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SECTION A - LANGUAGE EXERCISES

(40 marks)

Ex. A: Join the following sentences paying particular attention to the word order. (7 marks)

1. John looked anxiously at his watch. He wished he hadn't come to the party.

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2. There was an actor there. His work took him all over the world.

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3. I was talking to a woman. Her husband was killed in the war.

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4. The man got on the bus. He was carrying a cat in a box.

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5. Somebody called while you were out. I can't remember his name.

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6. I work mainly in the Marketing Department. It is the smallest department in the company.

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7. My boss decided to employ me as his assistant. His work takes him all over Europe.

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Ex. B: Underline the best answer from the options in brackets. (5 marks)

There were (**plenty, quite a few, a lot**) people at the reception yesterday. It turned out that I knew (**much, any, several**) of them. I managed to speak to (**enough, many, little**) of them, but I spent (**plenty, none, most**) of my time talking to an old school friend of mine whom I had not seen in years. He told me that (**none, much, any**) of our schoolmates had kept in touch with him. There was (**a lot, several, many**) of food at the reception, but unfortunately there weren't (**not much, any, some**) hot drinks. I didn't have (**none, anything, plenty**) to eat because I wasn't hungry, so there was (**every, none, little**) point in staying and I left early. I noticed that (**some, any, every**) people had already left before me.

Ex. C: Complete the following paragraph with a suitable word. (7 marks)

Long ago people knew very little about the world. The was thought to be flat. Hence, if a person travels long enough in one direction, he would finally the edge of the world and off. Today, we that the earth is not a flat rectangular block; it is round. We owe knowledge to the explorers who made long voyages to find routes and discover new lands. They accurate records of the oceans they sailed and the strange lands they visited. From these records, they drew up a map the world. In this way they ended belief of a flat world. Though we know the earth better today, the spirit of exploration has not as a result come to an end. The desire for adventure, the urge to set foot a wild shore and the curiosity for far-away are still alive. Besides, not all places on earth have been fully discovered. Places like deserts, mountains, oceans and polar regions still have secrets and mysteries to amaze surprise us. It is fortunate for us that are still many things to be discovered which show that the earth remains rich and wonderful.

Ex. D: Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition. The first one has been given as an example. (5 marks)

Alex MacDonald is a railway man and a true gentleman ..*of*... the Scottish Highlands. While standing the footplate of the locomotive, he makes a sign for us to board the train. He has been working on trains..... his youth and intends to keep on doing this job he is sixty.

Today I believe that my fascination trains dates back my early childhood, when my family and I used to make the long train journey Edinburgh to the Isle of Skye, which was my mother's birthplace. The scenery the route was fantastic and those journeys I always managed to get to know the railway men and their trains. This is why when I strike up a conversation with Alex I am reminded my childhood in Scotland my parents finally settled down in England.

Ex E: Use the words in capital to form a word that fits into the space next to it.

The first one has been done for you.

(8 marks)

In today's hectic world people are always searching for more ways of keeping fit and healthy (HEALTH). Running is an excellent exercise for achieving this goal. Before you start, however, you should warm up and concentrate on slow (MOVE) that make all your muscles work. But be careful! If you stretch when your muscles are cold, you might actually risk an (INJURE). Always wear (COMFORT) clothing and make sure your trainers are in good shape.

Staying healthy also requires enough sleep. It's (OCCASION) OK to go to bed late, but if you cut down on your sleep (REGULAR) it will have a bad effect on your overall health. Lack of sleep can cause acne or dry skin.

Stay active during the day. If you don't get enough exercise during the day, you may end up (SLEEP) all night.,

If we got more fresh air we would look healthier and more (ATTRACT). A quick walk is one of the best things you can do for your (CIRCULATE) and looks.

Ex F: Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense.

(8 marks)

It was Friday again, the day for famous parties at Wellington High School. Students were dancing (dance) in the garden and everyone (enjoy) the pleasure of being away from boring lessons. When Sarah (come) to the party, the music (already start). Tim suddenly (notice) Sarah and (feel) shocked. He had been looking for her for two years. They

..... (meet) each other at a holiday camp in 1999, but mysteriously Sarah (disappear) after a while. He has been thinking about her since then.

At the party Sarah (talk) to one of her friends while most of the students (drink) as much as they could. Tim decided to talk to her and (wait) for her friends to leave. When he (go) next to her she (search for) something in her bag, so she (not see) him. As soon as he (touch) her on the shoulder, she (raise) her head and couldn't believe her eyes. She had never forgotten him. At the end of the party, no one (be) happier than Sarah and Tim as they had found each other after 2 years.

SECTION B - COMPREHENSION

(30 marks)

Read the text carefully and then answer the questions that follow.

PROOF POSITIVE

'The Secret' is a best-selling 2006 self-help book written by Rhonda Byrne, based on the earlier film of the same name. The principle of the film and book is that the universe is governed by a natural law called 'the law of attraction' which is said to work by attracting into a person's life the experiences, situations, events, and people that "match the frequency" of the person's thoughts and feelings. Therefore, positive thinking and feeling positive are claimed to create life-changing results such as increased wealth, health and happiness. 5

The book is very much influenced by Wallace Wattles' 1910 book 'The science of getting rich', which Byrne received from her daughter during a time of personal trauma in 2004. Byrne read and synthesized several classic books and the words of modern-day teachers who spoke about ancient wisdom and the ways people can attract what they desire into their lives. The book includes many quotes by these people. 10

After being featured in two episodes of The Oprah Winfrey Show, the book reached the top of the New York bestseller list, where it remained for 146 consecutive weeks. The book has been translated into 44 languages, and has over 21 million copies in print. The book and film have grossed \$300 million in sales, according to a January 15, 2009 article by Forbes.

‘The Secret’ posit that the law of attraction is a natural law which determines the complete order of the universe and of our personal lives through the process of “like attracts like”. The author claims that as we think and feel, a corresponding frequency is sent out into the universe that attracts back to us events and circumstances on that same frequency. For example, if you think angry thoughts and feel angry, it is claimed that you will attract back events and circumstances that cause you to feel more anger. Conversely, if you think and feel positively, you will attract back positive events and circumstances. Proponents of the law claim that desirable outcomes such as health, wealth and happiness can be attracted simply by changing one’s thoughts and feelings. For example some people believe that using ‘The Secret’ can cure cancer. However, there is no scientific basis to these assertions.

On a recent radio programme about ‘the law of attraction’, psychologist and expert in the field Dr. Rich Hudson claimed, “The law of attraction” is all about positive thinking. We attract things we want and we also attract things we don’t want. So, if you were the sort of person who was always cheerful and optimistic, you would give off good vibrations, and these good vibes would in turn attract positive energy, and good things would happen to you. Similarly, a stressed-out sort of person would put out stressed vibes, and they would attract more stress in their lives. Whatever you are thinking and feeling at any given time is basically your request to the universe for more of the same.....Let me give you a very simple example. Let’s suppose you’re on your way to the supermarket on a Saturday morning, so you’re arriving pretty much at the same time as several hundred other shoppers. The one thing that would improve your life at that moment is a parking space. You visualize the ideal parking space, right near the supermarket entrance, and you imagine yourself swinging into the space as you arrive.”

1. Mark the following sentences as True (T) or False (F) and give a reason to back up your answer.

- i. The film version of ‘The Secret’ was released before the book

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- ii. Rhonda Byrne was not inspired by other people and writers when she wrote the book.

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iii. ‘The Secret’ became a London Times bestseller.

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iv. There is no scientific evidence that using ‘The Secret’ can cure cancer.

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2. What are the life-changing results that positive thinking can bring a person?

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3. What inspired Rhonda Byrne to write this book?

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4. According to this text, was ‘The Secret’ a success? Give three reasons to back up your answer.

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5. Describe, in your own words, what ‘The Secret’ (the book) is all about.

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6. According to psychologist Dr Rick Hudson, how does ‘the law of attraction’ work?

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7. Explain briefly the meaning of the following words as used in the passage.
- i. Wealth (line 5)
 - ii. Synthesized (line 8)
 - iii. Consecutive (line 12)
 - iv. Proponents (line 20)

8. In your opinion, do you think that ‘the law of attraction’ really works?

Give at least two reasons to back up your answer.

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SECTION C - COMPOSITION

(30 marks)

Write an essay of about 300 words on one of the following.

Don’t forget to write the title you have chosen before you start.

1. The joy, dangers and suffering of being a teenager.
2. How the internet has made your life better or worse.
3. Write a story that ends with the words ‘When I woke up I was lying in a hospital bed with medical staff looking down at me.’
4. It was a dark, cold night. I was hurrying home late when I spotted what looked like a body on the ground in the middle of the road. I decided to walk over and have a closer look. *Continue the story.*

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