

PART FOUR
Questions 21-25

- Read the text and questions below.
- For each question, mark the correct letter (A, B, C or D).
- *In the exam you will mark your answers on a separate sheet (see page 33).*

The Australian Outback Post Plane

Today I am accompanying Rowan Dougal, a postman in Queensland in the far north of Australia, on his daily delivery trip. Every day Rowan Dougal flies across one of the wildest places on earth – not much bigger than a large field (20) – to reach the very remote inland areas called The Outback. Australia's Cape York, to reach the very remote inland areas called The Outback. We fly just three hundred metres above dangerous crocodiles and snakes. This is one of the longest and most expensive postman trips in the world. However, a 50-cent stamp not only gets a letter to a neighbouring town, it will get it hand-delivered by flying postman to the tourists and I am one of them. In the back of the plane, there is a pile of post – envelopes of all sizes, newspapers, and a few parcels. Somehow I expected this post to look special, maybe to include some hats or cowboy boots, but this looks no more exciting than the post delivered to me in England. I look at some of the names and addresses, wondering about the people who are waiting for these letters and parcels. Rowan's route is 2,000 km long with 15 stops, and I get a chance to meet Sandy, who has just received a state of dishes from a store. 'I look forward to this weekly delivery ... there's not much that you can't get delivered out here,' she says, 'but I do miss actually going shopping.' Rowan is checking the time. There are another ten stops to make before dusk. Time to keep back on the plane and up into the air.

- 21 What is the writer's main purpose in writing the text?
 A to get more support for postal services in the outback
 B to show the wild beauty of the Australian outback
 C to describe postal delivery services in the outback
 D to warn about the dangers to postmen in the outback
- 22 What does the writer say about the expense of delivering mail to Capra North?
 A Passenger fares help to cover some of the expense.
 B People in the outback pay 50 cents for a delivery.
 C It may be possible to find a less expensive system.
 D The sender pays more than the usual postage.
- 23 What surprises the writer about the items of post on the plane?
 A Some of the items are very unusual.
 B The items are similar to his own post.
 C He can see no clear names on the items.
 D The items seem to be disorganized.
- 24 When talking about the plane post service, Sandy says that
 A there are many items that cannot be delivered to her.
 B she would like the service to be more frequent.
 C the mail plane does not stop long enough here.
 D she would like to be able to do her own shopping.
- 25 What might the writer say to a friend when he gets back?

A The delivery service could be faster if the postman spent less time with the local people.

B The postman has to fly the plane himself and deliver everything by hand.

C The post plane is too small for the amount of post that has to be delivered.

D Tourists are keener than local inhabitants to go as passengers on the post plane.

PART FIVE
Questions 26-35

- Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space.
- For each question, mark the correct letter (A, B, C or D).
- *In the exam you will mark your answers on a separate answer sheet (see page 33).*

Example:

- 0 A retired B left C gone D moved

Answer: A B C D

FROM SCHOOLBOY TO CLOWN

Gareth Ellis is the youngest of Alan and Kath's sons. His two older brothers have already (20) their parents' home. (26) he is only twelve, Gareth is sure that he will be a clown. When Gareth was three, his parents (27) him to see Zippo's circus and he (28) remembers that visit today. All Gareth (29) for as birthday presents was to go back to Zippo's, his father (30)

Then, in 1996, Alan (31) his job, so, together with Kath, they decided to try and find full-time jobs in a circus (32) Gareth would have a chance to learn clown skills. (33) of them got jobs with the Moscow State Circus. Alan (34) a lights operator and Kath was in the box office. After two years there, the director of Zippo's offered them jobs and training for Gareth. One day Gareth (35) to be the best clown in the world.

- 26 A However B Although C Even D So
- 27 A went B travelled C carried D took
- 28 A since B already C still D yet
- 29 A demanded B requested C asked D wanted
- 30 A says B speaks C informs D tells
- 31 A missed B lost C gave D threw
- 32 A when B where C which D who
- 33 A Any B Some C Either D Both
- 34 A became B turned C worked D applied
- 35 A believes B hopes C thinks D dreams

TEST
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PAPER 1: WRITING 30 minutes

PART ONE

Questions 1-5

- Here are some sentences about a castle.
- For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.
- Use no more than three words.
- Write only the missing words.
- *In the exam you will write your answers on a separate answer sheet (see page 59).*

Example:

- 0 Old Farnham Castle was built six hundred years ago.
 Old Farnham Castle six hundred years old.

Answer: 0 is

- 1 People say there is no other castle as interesting as this one in Europe.
 People say that this is castle in Europe.

- 2 The castle opened to the public last year.
 The castle open to the public since last year.

- 3 Students are allowed to visit the castle without paying anything.
 Students have to pay anything to visit the castle.

- 4 Visitors are always met at the door by the owner, Mr Brandon.
 The owner, Mr Brandon, always visitors at the door.

- 5 I asked Mr Brandon if he lived in the castle when he was a child.

I asked Mr Brandon: '..... live in the castle when you were a child?'

PART TWO

Question 6

You have joined a new sports club.

Write an email to your English friend, Phil. In your email, you should:

- say where the club is
 - explain why you like it
 - invite Phil to join it too.
- Write 35-45 words.

PART THREE

Questions 7-8

Write an answer to one of the questions (7 or 8).

Write about 100 words on your answer sheet.

Question 7

- This is part of a letter you receive from an English friend.

I'm thinking of buying a mobile phone. Do you think it's a good idea? Do people in your country use mobile phones a lot?

- Now write a letter, answering your friend's questions.
- Write your letter in about 100 words.
- *In the exam you will write your answer on a separate answer sheet (see page 59).*

Question 8

- You want to write a story for a competition in a magazine.
- This is the title for your story:

The lost suitcase

- Write your story in about 100 words.