ASSESSMENT IN GENERAL ENGLISH

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PART I - LISTENING (15 pts.)

A. For questions 1-9 you will hear a telephone conversation between a student and a receptionist about the cost of accommodation. You will hear the conversation TWICE. As you listen, complete the table and notes using NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER for each answer. Now, you have 1 MINUTE to look at the questions. (1 pt each; 9 pts.)

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<td>Bunkhouse $ 5.90 per</td>
<td>5 minutes</td>
<td>(3)________________________</td>
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<td>Backpackers</td>
<td>night</td>
<td>or (1) ____________ with</td>
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<td>Cabins at $ 11.00/ night</td>
<td>(2) ____________ to the beach</td>
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<td>room (4) _____________</td>
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- East Cost Backpackers’ Hostel address is: (6) ______________________ road.
- Bus will have words (7) “____________________” written on the front.
- Computer access costs (8) _______________________ an hour.
- Shop stocks things like (9) _______________________ and ____________________.

_______ / 9 pts.
B. For questions 10-13 you will hear a reviewer talking about films. You will hear the talk twice. As you listen choose the best option and circle it. Now you have 30 SECONDS to look at the questions. (1.5 pts each, 6 pts.)

10. What Happens in the Night is based on ________
   a) a story the director was told.
   b) the director’s childhood.
   c) a comic book.

11. The reviewer thinks What Happens in the Night is ________
   a) the best horror film this year.
   b) visually stunning.
   c) difficult to understand.

12. In real life, the stars of Happy as Larry ________
   a) did not get on.
   b) fell in love.
   c) are best friends.

13. The reviewer recommends you watch Happy as Larry if ________
   a) you are a woman.
   b) you like romantic films.
   c) you liked Sonya’s other films.

_______/ 6 pts.

LISTENING TOTAL: _______/ 15
PART II - READING (30 pts.)

TEXT I (15 pts.)

Read the text below and answer the following questions.

THE WAY WE LOOK

When we meet people for the first time, we often make decisions about them based entirely on how they look. And, of course it's something which works both ways, for we are being judged on our appearance, too. When we look good, we feel good, which in turn leads to a more self-assured manner. (1) ____________. Undoubtedly, it's what's inside that's important, but sometimes we can send out the wrong signals, and so get a negative reaction, simply by wearing inappropriate clothing or not spending enough time thinking about how others will see us.

For example, people often make the mistake of trying to look like someone else; perhaps someone they've seen in a magazine, but this is usually a disaster as we all have our own characteristics. (2) ____________. There is no need to dwell on your faults when you do this as we all have good points and bad points - think instead about the best way to emphasise the good ones.

When selecting your clothes each day, think about who you're likely to meet, where you're going to be spending most of your time and what tasks you are likely to perform. Clearly, on a practical level, some outfits will be more appropriate to different sorts of activity and this will dictate your choice to an extent. (3) ____________. After all, if you dress to please somebody else's idea of what looks good, you may end up feeling uncomfortable and not quite yourself.

But to know your own mind, you have to get to know yourself. What do you truly feel good in? There are probably a few favourite clothes that you wear a lot - most people wear 20 per cent of their wardrobe 80 per cent of the time. (4) ____________. Are they neat and tidy, loose and flowing? Then look at the things hanging in your wardrobe that you don't wear and ask yourself why. Go through a few magazines and catalogues and mark the things that catch your eye. Is there a common theme?

Some colours bring your natural colouring to life and others can give us a washed-out appearance. Try out new ones by all means, but remember that dressing in bright colours when you really like subtle neutral tones, or vice versa, will make you feel self-conscious and uncomfortable. You know deep down where your own taste boundaries lie. (5) ____________.

So, you've chosen an outfit that matches your style, your personality, your shape and your colouring. But is it really the right size? If something is too tight or too loose, you won't achieve the desired effect, and no matter what other qualities it has, it won't improve your appearance or your confidence. (6) ____________. For example, some people who dislike shopping grab the first thing they see, or prefer to use mail-order or the Internet. In all cases, if it doesn't fit perfectly, don't buy it, because the finer details are just as important as the overall style.
Reappraising your image isn’t selfish because everyone who comes into contact with you will benefit. (7) ____________. And if in doubt, you only need to read Professor Albert Mehrabian’s book Silent Messages to remind yourself how important outward appearances are. His research showed that the impact we make on each other depends 55 per cent on how we look and behave, 38 per cent on how we speak and only 7 per cent on what we actually say. So, whatever stage you are at in your life, whatever role you play, isn’t it time you made the most of yourself?

A. Insert the appropriate sentence into the appropriate place in the text by writing the correct letter. There is ONE extra which you won’t use. (1 pt. each; 7 pts.)

   a. Look at these items and ask yourself what they have in common.
   b. A better idea is to stand in front of a full-length mirror and be honest with yourself about what you see.
   c. Sometimes we buy these ill-fitting clothes without thinking.
   d. But once you’ve got used to this change, it will be easier to make those difficult decisions.
   e. It may be fun to cross these sometimes, but do take care not to go too far at once.
   f. However, there is no need to abandon your individual taste completely.
   g. You’ll look better and you’ll feel a better person all round.
   h. Other people then pick up on this outward confidence and respond positively towards us.

   _________ / 7 pts.

B. Do the following statements reflect the claims of the writer in the reading passage? (1 pt. each; 8 pts.)

   YES if the statement reflects the claims of the writer
   NO if the statement contradicts the claims of the writer
   NOT GIVEN if it is impossible to say what the writer thinks about this

   1. The way we look has an effect on our manners. ________
   2. If you do not spend some time deciding on what to wear, you may get an undesired reaction from other people. ________
   3. When deciding on what to wear each day we should consider only one thing. ________
   4. The clothes you wear most of the time can give you an idea about yourself. ________
   5. Colour is very important in clothing because it reflects one’s mood. _______
   6. If you choose the right style and colour, you will look good no matter what size you wear. ________
   7. When you use mail order or the Internet for shopping, you spend less money. ________
   8. According to Professor Albert Mehrabian’s book how we look and behave is not very important for the impact we have on other people. ________

   ________ / 8 pts.
TEXT II (15 pts.)

Read the text below and answer the following questions.

TEA

A Drinking tea plays such a central part in our lives, which it’s hard to imagine a world without tea and yet while the Eastern world has been using tea for more than 4500 years, for most of this time tea was unknown in the Western world. Tea was only introduced into the West a relatively recent 400 years ago. Discovered in China, tea has exerted a profound influence on societies and cultures throughout the world so that there are unique ceremonies in various cultures and most parts of the world have social etiquettes concerning the preparation and drinking of tea as well as social customs regarding how, when and where to drink it. Many myths, legends, poems and proverbs surround tea and maintain its mystique. The story of tea is truly intertwined with the story of mankind.

B The Chinese originally called it “Kia”. As far as it is, known it was during the course of the 6th century AD that the name evolved into "Cha". On its arrival in the West, it became “Té” which is still the name for tea in many countries.

C According to the legend tea was discovered by the Chinese Emperor, Shan Nong, in 2737 B.C. The Emperor had a habit of boiling his drinking water. One day, while he was in his garden, a few tea leaves fell by chance into his boiling water which then gave off a rich, alluring aroma. The Emperor, upon drinking this brew, discovered it to be refreshing and energizing. He immediately gave the command that many tea bushes to be planted in the gardens of his palace. Thus, the custom of brewing fresh tea leaves in hot water began and it quickly spread.

D Until the fifth century A.D., tea was primarily used as a remedy, due to the medicinal benefits attributed to it. From this time onwards, the Chinese adopted the fashion of presenting packages of tea as highly esteemed gifts and of enjoying drinking tea at social events and in private homes. At around the same time the Chinese tea ceremony began to develop and the tidings of tea began to spread as it reached Japan.

E Tea finally arrived in England during the 17th century. The British had trade relations with China and brought the tea to Britain and Holland at the outset, where it was sold at auctions and became very popular among the aristocracy and the wealthy. Though tea was regularly imported to Britain, the taxes were so high that smugglers would get and sell tea illegally for those that could not afford it. The beverage's initial high price prevented it from circulating among the western population at large.

F The tea trade was a significant factor in establishing connections between east and west. Some companies such as "John Company" and "The East India Trade Company" became trade monopolies, unprecedented in size and power, and were ordained by the royal family and empowered to operate in any way necessary to ensure the continuous supply of this popular drink. At the beginning of the 18th century, with the expansion of tea imports to the west and the consequent decrease in its price, tea became a common product enjoyed by all sectors of the population.
A. The reading passage above has six paragraphs (A-F). For questions 1-4, state which paragraph discusses each of the points below. Write the appropriate letter (A-F) next to each point. (1 pt. each; 4 pts.)

0. Different names were used to name tea. __________ / 4 pts.

1. Tea can be used as a literal source. __________

2. People initially used tea to get healthier. __________

3. Tea was not initially prepared on purpose. __________

4. Tea became cheaper after a while for some reasons. __________

B. For questions 5 – 9, circle the best answer according to the reading text. (1pt. each; 5 pts.)

5. Which of the following is NOT true according to the text?
   a) Tea affected the trade between different continents.
   b) Some illegitimate organizations sold tea for a while.
   c) The Chinese wanted to keep tea as a secret.
   d) At the outset, tea was used by a limited number of Western people

6. Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?
   a) All the names of tea were given by the Chinese.
   b) Tea leaves were put in the Emperor’s pot with a command.
   c) Drinking tea has neutral effects on body.
   d) After the discovery of tea, the number of tea plants increased.

7. It can be understood from the passage that ____.
   a) Western nations consumed tea more than Eastern people
   b) Eastern people had to fight to save tea plants
   c) different nations prepare tea in the same way
   d) tea reflected the social status of its drinkers

8. When tea import rates increased, ____.
   a) tea became an ordinary drink
   b) the number of powerful royal families also increased
   c) the number of illegal organizations increased
   d) people realized how tasty tea was

9. It is obvious from the passage that ____.
   a) tea was used as a simple drink before the fifth century
   b) Western nations did not know anything about tea till the seventeenth century
   c) tea figured packages were very fashionable in the fifth century
   d) only emperors could drink that new beverage in the east

____________ / 5 pts.
Tea has been used by mankind for centuries. First, it was discovered by the Chinese and then Western people learnt about this beverage. Tea has a big impact on societies since its discovery. There are special customs, etiquettes and (10) ______________ for the preparation and the usage of tea. The Chinese Emperor, Shan Nong, was the first person to drink tea. When tea leaves fell into the hot water, they gave a tempting (11) ______________. Drinking the beverage, the Emperor realized how cooling and energizing it was. Thus, he ordered the soldiers to plant tea (12) ______________. First, people used tea as a remedy. After a while, rich people in China gave importance to tea as prestigious (13) ______________ and drank it in public organizations and in special residences. The British started to drink tea in the 1600s; however, because of the high taxes the poor could not buy it; therefore, (14) ______________ bought and sold the drink illegally to them. Nevertheless, in the 18th century royal people ordered the companies to bring and sell tea. As a result of those (15) ______________, the price of tea decreased and people used it widely.

________ / 6 pts.

READING TOTAL: _______ / 30
PART III – LANGUAGE USE (20 pts.)

A. For questions 1-10, read the text below and decide which option A, B, C or D best fits each space. (0.5 pt. each; 5 pts.)

Diving has been quite a popular sport in Turkey for the last few years. There are many successful divers who (1) __________ Turkey in the Olympics. Yasemin Dalkılıç, (2) __________ in Ankara in 1979, is a Turkish female free diver. She holds numerous world records in different categories of free diving. Therefore, she is the most well-known diver in Turkey. At age 14, she was already a member of the national swimming team. By the time she was 16, she (3) __________ herself as the best free diver in her country, and a soon-to-be star of the sport at a world level. (4) __________ in the Free diving World Cup in Italy, she won the first place among the women. After the world cup, she met a very experienced trainer Rudi, (5) __________ was a turning point in her life. In one of her interviews, she states “If I (6) __________ Rudi, I __________ so successful now.” She also stated that (7) “________ practice I did with Rudi, __________ my diving skills became in time.” With the help of her skillful trainer, Rudi, she (8) __________ many records and made her country famous all over the world. Five of her records have been (9) __________ live on national and international networks so far, more than any other free diver ever. (10) __________ she is still in the middle of her career, she is already considered to be one of the all time greats in the sport.

1. a) symbolized  b) initiated  c) celebrated  d) represented
2. a) was born  b) being born  c) born  d) been born
3. a) already  b) had already  c) was already  d) has already
   established  established  establishing  established
4. a) Competed  b) Having competed  c) Being competed  d) Having been
   competed
5. a) which  b) what  c) where  d) whom
6. a) didn’t  b) didn’t meet/ wouldn’t have been  c) hadn’t met/ wouldn’t be
   meet/ wouldn’t be
7. a) More/ better  b) The more/ the better  c) The most/ the best  d) The most/ the better
   better
8. a) got  b) won  c) broke  d) gained
9. a) broadcast  b) presented  c) advertised  d) published
10. a) Though  b) Since  c) Now that  d) Inasmuch as

_________ / 5 pts.
B. For questions 11 - 16, use the words in bold and complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Do not change the word given. (1 pt. each; 6 pts.)

11. You can’t cross the bridge with your car if you don’t put a coin here.
   **UNLESS**
   Unless _______________________________

12. They wanted to apologize for their behavior; that’s why, they paid for dinner.
   **ORDER**
   They paid for the dinner _______________________________

13. It is not necessary to bring your identification cards with you for the TOEFL exam.
   **HAVE**
   You _______________________________ with you for the TOEFL exam.

14. Cancer patients must take cancer pills regularly.
   **BE**
   _______________________________ regularly by cancer patients.

15. A diamond ring is more valuable than a silver ring.
   **AS...AS**
   A silver ring _______________________________

16. Lake Como is a well known tourist attraction. Some celebrities live there.
   **WHERE**
   Lake Como, _______________________________
C. Read the following paragraph about TV facts. For questions 17 - 26, write ONE word which best fits in each space. (0.5 pt. each; 5 pts.)

John Logie Baird is famous for inventing the television, (17) ________ in fact he wasn’t the inventor. He followed a design produced (18) ________ an engineer, Paul Nipkow. However, Baird was the first person to make Nipkow’s ideas work, and he managed (19) ________ produce the first television picture as (20) ________ ago as 1932.

If you are able to slow down your television set, you could see how it makes a picture on the screen. Your television screen is made up (21) ________ about 600 separate horizontal lines. A small beam moves down and across the screen (22) ________ the same time. This beam consists of billions of tiny particles called electrons. The TV screen (23) ________ covered in a material that is sensitive to them. When the electrons hit the screen, (24) ________ make it light up. Our brains put all the glowing parts of the screen together so we see a complete picture.

Television signals move around space all the time. They spend few years to reach other solar systems. Live pictures of the football World Cup in 2014 will soon (25) ________ reaching Sirius, a star more (26) ________ eight billion kilometers away.

________ / 5 pts.

D. For items 27 – 34, read the paragraph below and use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the SAME line. (0.5 pt. each; 4 pts.)

Globalisation, based on the concept that the world is a global village, has proved to have some disadvantages as well as advantages. Globalised (27) ________ policies have become the most important issue as they are in favour of the rich (28) ________ who are the shareholders of multinational companies. While the great powers of the world are becoming wealthier, (29) ________ countries have to cope with the basic problems to catch up with the necessary standards. Capitalization (30) ________ all the countries in the world. As the system of (31) ________ is based on the private ownership of wealth there is only little (32) ________ activity by the government. This endangers the work opportunities in poor countries. (33) ________ has become a threat in these countries. However, (34) ________ in poor countries are trying to solve their problems on an international basis.

________ /4 pts.

LANGUAGE USE TOTAL: ________ / 20 pts.
PART IV- WRITING (20 pts.)

Choose ONE of the questions below and write a well organized ESSAY between 200-250 words. Essays less than 120 words won’t be graded.

- What are the causes / effects of air pollution?
- Should people who download music and movies illegally be punished? Discuss your opinion.