



I. Reading Section (15 marks)

Read the newspaper article.

Lawyer Has No Luck At All

LONDON Tuesday March 2 (Reuters) - If there were a prize for the world's unluckiest man, British solicitor Edward Bentley would surely be in the running.

His first mistake was to lose thousands of pounds in bad investments. And disaster followed when he tried to **recoup** the losses by gambling with money stolen from clients, British newspapers reported Saturday.

His first idea was to fly to Monte Carlo and place a single 60,000 pounds (\$96,000) roulette bet on either the red or black, which would have **doubled** his money had he won.

But the casino's maximum stake on this kind of bet was 10,000 pounds, so he flew back frustrated.

Next he tried betting on racing and after careful study of the form books placed a 10,900 pounds on a horse which **was bound** to win. It fell.

Then he tried the stock market, buying a risky 49,000 pound futures option which promised a huge reward if the main FTSE-100 index fell. It rose, leaving him with a grand total of 1,000 pounds from his original stake.

By now Bentley must have realized his luck was not going to improve and he tried to commit suicide by sitting in his car with a pipe from the exhaust pumping noxious gases into the vehicle. The engine promptly **seized up**.

He tried again, but his second attempt was **halted** after police stopped him during a routine vehicle check. He told investigators the theft had **turned into** a "comic opera."

Bentley's only stroke of luck was finding a lenient judge, who gave him a 15-month suspended sentence Friday for stealing 64,000 pounds of his clients' money.

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Are the statements true or false? If they are false, re-write them so that they are true. (6 marks)

1. Edward Bentley has been voted the world's unluckiest man.
2. He placed a bet in Monte Carlo to win 120,000 pounds.
3. He lost 48,000 pounds on the stock market.
4. His second suicide attempt was a success.
5. The judge asked him to pay 64,000 pounds to his clients.
6. *Lenient* means very strict.

Using the article, match the verbs (7-12) with the correct definitions (a-f). (3 marks)

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| 7. To recoup means to ... | a. be certain or be guaranteed. |
| 8. To double means to ... | b. stop. |
| 9. To be bound means to ... | c. multiply by two or get twice as much. |
| 10. To seize up means to ... | d. become. |
| 11. To halt means to ... | e. get back or regain. |
| 12. To turn into means to ... | f. stop working. |

Read the report of a shark attack in the United States.

Moonstone Beach — On September 27, 2007 Sue Snyder was surfing with eight other individuals at Moonstone Beach in Humboldt County, California. It was 8:15 AM and she had been on the water about 60 minutes. Scott Paynton and the other surfers were 50 yards from shore with Snyder about 20 yards further out. Air and water temperatures were estimated to be 50 degrees Fahrenheit. It was sunny and clear with a glassy sea surface and 2 – 3 feet of water visibility. The water was 5 – 10 feet deep over a sandy ocean floor. A single seal was observed in the area prior to the attack.

The following report was provided by Scott Paynton, a witness in the water at the time of the attack. *“There were nine people in the water at the time of the attack. Seven people were within a radius of approximately 50 yards. The other two were about 50 yards further south. The victim stated that she felt a bump and was pushed off her board. As she fell, she fell onto the shark as it swam by, running her hand along it and kicking it. As she screamed during the initial bump, another witness turned to see the dorsal fin and tail splashing past the board. The dorsal fin was 18 – 22 inches in height. At this point, the seven of us close together made our way into shore. On shore we discovered the 16" diameter bite mark in the back of the board. As best we can determine, the shark hit the fin of her board as it tried to bite. Fragments of teeth were left in the board. Parts of the board were punched through so you could see through the board where the bite occurred. Because the surfer was sitting, no injuries were sustained.”*

Vocabulary

yard – one yard is about 91.5cm. There are three *feet* in a yard.

Source of text: unknown website

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13. Sue Snyder died in the shark attack.
14. Snyder was on her surfboard when she was attacked.
15. There were nine people close to where the shark attacked.
16. Snyder touched the shark with her hand.
17. The weather was very changeable.
18. Scott Paynton watched the attack from the beach.

II. Use of English Section (20 marks)

Choose the correct word. (4 marks)

Example: I've met the doctor which/who looks after Sarah.

19. This is the hospital where/which my son works.
20. Although/In spite of Erich was well-qualified, he couldn't find a good job.
21. That's the boy whose/who brother hit me.
22. He went to an all-night party however/even though he had a test the next day.
23. Fred decided to leave his job although/despite needing to earn some money.
24. None of the people that/where I know are vegetarians.
25. We can only stay for a few/little minutes.
26. Emma threatened to tell/telling his parents.

Tick the correct sentences. Change the incorrect sentences. (4 marks)

Example: Why didn't you point out the mistake ~~to~~ at her?

27. I can't stop sneezing.
28. He hasn't still called me.
29. I keep get terrible headaches.
30. That mustn't be Jim. He's in the USA.

Complete these reported questions. (4 marks)

Example: Where's Derek going?
She asked where Derek was going?

31. How will the children get home after the party?
He wanted to know _____
32. Which other countries has Fred visited?
She asked me _____
33. Do you have to go to London tomorrow?
He asked _____
34. Who's taking Susan to the cinema?
He asked _____

Complete the table with verbs, nouns and adjectives. (4 marks)

Verb	Noun	Adjective
attract	attraction	attractive
enjoy	enjoyment	35. _____
36. _____	pollution	polluted
care	37. _____	careful/careless
disappoint	38. _____	disappointed/ disappointing
entertain	entertainment	39. _____
create	creation	40. _____
confuse	41. _____	confused/ confusing
depend	dependence	42. _____

Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form in these third conditional sentences. (4 marks)

Example: I'd have gone (go) to the party last night if someone had told (tell) me about it.

43. If I _____ (not leave) school when I was 16, I _____ (go) to university.
44. Gabi _____ (not miss) yesterday's meeting if she _____ (wake up) earlier.
45. If I _____ (not have) dinner in that restaurant, I _____ (not meet) my wife. She was a waitress there.
46. We _____ (call) you yesterday if we _____ (have) your number.

III. Listening practice (15 marks)

A. Listen to the description of Earth Day. Are the statements true or false? (5 marks)

47. The woman is concerned about the environment.
48. To celebrate Earth Day, people go to parks to clean them and they plant new trees.
49. There aren't any events.
50. Earth Day is on the weekend before or after April 2nd.
51. She thinks Earth Day is pointless because people should think about the environment every day.

B. Listen to the description of Valentine's Day. Choose the correct answers. (3 marks)

52. What don't couples buy each other on Valentine's Day?

- a. chocolate b. cards c. rings d. flowers

53. What adjective does the man use to describe the day?

- a. lovely b. fantastic c. emotional d. romantic

54. According to the man, what do couples do together on Valentine's day?

- a. have a party b. go to the cinema c. have dinner d. spend time alone

C. Listen to the description of Thanksgiving. Are the statements true or false? (4 marks)

55. In the United States, the fourth Thursday in November is Thanksgiving.
56. It's the custom to eat roast chicken, potatoes, and cranberry sauce.
57. For dessert, most people have apple pie.
58. The Friday after Thanksgiving is a normal work day.

D. Listen to the description of April Fool's Day. Complete the text with the six words or phrases from the box. (3 marks)

yell play tricks 21 st yellow get out of trouble play cards you know 1 st get into trouble trick or treat special nightmare have problems shout um normal well 31 st
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I love April Fool's Day. It's a lot of fun, (59) _____, 'cause everyone can (60) _____ on everybody else and not (61) _____. It's not really a holiday. It's just a (62) _____ day, but I really like it. It's April (63) _____, that's when April Fool's Day is. After you play a trick on somebody, you (64) _____ "April Fools"

IV. Writing Section (15 marks)

Question One: Think of a funny or nice thing that happened to you. What was the day? How did you feel? Why? What happened in the end? Write a story about the experience. Use past verb forms. (Write about 75 words) (7½ marks)

Question Two: Think of a member of your family. What does he/she look like? What's his/her personality like? Describe him/her. (Write about 75 words) (7½ marks)

V. Oral (15 marks)

VI. Homework and tests (20 marks)