



I. Reading Section (20 marks)

Read the text about Japan.

Living in the skies

Louise Hidalgo considers life in the 21st century, with two-kilometre high buildings, and Japanese cities that touch the sky.

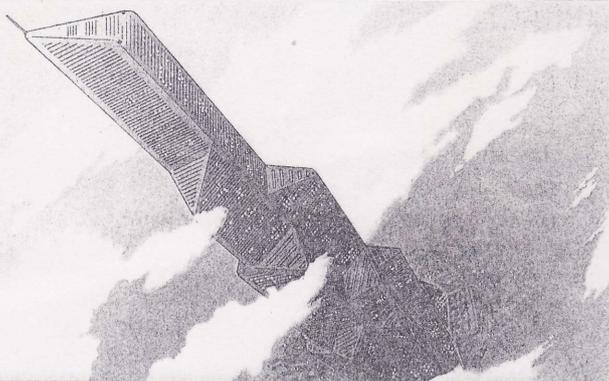
Imagine a building one third of the height of Mount Everest, built by robots, and containing a whole city. Imagine you can walk out of your front door in a T-shirt and shorts on a cold winter's day and take a lift down 500
5 floors to school. Imagine you can see the sea a mile below you. Imagine you can never open a window. Imagine . . .

Well, if Japanese architects find enough money for their project, in the 21st century you'll be able to live in a
10 building like that.

Ohbayashi Gumi has designed a two-kilometre high building, Aeropolis, which will stand right in the middle of Tokyo Bay. Over 300,000 people will live in it. It will be 500 floors high, and in special lifts it will take just 15
15 minutes to get from top to bottom. Restaurants, offices, flats, cinemas, schools, hospitals, and post offices will all

be just a few lift stops away. According to the architects, Aeropolis will be the first 'city to touch the skies'.

'When we get to the end of this century, Tokyo will have
20 a population of over 15 million people,' said design manager Mr Shuzimo. 'There isn't enough land in Japan. We're going to start doing tests to find the best place to build it. I hope people will like living on the 500th floor.'



Going up and up. It will take twenty-five years to build Aeropolis and it will cost over £2,000 million.

Won't people want to have trees and flowers around
25 them? 'We're going to have green floors, where children can play and office workers can eat their lunch-break sandwiches,' explained Mr Shuzimo. What about fires? 'If there is a fire, it will be put out by robots. I hope we'll get the money we need to build. As soon as we do, we'll
30 start. This will be the most exciting building in the world.'

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Answer the following questions. (9 marks)

1. Where do architects want to build Aeropolis?
2. Why is it necessary?
3. How high will it be?
- 4-5. What will there be inside? (2 marks)
6. How will people travel inside the building?
7. Have architects found the exact location for the building yet?
8. Where will people be able to go to relax?
9. What do the architects need?

Read about Kimiko.

There are now more than two dozen Japanese companies in Tyne and Wear in the northeast of England. Many Japanese families now live there.

Kimiko Kinoshita Wood came to Britain as a bride six years ago. "There is much more freedom for women here," she says. "It is sometimes difficult for Japanese women to adjust." For Kimiko, the change was easy because she is a translator and speaks English fluently. Also, she has an English husband. "Attitudes to women are very different," she says. "Japanese wives come to Britain and after a while they discover they can have a life of their own outside the home. They don't have that kind of freedom in Japan."

In Japan, it is unusual to see men shopping with their wives, helping in the house, or babysitting. But Kimiko's husband, John, a shipping engineer, happily lends a hand with the children. John says that Japanese husbands soon adapt in Britain, and seem to relax more with their families.

Education is one thing that worries Kimiko. In Japan, children go to school six days a week and work much harder than English children. Another complaint is that shops don't have many clothes for small women.

Answer the questions. (4 marks)

10. Why did Kimiko come to Britain?
11. What is the difference between Britain and Japan for women?
12. How does John help Kimiko?
13. What is a problem for Kimiko in Britain?

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Match the words (14-19) with the definitions (a-f). (3 marks)

14. adapt	a. not normal
15. freedom	b. liberty
16. babysitting	c. help
17. fluently	d. very well, with few or no mistakes
18. unusual	e. change because of new circumstances
19. lend a hand	f. looking after children at home

Read the article and then do the activity.

Be Stupid, Look Young, Says Movie Star

HONG KONG Friday February 2 (Reuters) - **Dashing** Chinese movie star Chow Yun-fat, hero of the kung-fu **epic** "Crouching Tiger," says the key to staying young is stupidity.

"Don't try to push yourself too hard," said the star.

"You see I am very stupid. I don't understand or talk well. I take it easy every day. I am like an idiot. Be like this every day, and then you'll look young," Chow, who looks younger than his 45 years, **bantered** in Mandarin at a news conference.

Meanings:

dashing - very good-looking

epic - a very long story, full of action

bantered - talked happily, not seriously

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Read the article carefully and decide if these sentences are true or false. If they are false, re-write the sentences so that they are true. (4 marks)

20. "Crouching Tiger" is a film.
21. Chow is not yet 45 years old.
22. Chow speaks Mandarin.
23. Chow thinks that you should always work hard for long hours.

II. Use of English Section (50 marks)

Complete the following sentences with comparative or superlative expressions using the words in brackets to help you. (5 marks)

24. Guayaquil and Quito are _____ cities in Ecuador. (large)
25. Quito is _____ Guayaquil. (cold)
26. Bangladesh is _____ country in Asia. (wet)
27. Chimborazo is _____ Illiniza. (high)
28. Tungurahua is _____ volcano in Ecuador. (active)

Read about Louis Braille. Choose a verb from the list to complete his biography. Put the verbs in the Past Simple. (10 marks)

go become learn start can fall
can't want win begin ~~be~~

Louis Braille was the son of a French leather worker. He (29) _____ blind at the age of three when he (30) _____ in his father's workroom. But Louis was very intelligent. He (31) _____ to be a musician, so he (32) _____ to play the violin, and at the age of ten he (33) _____ a scholarship to the National Institute for Blind Children in Paris. He (34) _____ play the violin, but he (35) _____ read or write. In 1929 he (36) _____ to use a technique called "night writing" which was invented by a French soldier and (37) _____ to practice it and develop it. Soon, this technique (38) _____ very famous around the world and was used by many blind people.
(blind = ciego)

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

~~lose~~ do go on get go to
feed pass apply for play have got
recognise get fall

Example: lose weight

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| 39. _____ a date | 45. _____ chess |
| 40. _____ fit | 46. _____ the cat |
| 41. _____ in love | 47. _____ sport |
| 42. _____ a person | 48. _____ an exam |
| 43. _____ a cold | 49. _____ school |
| 44. _____ a degree | 50. _____ a job |

Write a noun for each of these verbs. (4 marks)

Example: discuss discussion

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| 51. visit | 53. collect | 55. act | 57. clean |
| 52. examine | 54. advertise | 56. argue | 58. decide |

Complete the conversation with be going to or will. (8 marks)

- A What (59) _____ do on Saturday?
B I (60) _____ watch the football with my friends. Emelec (61) _____ play with Barcelona.
A That sounds great. But do you have a T.V.?
B No, but I guess we (62) _____ watch the game in a bar.
A What (63) _____ do after you watch the football?
B I'm not sure. Maybe we (64) _____ go to my house and drink some beer. Then we (probably) (65) _____ order some pizza or Chinese food.
A Would you like to come and watch the football with us?
B Thanks but I (66) _____ go to the beach with my friends on Saturday. I don't really like football.

Put the verb in the Present Perfect or the Past Simple. (8 marks)

67. My friend is a writer. He _____ (write) many books.
68. We _____ (not/have) a holiday last year.
69. I _____ (play) tennis yesterday afternoon.
70. What time _____ (you/go) to bed last night?
71. _____ (you/ever/meet) a famous person?
72. The weather _____ (not/be) very good yesterday
73. I _____ (wash) my hair before breakfast this morning.
74. "Is Marco here?"
"No, he _____ (not/arrive) yet"

Choose the correct words. (4 marks)

Example: He's got long hair/hair long.

75. I'm going home/to home.
76. My mother's got dark hair/hairs.
77. It's a very wind/windy day today.
78. I don't go out in the sun/sunny very much.
79. My son never helps me. He's very lazy/kind.
80. She's very selfish/reliable. She only thinks about her life, not other people's.
81. I think you should stay in/at bed.
82. Don't/Not go to work tomorrow.

Fill in the gaps in the sentences with these adjectives. (2½ marks)

~~bored~~ boring frightening interesting
interested worried

Example: She was so bored by the film that she went home.

83. I can't understand why you watch programmes about cars on TV. They're so _____.
84. I like historical films. They're really _____ and you learn a lot.
85. She's a bit _____ about Henry. He doesn't look well.
86. Tim never watches horror films. They're too _____ and he can't sleep after them.
87. George is really _____ in rap music.

Tick the correct sentences. Change the incorrect sentences. (2½ marks)

Example: Could you ~~play~~ playing your guitar at the concert?

88. My dad is looking forward to retire.
89. When are we going to leaving tomorrow?
90. I'm hoping to find a job as a journalist.
91. We're planning to visiting some friends in Rome.
92. Diana might coming with us this evening.

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

93. Gemma doesn't think Norfolk is a good place to visit.
94. John says you can go swimming there.
95. Gemma thinks the weather in Norfolk is good.
96. John says you can see lots of museums.
97. Gemma is 24 years old.
98. 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. Underline the correct answers to the questions. (4 marks)

- Example:** Is Angela in the office? Yes/No
99. Do Susannah and Betina work at the outdoor centre? Yes/No
100. What can Susannah do? sail/surf
101. Who is older? Susannah/Betina
102. What is Betina like? reliable/outgoing

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

103. *Terminator I* is one of Phil's favourite films.
104. Phil saw *The Others* at the cinema.
105. Phil doesn't enjoy watching horror films.
106. Phil thought the actors in *The Others* weren't very good.
107. Natalie likes films with love stories.
108. Natalie thought that *The Matrix* was excellent.
109. Phil says that *Titanic* was too long.

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

110. When did James start working for a newspaper?

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

111. Why did he decide to stay in Russia?

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

112. When James first arrived in Russia ...

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

113. James ...

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

114. James says he is ...

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

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

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

IV. Writing Section (10 marks)

Question One: Describe a member of your family. What does he/she look like? What's his/her personality like? (5 marks)

Question Two: What do you do in your free time? What are your likes and dislikes? (5 marks)