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I. Reading Section (20 marks)

Read the three advertisements.

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Are the statements true or false? If they are false, write the true statement. (8 marks)

- 1. All three advertisements are for language schools.
- 2. Parla offers more languages than EasyTalk.
- 3. In *Languages in Residence*, the teachers explain the new language in your own native language.
- 4. With EasyTalk, you meet your personal teacher once a week for a class.
- 5. EasyTalk students can meet each other if they want.
- 6. *EasyTalk* is quite a new company.
- 7. Students at *Languages in Residence* stay in a hotel for two weeks.
- 8. Parla offers the fastest way to learn a different language.
- 9. Which course do you think is the best? Why? (1 mark)

Read about Xavier.

When Xavier Dupont came to Britain, his friends in Paris said he'd hate it. However, Xavier, a 26-year-old chef, says they were wrong.

"French people imagine that Britain is a cold miserable country where everyone dresses badly, you can't see anything for fog, and the food is the worst on the planet. I don't agree."

Xavier insists that the British look good because they don't follow fashion seriously. He enjoys shopping in Britain because there are so many fresh things in the supermarkets. He particularly likes the street markets.

However, he has some complaints. He thinks that British men don't show enough consideration or appreciation of the women. Also, he doesn't like British bathrooms where you stand or sit in the bath to have a shower! Last of all, he feels that shops and restaurants close far too often and far too early.

Answer the questions. (4 marks)

- 10. Does Britain have a positive image in France?
- 11. What does Xavier like about British people?
- 12. What is a good thing about shopping in Britain?
- 13. What is a bad thing about the shops in Britain?

Headway Pre-Intermediate Student's Book / John & Liz Soars / OUP / 1992 / page 16

Match the words (A) with the definitions (B). (2 marks)

A	В
14. dress	a. somewhere where you can wash yourself
15. fog	b. a type of weather that stops you from seeing where you are going
16. complaint	c. wear clothes
17. bath	d. a negative comment about someone or something

Read the article and do the activities.

The Battle Over Fast Food 'Imperialism'

PARIS Friday June 22 (Reuters) - France's agriculture minister said on Friday he was battling to stop fast food from spreading all over the world.

Glavany described the United States as having "the worst food in the world" two years ago. This time he didn't name any specific countries whose food model he opposed.

He said he thought that 'this type of meal, this 'fast food' made with ground beef with a certain tomato sauce, fries and sugary, gassy drinks' was not something that everyone really wants.

"...what I have opposed and still oppose is the imperialism of a food model that wants to be the only model," he said.

False. Jean Glavany is France's agricultural minister.

Vocabulary

Jean Glavany in a written reply to Reuters' questions said "Especially in terms of public health. Just look at the **obesity** level in a certain country and you'll understand why I want to spare Europeans this."

obesity - when someone is very fat

Are the following statements true or false? If it is false, write the true statement. (5 marks)

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Example: Jean Glavany is from France. Jean Glavany is a chef.

True

- 18. Jean Glavany thinks that fast food is a good idea.
- 19. Glavany thinks that every country should have fast food restaurants.
- 20. For Glavany, "fast food" means a hamburger with tomato ketchup, French fries and a drink, such as Coca Cola.
- 21. Glavany believes that fast food is associated with being fat.
- 22. Glavany thinks that North Americans have a good diet.

II. Use of English Section (50 marks)

Look at this information about Sarah's family:

	David	Jeremy	Fiona	Sarah
Age	21	19	2	46
Height	1.80m	1.72m	1.00m	1.05m
Weight	120 lbs	200 lbs	50 lbs	160 lbs
Intelligence Quota	130	100	14	140

Compare the four people. Use the comparative
form of the adjectives short, fat, old and
intelligent. (4 marks)
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Now write three sentences using the superlative form of the adjectives in brackets. (3 marks)

Complete the text. Use the verbs in the Present Perfect or Past Simple. (8 marks)

win (x 2) spend live start write (x 2) come

Barbara Lively, the writer, is married with two
children. She (30) over 40 books. She (31)
writing after the death of her first husband.
She (32) in many parts of the world,
including Japan and India.
She (33) her childhood in Egypt, but
(34) to England in 1966.
She (35) both books and poems, but is best
known for her romantic novels. She (36)
many awards, including the Booker prize, which she
in 1988 for the novel Dark Times to
Come.

Match the problems (a-f) with the advice (38-43). (3 marks)

a. I've got a cough.	d. I've got a sore throat.	
b. My back hurts.	e. I feel terrible.	
c. I've got a headache.	f. I've got a toothache.	

- 38. You should see the dentist.
- 39. Why don't you turn the music down?
- 40. You should stop smoking.
- 41. Take the day off and go to bed.
- 42. Why don't you ask someone else to move the furniture?
- 43. Maybe you have an infection. Take some antibiotics and drink lots of water.

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of one of the verbs from the box. (8 marks)

look out of	lose	do	earn
look like	clean	turn	take

44. I like	exercise every day.		
45. He	his job because he arrived late every		
day.			
46. I can't go	o out. I have to my bedroom.		
47. He	a lot of money because he has an		
important jo	b.		
48. She	her mother. They have the same eyes.		
49. When di	d you last an exam?		
50. When sh	ne the window, she saw that it		
was snowin	g!		
51. The chat show was really boring, so I picked up			
the remote control and over.			

Complete the following descriptions of people with an appropriate adjective. (4 marks)

52. Gareth sleeps all the time. He doesn't like		
working or studying. He's very l		
53. Jenny is r She always phones		
when she says she will.		
54. Edwin is very p He opens doors for		
women and never forgets to say "please" and		
"thank you".		
55. Darren isn't very confident with other people.		
He's s .		

Make the positive sentences <u>negative</u> and the negative ones positive. (6 marks)

- 56. She drove to university this morning.
- 57. My aunt gave me a birthday present.
- 58. She didn't bring a bottle of wine to the party.
- 59. He didn't forget his passport, but he lost his plane ticket.
- 60. I didn't have a lot of time, so I didn't go shopping.
- 61. Mother Teresa didn't die in 1997.

Tick the correct sentences. Change the incorrect sentences. (3 marks)

- 62. I love holidays.
- 63. I'm not understanding you.
- 64. Is there a bank near here?
- 65. Have a good fly!
- 66. At the end of the road, take left.
- 67. Are you knowing Jim?

	will. (8 marks)	going to or	about their favorite films. Are these sentences
	A: What (68) do on Saturday?		true (T) or false (F)? (7 marks)
	B: I (69) watch the football wit		
	Emelec (70) play with Barcelo	na.	Example: Phil hated <i>The Godfather</i> . F
	A: That sounds great. But do you hav	e a T.V.?	92. <i>Terminator I</i> is one of Phil's favourite films.93. Phil saw <i>The Others</i> at the cinema.
	B: No, but I guess we (71) watch	h the game in	94. Phil doesn't enjoy watching horror films.
	a bar.		95. Phil thought the actors in The Others weren't
	A: What (72) do after you was	tch the	very good.
	football?		96. Natalie likes films with love stories.
	B: I'm not sure. Maybe we (73)	go to my	97. Natalie thought that <i>The Matrix</i> was excellent
	house and drink some beer. Then we	(probably)	98. Phil says that <i>Titanic</i> was too long
	(74) order some pizza or Chinese	e food.	
	A: Would you like to come and watch	the football	D. Listen to the job interview with James
	with us?		Drummond, and choose the correct answer for
	B: Thanks but I (75) go to the l	beach with	each question. (6 marks)
	my friends on Saturday. I don't really	like football.	99. When did James start working for a
			newspaper?
	Put the verb in brackets in the Pa	ast Simple or	a) when he finished school
	the Past Continuous. (3 marks)		b) while he was still a student
	I (76) (not want) to get up thi	is morning. It	c) after he left university
	(77) (rain) and it was cold, and	d my bed was	100. Why did he decide to stay in Russia?
	so warm.		a) He was enjoying himself there.
	While I (78) (take) a shower	er, my	b) He already had a job there.
	husband (79) (prepare) the	e breakfast.	c) He had some friends there.
	I (80) (listen) to the news on	the radio	101. When James first arrived in Russia
	when the phone (81) (ring).		a) he could speak Russian fluently.
	III Listoping practice (20 marks)		b) he could speak Russian quite well.
	III. Listening practice (20 marks)		c) he didn't know any Russian.
	Listen to John and Gemma's conve		102. James
	about Norfolk, a place in England.		a) travelled a lot in his last job.
	sentences true (T) or false (F)? (3 m	arks)	b) has also worked for a British newspaper.
			c) studied journalism at university.
	Example: Gemma might go away this		103. James says he is
	82. Gemma doesn't think Norfolk is a	a good place	a) able to speak three foreign languages.
	to visit. 83. John says you can go swimming t	horo	b) organised and friendly.
	84. Gemma thinks the weather in No		c) very experienced.
	85. John says you can see lots of mus		
	86. Gemma is 24 years old.	cums.	104. The interviewer says that the job includes
	87. She would rather go to a night clu	ıb in London.	a) opportunities for promotion and long holidaysb) on-the-job training and flexible hours
	0 0		c) a good salary and on-the-job training
	Bruce is the manager of an outdoor	r centre.	c) a good salary and on the job training
	Listen to his voicemail message to	his	IV. Writing Section (10 marks)
secretary, Angela. <u>Underline</u> the correct			Question One: Use the verbs from the box to
	answers to the questions. (4 marks)	write about your future plans. (5 marks)
	Example: Is Angela in the office?	Yes/No	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	88. Do Susannah and Betina work at the	e outdoor	hope plan would like
	centre?	Yes/No	look forward to be going to think of
	89 What can Susannah do?	sail/surf	

Question Two: Who is the most interesting person you've ever met? How did you meet him/her? What happened?

Susannah/Betina

reliable/outgoing

90. Who is older?

91. What is Betina like?