 10,000 pounds in it help restore your faith in human nature.

The office is quite **(8)** ..... at getting things back to their owners too. If you lose something you can **(9)** ..... it to the lost property office and assuming someone has kindly handed it in, their computer system Sherlock will try to find it for you. The office **(10)** ..... you to give as much information as possible as this obviously makes the search **(11)** ..... . However, if you lose something and it finds its way to the lost property office they won't **(12)** ..... it forever. If they are not claimed after three months, most items are given to charity or sold at auction.

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TEST 6 PAPER 3: USE OF ENGLISH Part 1 (questions 1-12)

1	A	artificial	B	false	C	untrue	D	fake
2	A	discovered	B	found	C	searched	D	recovered
3	A	last	B	recent	C	ultimate	D	close
4	A	lose	B	forget	C	miss	D	drop
5	A	parts	B	quantities	C	details	D	pieces
6	A	sincere	B	true	C	honest	D	loyal
7	A	like	B	as	C	such	D	example
8	A	well	B	great	C	good	D	fine
9	A	demand	B	report	C	tell	D	announce
10	A	suggests	B	makes	C	asks	D	insists
11	A	bigger	B	easier	C	better	D	lighter
12	A	maintain	B	guard	C	hold	D	keep

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TEST 6 PAPER 3: USE OF ENGLISH Part 2 (questions 13-24)

Part 2

For questions **13-24**, read the text below and think of the word that 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**.

Example: 0 DO

The need for sleep

How much sleep **(0)** ..... we really need? This can vary quite a lot between individuals. However, it is widely believed that between 6-8 hours **(13)** ..... healthy. What is particularly important is that this sleep happens **(14)** ..... the right time; that it fits in with our body's natural rhythm. If you suffer from sleepiness or dysfunction during **(15)** ..... day then you are probably not getting enough sleep when you most need it. Typical symptoms of a lack of sleep **(16)** ..... low concentration, poor memory and feeling irritable. Getting the right amount of sleep is not only important in terms of being able **(17)** ..... function properly on a day to day basis but it also **(18)** ..... an impact on your overall health. Research suggests that people **(19)** ..... sleep between 6 to 7 hours per night are likely to live longer **(20)** ..... those who sleep less than 6 or more than 8 hours per night. One reason **(21)** ..... this is because of the effect sleep has on our immune system.

There is a belief that old people need less sleep than other adults, however, this is not in fact true. The elderly need **(22)** ..... much sleep as when they were younger but changes to their body's rhythm and health problems might make it more difficult for **(23)** ..... to sleep through the night. As a result **(24)** ..... is common for old people to fall asleep during the day.

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TEST 6 PAPER 3: USE OF ENGLISH Part 3 (questions 25-34)

Part 3

For questions **25-34** 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 GLOBAL

Shanghai

The twentieth century belonged to New York but with the massive changes to the **(0)** ..... economy it is Shanghai which will be the new New York of the twenty-first century. Shanghai has become one of the world's top cities in a little more than a decade. It is the economic capital of China and now rivals any city in the world as an economic, **(25)** ..... and business centre. Its port is one of the **(26)** ..... in the world, second only to Singapore and Rotterdam. The economy in Shanghai is based on finance, banking, manufacturing and high-tech industries. Huge amounts of **(27)** ..... from abroad have helped make this possible and there are an **(28)** ..... number of foreign businesses setting up bases in the city. Well-known luxury brands are now opening shops in the city too, attracting millions of **(29)** ..... .

GLOBE
FINANCE
BUSY
INVEST
INCREASE
TOUR

On the negative side, the price to pay for all this **(30)** ..... is that rush hour traffic jams and **(31)** ..... are causing enormous problems. Shanghai is **(32)** ..... a sophisticated, cosmopolitan city but there is a lot of poverty and **(33)** ..... ; the gap between the richest and poorest is huge. China used to be one of the most equal countries in the world but the situation is now even **(34)** ..... than in India.

GROW
POLLUTE
APPARENT
EQUAL
BAD

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TEST 6 PAPER 3: USE OF ENGLISH Part 4 (questions 35-42)

Part 4

For questions **35-42**, 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: 0 I haven't seen him for at least 2 years.
TIME
The ..... was more than 2 years ago.

The gap can be filled by the words 'last time I saw him', so you write:

Example: 0 | LAST TIME I SAW HIM |

Write **only** the missing words **IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet**.

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35 If you cut the grass I'll let you borrow the car.
CAN
You ..... if you cut the grass.

36 He went to live in Tokyo six months ago.
BEEN
He ..... in Tokyo for the last six months.

37 I'm sure Richard will do well in the exam.
DEFINITELY
Richard ..... well in the exam.

38 I suggest buying one present from all of us.
BUY
Why ..... one present from all of us?

39 Paul's new bike is identical to mine.
SAME
Paul's new bike is exactly ..... mine.

40 Is it OK if I open the window?
MIND
Do ..... the window?

41 In the USA office workers usually wear casual clothes on Friday.
USUAL
It's ..... wear casual clothes on Friday in the USA.

42 I told Rachel she should give up her job and go travelling.
ENCOURAGED
I ..... her job and go travelling.

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