



I. Reading Section (20 marks)

Read the article and do the activities.



Santa Is from Greenland

Tue July 22, 2003 COPENHAGEN (Reuters) - Santa is from Greenland, according to an official statement from the world's Father Christmases at their congress in Denmark. 130 Father and Mother Christmases and Santa's helpers from 12 countries including Japan, Canada, Britain and Spain, discussed which Nordic country was their real home.

"It's a fact: [Santa] comes from Greenland," said Kurt Flemming, chairman of the 40th annual Father Christmas World Congress.

Greenland's delegate won the argument about the title, saying "We have lots and lots of reindeer in Greenland. Didn't you know that?"

The delegates wore white beards and red hats and robes in the summer heat. After their debate, the delegates paraded through Copenhagen to the music of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." They cooled their feet on a beach and enjoyed Danish pastries and beer.

Feeling happier, the Santas promised bigger presents for children this year -- "if they've been nice. And most have. But politicians get smaller ones," said Flemming, who doubles as a circus clown outside the Christmas season.

Finnish Lapland, rival of Greenland for the title, was not represented at the congress.

Vocabulary

reindeer - an animal associated with Father Christmas



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Answer the questions. (5 marks)

1. Where was the 40th annual Father Christmas World Congress held?
2. Who attended the congress?
3. How did the Father Christmases relax after the debate?
4. What will the children get this year?
5. Who is Kurt Flemming?

Match the words (6-11) with the definitions (a-f). (3 marks)

6. helpers	a. in the north
7. nordic	b. a type of warm clothing
8. delegate	c. people who help other people
9. robes	d. a person who dresses in colourful clothes and entertains children
10. parade	e. someone who attends a conference or congress
11. clown	f. walk around in public as part of an organised event

Read the article about a famous fast food chain.

The History Of Burger King

We've all enjoyed eating a hamburger from Burger King at least once in our lives, but have you ever stopped to ask yourself how Burger King first began?

In 1954, James McIlmoy and his partner David Edgerton - two very successful businessmen in the fast food industry - founded their first restaurant in Miami, Florida, but it wasn't called Burger King. It was called *Insta Burger King* because they wanted to emphasize the fact that their food orders were delivered immediately. Burgers and shakes were 18 cents each. The Whopper, which appeared in 1957, cost just 37 cents. A year later, the "Burger King, Home of the WHOPPER" advertising campaign began and in 1974 "Have it Your Way" became a famous expression.

By the end of March 2008, the company had more than 37,000 employees and approximately 11.4 million customers every day. Burger King reported that there were more than 11,300 outlets in 69 countries; 66% in the United States and 90% managed by families and independent owners.

Today, the chain is growing with 11,500 restaurants in 72 countries. The company is definitely "having it its way"!

Are the following statements true or false? If they are false, re-write them so that they are true. (5 marks)

12. The Burger King began in 1954.
13. The first restaurant was called *Insta Burger King* because customers received their food very quickly.
14. The first hamburger in Burger King cost 37 cents.
15. "Have It Your Way" was the name of one of the restaurants in 1974.
16. All Burger King restaurants are family businesses.

Read the newspaper article.

Indian Chili is Hotter Than Mexico's

GUWAHATI, India Monday September 4 (Reuters)- The hottest chili on earth is Indian.

Four Indian scientists have discovered that a type of chili grown in the country's north-east has the highest Scoville units of pure capsaicin - a measure of hotness.

Called the Tezpur chili, after the area where it is grown, scientists say the pepper has beaten Mexico's Red Savina Habanero, widely acclaimed as the hottest in the world.

Tezpur lies on the banks of the river Brahmaputra about 112 miles from Guwahati, the main city of Assam, which is better known for its flavorsome tea than its chilies.

"The Tezpur chili was rated having 855,000 Scoville units...the Mexican chili contained 557,000 Scoville units of pure capsaicin" one of the scientists, who asked not to be identified, told Reuters.

The scientists work in defense laboratories in Guwahati and Gwalior.

The Scoville scale is named after German scientist Wilbur Scoville, the first to measure the heat component in chili.

India is the world's top producer of chilies, exporting an estimated 35 tons a year.

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Answer the questions. (6 marks)

17. What have scientists discovered?
18. What is Tezpur?
19. What is the Scoville Scale?
20. What is a Red Savina Habanero?
21. Where are the scientists from?
22. Which country grows the most chilies in the world?

Complete the following phrases with the most appropriate answer. (Write *a*, *b*, or *c*) (1 mark)

23. ... widely acclaimed as the hottest in the world. (paragraph two)
- a. many people say b. people don't know it c. people complain

24. ... better known for its flavorsome tea than its chilies. (paragraph three)
- a. hot b. delicious c. curry

II. Use of English Section (50 marks)

Choose the correct words/phrases. (4 marks)

- CHRIS How are you/is it, Jack? Are you
(21) *wrong/OK*?
- JACK No, I'm not. (22) *I'm/I* feel terrible.
- CHRIS (23) *What's/What* the matter?
- JACK I feel sick and I've got a really bad cold.
- CHRIS (24) *Oh, great/Oh, dear*. That's
(25) *better/a shame*. You
(26) *should/shouldn't* take the day off.
- JACK I can't. I've got an important meeting in
this morning.
- CHRIS Well, (27) *you shouldn't/why don't you*
go home after lunch?
- JACK That's a good idea.
- CHRIS I (28) *wait/hope* you get better soon.

Write a noun for each of these words. (3 marks)

Example: discuss discussion

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| 29. visit | 32. advertise |
| 30. examine | 33. decide |
| 31. collect | 34. act |

Read Julia's email. Put the verbs in brackets in the Present Simple, the Present Continuous, the Past Simple or the Present Perfect. (16 marks)

Hi Roberto
How are you? I hope you're OK. At the moment I
(35) _____ (sit) in an Internet Café. I
(36) _____ (arrive) in London two days ago
and I (37) _____ (want) to do an English
course for a month. (38) _____ you ever
_____ (go) to London? It's an amazing city,
but I (39) _____ (not understand) the people
very well – the problem is they
(40) _____ (talk) very fast.
I'm here with one of my cousins, Javier. You
(41) _____ (meet) him last year when you
(42) _____ (come) to my house for a barbecue.
He (43) _____ (do) some shopping in Oxford
Street at the moment because he
(44) _____ (need) to buy a new coat.
Javier (45) _____ (visit) London a couple of
times for work, so he (46) _____ (know) a lot
of good places to go. Last night we
(47) _____ (go) to a concert in Camden
and (48) _____ (see) a new band called the
Love Doctors – it (49) _____ (be) great!
Well, my phone (50) _____ (ring) – it's
probably Javier. I'll write again soon.
Love
Julia

Make sentences and questions with these words. (4 marks)

Example: theatre / on / We / the / go / never /
to / Friday / .

We never go to the theatre on Friday.

51. goes / a / Anna / week / concerts / usually
/ to / once / .
52. don't / mountain biking / I / go / very
often / .
53. sister / coffee / My / drinks / hardly ever / .
54. twice / We / sport / a / always / week / do / .

Read John's school report. Fill in the gaps with the adjective in brackets or the correct comparative or superlative form of the adjective. (9 marks)

John is the brightest (bright) boy in the class.
He's also the (55) _____ (good) at most
sports and he's (56) _____ (popular) than
anyone else. Perhaps everyone likes him
because he's also very helpful. His exercise
books are (57) _____ (organised) than
anyone else's and he helps the boys who aren't
as (58) _____ (intelligent) as him with their
homework.

His friends are much (59) _____ (big) than
him. John is still very small because he's
(60) _____ (young) boy in the class so he
isn't as (61) _____ (good) at basketball as
the others. Some of the other boys are much
(62) _____ (lazy) than John in class. But
he's as (63) _____ (noisy) as them!

Make questions about the underlined words.
(6 marks)

Example: Dad's washing the car now.

What's Dad doing now?

64. I saw Simon last week in town.
Who _____ ?
65. He paid \$200 for that CD player.
How much _____ ?
66. We're going to have a party.
What _____ ?
67. I go to the cinema every month.
How often _____ ?
68. The students are studying in the library.
Where _____ ?
69. I've been to Argentina.
Where _____ ?

Choose the correct verbs in these phrases.
(6 marks)

lose	look after	live	play	fail	stop
turn	get (x2)	do (x2)	cycle	try	

Example: lose weight

70. _____ Japanese food 76. _____ aerobics
 71. _____ fit 77. _____ abroad
 72. _____ the housework 78. _____ left
 73. _____ an exam 79. _____ smoking
 74. _____ a degree 80. _____ cards
 75. _____ the children 81. _____ to work

Fill in the gaps with a preposition. (2 marks)

Example: ask someone out

82. get married _____ someone
 83. go out _____ someone
 84. go _____ a date
 85. fall _____ love

III. Listening practice (20 marks)

Listen to John and Gemma's conversation about Norfolk, a place in England. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)? (3 marks)

Example: Gemma might go away this weekend. T

86. Gemma thinks Norfolk is a good place to visit.
 87. John says you can sunbathe there.
 88. Gemma thinks the weather in Norfolk is bad.
 89. John says you can see lots of museums.
 90. Gemma is 34 years old.
 91. She would rather go to a night club in London.

Bruce is the manager of an outdoor centre. Listen to his voicemail message to his secretary, Angela. Choose the correct answers to the questions. (4 marks)

Example: Is Angela in the office?	Yes/ <u>No</u>
92. Can Susanna speak another language?	Yes/No
93. Who has worked at the outdoor centre before?	Susanna/Betina
94. What can Betina do?	run very fast / type very fast
95. Who is going to choose the best person for the job?	Bruce/Angela

Listen to two friends, Phil and Natalie, talking about their favorite films. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)? (7 marks)

Example: Phil hated *The Godfather*. F

96. *Terminator I* is one of Phil's favourite films.
 97. Phil saw *The Others* at the cinema.
 98. Phil enjoys watching horror films.
 99. Phil thought the actors in *The Others* weren't very good.
 100. Natalie likes films with love stories.
 101. Natalie thought that *The Matrix* was excellent.
 102. Natalie would like to see *Titanic* again.

D. Listen to the job interview with James Drummond, and choose the correct answer for each question. (6 marks)

103. When did James start working for a newspaper?

- a) when he finished school
 b) after he left university
 c) while he was still a student

104. Why did he decide to stay in Russia?

- a) He already had a job there.
 b) He was enjoying himself there.
 c) He had some friends there.

105. When James first arrived in Russia ...

- a) he didn't know any Russian.
 b) he could speak Russian fluently.
 c) he could speak Russian quite well.

106. James ...

- a) has also worked for a British newspaper.
 b) travelled a lot in his last job.
 c) studied journalism at university.

107. James says he is ...

- a) organised and friendly.
 b) able to speak three foreign languages.
 c) very experienced.

108. The interviewer says that the job includes ...

- a) a good salary and on-the-job training
 b) opportunities for promotion and long holidays
 c) on-the-job training and flexible hours

IV. Writing Section (10 marks)

Question One: What do you plan to do after you graduate? Write about your future plans. (5 marks)

Question Two: What was the last film you saw? Did you enjoy it? Why? Why not? (5 marks)