



I. Reading Section (15 marks)

Read about the famous Latin American author Carlos Fuentes.

Carlos Fuentes Macías (born March 11, 1928) is a Mexican writer and one of the best-known living novelists and essayists in the Spanish-speaking world. Fuentes has influenced contemporary Latin American literature, and his works have been widely translated into English and other languages.

The author describes himself as a premodern writer, using only pens, ink and paper. He asks "Do words need anything else?" Fuentes mentioned that he detests those authors who from the beginning claim to have a recipe for success. In a speech on his writing process he mentioned that when he starts the writing process he begins by asking "Who am I writing for?".

In 1959, Fuentes published *Las Buenas Conciencias*, which is probably his most accessible novel depicting the privileged middle classes of a medium sized town, thought to be modelled on Guanajuato. His 1960s novels, *Aura* (1962) and *La muerte de Artemio Cruz* (1962) are well acclaimed for using experimental modern narrative styles to discuss history, society and identity. His 1985 novel *Gringo viejo*, the first American bestseller written by a Mexican author, was filmed as *Old Gringo* (1989) starring Gregory Peck and Jane Fonda.

In 1994, he published *Diana, The Goddess Who Hunts Alone*, a fictionalized account of his alleged affair with American actress Jean Seberg. However, the authenticity of this adulterous liaison has been brought into question several times.

Fuentes regularly contributes essays on politics and culture to the Spanish newspaper *El País* and *Reforma*. He is a stern critic of what he sees as American cultural and economic situations typically hidden from mainstream Mexican society.

Answer the following questions. (5 marks)

Source of text: unknown website

1. In what way is Fuentes an old-fashioned writer?
2. Which Fuentes novel was the most successful in the USA?
3. Which novel is the easiest to read, according to the article?
4. Is *Diana, The Goddess Who Hunts Alone* a true story?
5. What does Fuentes criticize about modern society?

Choose the best definition for the underlined words. (2 marks)

6. "His 1960s novels ... are well acclaimed for using experimental modern narrative styles ..." (paragraph three)

- a. have been criticized b. are not used to c. are admired

7. "... the authenticity of this adulterous liaison has been brought into question ..." (paragraph 4)

- a. people are not sure if it is true b. people have said that it is very original
c. people have gossiped about it

Read the article.

Madagascar Cyclones Fell Trees, Kill Rare Animals

By Kieran Murray

ANTANANARIVO, Madagascar Friday March 17 (Reuters) - The cyclones that **ripped through** Madagascar recently almost certainly tore down areas of endangered forest and killed some of the island's rare animals and birds, wildlife experts say.

Jean-Paul Paddack, head of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) in Madagascar, said cyclones Eline and Gloria packed winds of above 130 mph and would have blown down sections of Madagascar's rich rainforests.

"I think the biggest impact is probably on forest cover, just the sheer force of wind **blowing away** trees. I suspect some species were caught in that and died, no doubt," Paddack told Reuters late Thursday.

He said the species caught in the cyclones included birds, small mammals, reptiles and amphibians.

"They would have been **knocked down** from trees and washed away in rivers or affected by trees falling," Paddack said.

Madagascar, which lies off the eastern coast of Africa, is home to thousands of species of animals found nowhere else on earth. They include most of the world's lemurs -- monkey-like mammals with huge eyes -- as well as hundreds of rare and unique species of birds, chameleons and brightly-colored frogs.

Environmental workers say they received reports of dead lemurs **floating** in the flood waters of northeastern Madagascar when the cyclones ripped through in late February and earlier this month.

Paddack said the biggest impact of the cyclones had been on the human population with an estimated 150 people killed and key subsistence crops washed away. But it has not yet been possible to accurately measure the damage to the environment in the remote, almost inaccessible, interior of the island.

Madagascar has thousands of endemic species of plants and trees but its rich biodiversity has been under assault for decades as forest-clearing, slash-and-burn agriculture and mining for rare minerals has **decimated** the forests.

An estimated 80 percent of the island's original forest cover has disappeared and it continues to lose up to 200,000 hectares every year.

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Are the following sentences true or false? If it's false, re-write the sentence so that it is true. (5 marks)

8. Damage was caused on Madagascar by a destructive cyclone.
9. Madagascar contains many unique animals and plants.
10. It is believed that the animals were killed by the flood waters.
11. According to Paddack, humans were more affected by the cyclones than the animals.
12. Cyclones and flooding are the only environmental problems in Madagascar.

Match the verbs from the article (13-18) with the correct definitions (a-f). (3 marks)

13. fell	a. move from one place to another carried by the wind
14. rip through	b. cut down
15. blow away	c. move violently across an area
16. knock down	d. destroy
17. float	e. make something fall over
18. decimate	f. rest on the surface of a liquid

II. Use of English Section (20 marks)

Fill in the gaps with who, that, which, whose and where if necessary. Put - if no word is needed. (4 marks)

A *Wild Sheep Chase* is the extraordinary novel that brought its author, Haruki Murakami, to public attention. The book, (19) _____ is set in Japan, begins simply enough. A young man (20) _____ works for an advertising agency, gets a postcard from a friend. He decides to use the postcard, (21) _____ shows a photo of a country scene, for an advertisement (22) _____ his company is making. However, he doesn't notice that in the photo there is a sheep (23) _____ has a star on its back. The photo attracts the attention of a strange man in black, (24) _____ offers him a choice - find the sheep or lose everything. The search for the sheep takes the main character, (25) _____ name is never revealed, from Tokyo to the mountains of northern Japan, (26) _____ he has to face a number of dangers. Haruki Murakami is now one of Japan's best known authors.

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of these phrases. (5 marks)

take a long time take advantage take risks take responsibility take sides take for granted take any notice

Note: you don't have to use all the phrases.

Example: I usually take a long time to do my homework.

27. My father was a mountain climber and he sometimes _____ when he went climbing.
28. I've never _____ my parents _____. I think they're amazing and I often tell them so.
29. When he was released from prison, he finally started _____ for this actions.
30. Rachel never _____ when her children argue with each other.
31. That student has never _____ of what his teachers tell him to do.

Choose the correct verb forms. (3 marks)

Example: I'll help/m helping you later, if you like.

32. This time tomorrow we'll be swimming/ll swim in the sea in the south of France.
33. He hasn't been studying at all, so he doesn't pass/isn't going to pass his test.
34. We'll definitely finish/re definitely finishing the project on time.
35. I think Brazil will win/are winning the next World Cup.
36. Wait a minute! I'll carry/m carrying that suitcase upstairs for you.
37. I can't come this afternoon - I'll meet/m meeting my sister at 4.30.

Complete these words connected to plants and garden. (3 marks)

Example: Plant the seeds now and we'll have carrots in July.

38. Can you see the apple trees in the o_____?
39. Bees take p_____ form one flower to another.
40. The p_____ of this rose are dark red.
41. The r_____ of that tree have grown under the wall.
42. That house has a beautiful green l_____.
43. I need to put this plant in a bigger p_____.

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of these verbs. (5 marks)

do talk travel pass feel win make out clean change

Note: you don't have to use all the verbs.

Example: George may well do a course in Arabic next year.

44. He went to the football match despite _____ very ill.
45. You're bound _____ the exam - you've studied so hard for it.
46. He tries to avoid _____ to people about his job.
47. Apart from _____ the kitchen, I've got nothing to do this weekend.
48. He's unlikely _____ his job this year. He's really enjoying it.

III. Listening Section (15 marks)

Listen to a woman talking about some of the problems faced by the Grand Canyon National Park Service. Complete the fact file. (10 marks)

Grand Canyon Fact File	
Location:	(49) _____ part of Arizona
Depth:	(50) _____ kilometres
Opened in:	(51) _____
Number of visitors today:	(52) _____ a year
Main problems in the park:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Too many (53) _____ ▪ (54) _____ from elsewhere ▪ Limited (55) _____
Colorado River	
Problems caused by the Glen Canyon Dam:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Temperature of water (56) _____ degrees all year. ▪ Some kinds of (57) _____ no longer exist. ▪ The rapids are getting bigger.
Conclusion	
The park may soon no longer be one of the world's (58) _____	

Listen to an urban myth: "Cow down below". Choose the best answers to the questions. (5 marks)

59. What fell into the man's car?
- a. a dead Friesian cow b. a live Friesian cow c. a dead person
60. How did the man feel?
- a. amused b. disgusted c. shaken
61. Where did the man go?
- a. to a village shop b. to a garage. c. to a friend's house
62. What did the mechanics do?
- a. They fixed the man's car. b. They removed the cow from the car and cleaned the car.
c. They went to the local pub.
63. What had happened, according to the customer?
- a. The customer had been walking over a bridge when he saw a cow fall onto the motorway below.
b. The customer had driven into some cows on a bridge and one had fallen into the man's car.
c. The customer had heard the same story several weeks ago. It remains a mystery.

IV. Writing Section (15 marks)

Question One: Write a short biography of someone in your family. (Write approximately 100 words.) (7½ marks)

Question Two: Choose ONE of the following places:

- * Cuenca
- * Montañita
- * Baños

What makes it special? What can you do there? What are the natural features? Write a short magazine article about the town. (Write approximately 100 words.) (7½ marks)

V. Oral Exam (15 marks)

VI. Homework and Tests (20 marks)