

# Examinational Paper B2

(A 100 point test)

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Task 1. Read the text and answer the questions:

10 points (2 point per answer)

## Long-haul flights get longer

Long-haul flights have just got longer, with a non-stop flight from Singapore to New York now in operation. But 18 hours in the air creates its own challenges. A lot of preparation goes into the ultra long haul flight. The aircraft is specifically designed for the journey with more space and extensive entertainment services. The flight crew are also specially trained.

The experienced traveler is also more aware of the health risks associated with a flight that covers as much as 16,600-kilometers in distance. Exposure to lower oxygen levels for up to 18, maybe 20, hours is abnormal for the human body. With deep vein thrombosis (DVT) the problem really starts occurring after 12 hours (in-flight). This could lead to an increase in heart attacks.

Doctors believe prevention is better than cure when it comes to in-flight health. Passengers on ultra long range flights need to be provided with flight socks and, if necessary, tablets for thinning the blood. It is not just the health and vitality of the passenger that is at risk on a flight of this length, but also that of the flight crew. "They give us training on fatigue management and how to adjust to the local time in New York and to exercise, as well as take care of our diet and eat lightly in-flight," says Linda Wu, a stewardess on Singapore Airlines.

However, passengers are trading in health concerns for convenience. An extra- long flight means passengers do not need to break up their journey and change planes. "They like to board once, de-plane once. It is saving time," says James Williams from Singapore Airlines.

"From Los Angeles to Singapore, passengers are saving two and a half hours. And to New York passengers are saving up to four hours in flying time." Thai Airways is also launching a non-stop service to New York from Bangkok next June to compete with Singapore Airlines. It is planning a similar service to Chicago. Cathay Pacific, Continental, Qantas and Emirates Airlines also offer flights that are more than 14 hours in duration. However, there is still a question of whether longer non-stop flights will become popular. "They will certainly have a role in the future of aviation, there is no doubt about it. People will prefer to fly non-stop if it is available," says Chris Johnson, an airline analyst. "But we are reaching the limits. These markets are at the very margin of aviation. Most airlines still fly in the eight to 12-hour sector. This is still where the biggest volume in traffic is." Everybody believes that geography will determine the demand for the ultra long-haul flight and that worldwide appeal for this type of flight is unlikely. "Asia is where the demand is for the ultra long-haul flight. They are connecting Asian cities to the U.S. East Coast, which is the big market," he explains. "The routes that connect most places that European business travelers go do not need a capacity and endurance to fly 18-hours -- this is the same for U.S. carriers."

1. Why are longer flights potentially harmful to passengers and crew?

2. What are flight socks?
3. What are the advantages of longer flights?
4. What are the crew trained for?
5. Where is the market for longer flights expected to develop?

**Task 2. Read the text. Are these statements true (T) or false (F) 10 points (2 points per answer)**

### **Government scheme to keep people healthy**

Local governments have had to take on a new responsibility; that of ensuring that people stay fit and healthy. Birmingham council is already hot on the case. For the past few years they have been encouraging local residents to enrol on the *Be active* scheme, which allows them to use local leisure services completely free of charge.

Participants must register to obtain a membership card. They can then use the facilities in leisure centres across the city at certain times of the day.

29 leisure centres are signed up to the scheme. Each leisure centre must offer a minimum of one hour of swimming time and an hour of gym time to *Be Active* members. In reality, in some establishments in the more deprived areas, 70% of opening hours are reserved for *Be Active* members. Exercise classes and badminton courts are also made available on top of the standard facilities. *Be Active* classes are also being provided in schools and community centres. There are guided bike rides, and even proposals to roll out activities in public spaces such as rounders games in parks, and buggy pushes for new mothers.

Since it was launched in 2008, a third of the local population, a total of 360,000 people, has signed up for the scheme. 60% of these are from minority groups, and the average age is 49, as opposed to 29, the figure for private gyms. The majority were not previously members of a sports club of any kind, half were overweight or obese, and a fifth considered themselves to be in poor health, indicating that the scheme is reaching the people who need it most. Research also shows that since the scheme was set up, there has been a rise in demand for information about reducing alcohol intake and quitting smoking.

Statistics show that for every £1 spent on the *Be Active* scheme, £23 is saved in the health service. Sadly, the scheme has suffered from budget cuts, and lately it has had to reduce the hours available to members. Nonetheless, other councils are interested in the great strides made by Birmingham council, and officials from Birmingham have been holding workshops with representatives from other councils to spread the word about what can be achieved.

1. Everyone in Birmingham is eligible for *Be Active* program. T/F
2. Participants can use the leisure facilities only for two hours per week. T/F
3. The *Be Active* scheme was not as popular as the council hoped. T/F
4. The scheme is saving the government money in health costs. T/F

5. The *Be Active* Scheme is currently available only in Birmingham. T/F

Task 3. Choose the best title (A B C D E F G H) for each paragraph: 6 points (1 point per answer)

A. CHANGE YOUR LIFE

B. GET CREATIVE

C. SET A DATE

D. MEET LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE

E. PLAN AHEAD

F. GUARD YOUR TIME

G. ESTABLISH YOUR GOALS

### *Make the Most of your Free Time*

0. Think about what you want to achieve in your free time. Do you want to get fit, get creative or simply relax? Don't worry about what you ought to be doing, just think about what will make you feel more content (...G)

1. Plan when you are going to enjoy your free time, and treat it in the same way as anything else on your calendar. If something else more important comes along, you can choose whether or not to postpone it, but never cancel it! (.....)

2. Make sure you have everything you need to enjoy your free time in advance. If you're looking forward to a nice long bath, buy bath oil and candles. If you want to get out in the countryside, get your boots and map ready, and don't forget to check the weather forecast. (.....)

3. Don't let anything else interfere with your free time. Ignore the washing up and the vacuuming. Don't check your inbox for messages and turn off your mobile phone. Otherwise, the lines between free time and everyday life will begin to blur, and you won't feel refreshed. (.....)

4. In many free time activities, we take the role of consumer. When we watch TV, play video games or read, we are only passively involved. Take on the role of producer for a change. Build a model, write a blog or make an animation film. You will use a different part of your brains and will feel more energized as a result. (.....).

5. Take the opportunity to expand your social circle. Everyone has different interests, so don't expect your mates to be into the same things you are. Give them a break for a while, join a club and get to know people with the same interests as you. You can never have too many friends! (.....)

6. Once you're relaxed and energized, you can think about what you'd like to improve in your life. Want to get fit? Learn a skill? Improve your job prospects? There are plenty of groups, clubs and classes you can join that will set you on a completely new life path. So what are you waiting for? Get out there and enjoy yourself! (.....)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

**Task4. : Read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line: 20 points (2 points per answer)**

### **Agriculture in Australia**

Traditionally, Australia was (0) FAMOUS for producing wheat and wool, FAME

but times changed in (1) \_\_\_\_\_ years, with many farmers to be more RECENTLY

diverse in their (2) \_\_\_\_\_ crop and livestock range. It is now quite common  
ELECT

to see farms with more exotic fruit and vegetables. Farmers are (3) \_\_\_\_\_ UNLIKE

to sell their produce (4) \_\_\_\_\_ nowadays, but rather to the factories in  
LOCAL

the cities. As a result, farms are large-scale (5) \_\_\_\_\_ where thousands of  
PRODUCE

tons of crops are (6) \_\_\_\_\_. Another aspect that is different nowadays is  
CULTIVATE

(7) \_\_\_\_\_. In the past farmers would just flood the fields but now IRRIGATE

it is common to see sprinkler systems everywhere. This means that more water is

(8) \_\_\_\_\_ which has been helpful with the drought that has severely impacted CONSERVATION

the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of the farms in southern states of the country. MAJOR

Hopefully, the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the farmers have shown, in recent times will continue. CREATIVE

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_

8 \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_

**Task 5** Read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space. There is an example given at the beginning (0).10 points (1 point per answer)

### The Price of Fame

Charlotte Church looks like a (0) ..... teenager, but she is far from average. She has an amazing voice. Her fans stand in (1) ..... for hours to get tickets for her concerts and she is often on television. Charlotte's singing (2) ..... began when she performed on a TV show at the age of 11. The head of a record company was so impressed by her voice that he (3) ..... her up on the spot. Her first album rose to number one in the charts. Charlotte still attends school in her home town when she can. (4) ..... , she is often away on tour for weeks at a time. She doesn't miss out on lessons, though, because she takes her own tutor with her! She (5) ..... three hours every morning with him. Her exam results in all the (6) ..... she studies are impressive. But how does she (7) ..... with this unusual way of life? She (8) ..... that she has the same friends as before. That may be true, but she can no longer go into town with them because everybody stops her in the street to ask for her (9) ..... . It seems that, like most stars, she must learn to (10) ..... these restrictions and the lack of privacy. It's the price of fame!

0. A normal B usual C ordinary D natural

1. A rows B queues C ranks D files

2. A profession B job C labor D career

3. A signed B wrote C made D picked

4. A Although B While C For D However

5. A takes B utilizes C spends D uses

6. A titles B materials C subjects D lessons

7. A cope B adjust C bear D tolerate

8. A denies B refuses C insists D complains

9. A signature B autograph C sign D writing

10. A look down on B make do with C put up with D run out of

**Task 6.** Put the verbs in the correct tense: 10 points (1 point per answer)

I 1) ( buy) a new alarm clock the other day in Taylor’s the jewelers, when I actually 2) (see) somebody shoplifting. I 3) ( finish) paying for my clock and as I turnedround, an elderly woman was slowly putting a silver plate into the bag that she 4) (carry). Then she 5) (walk) over to another part of the shop and, when she thought that nobody 6) (look), she put an expensive-looking watch into the bag. Before I 7)( have) a chance to tell the staff in the shop, she noticed that I 8) (watch) her and hurried out. Unfortunately for her, two police officers 9) (walk) past just at that moment and she 10) (run) straight into them.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_ 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_\_

**Task 7. Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences: 20 points (1 point per answer)**

1. If I \_\_\_\_\_ the chance to do it again, I would do it differently.  
a) had had b) had c) will have
2. According to the label the jam \_\_\_\_\_ be refrigerated.  
a) can b) may c) should
3. You need to put more effort into your work; \_\_\_\_\_ you won’t get a passing grade.  
a) otherwise b) moreover c) unless
4. The comedian really \_\_\_\_\_ us laugh last night  
a) let b) made c) allowed
5. Be very careful of people \_\_\_\_\_ words don’t match their actions.  
a) which b) that c) whose
6. The card \_\_\_\_\_ you travel on any bus in the city.  
a) lets b) allows c) enables
7. If you had worked harder, you \_\_\_\_\_ better grades.  
a) would get b) would have got c) will get
8. That \_\_\_\_\_ Danny you saw this morning, he said he was going abroad on a business trip.  
a) mustn’t be b) can’t have been c) may not been
9. Do you know if your company is recruiting any IT technicians? John \_\_\_\_\_ to change his job, so I said I would ask.  
a) had liked b) is liking c) would like
10. I think people nowadays are a lot more technically-minded than they \_\_\_\_\_  
a) used to be b) would be c) use to be
11. No clinical studies \_\_\_\_\_ in the child disease research so far.

- a) had completed b) will be completed c) have been completed
12. A more developed model of this car \_\_\_\_\_ in the showroom soon.  
a) will be shown b) had shown c) is going to show
13. These clothes \_\_\_\_\_ for daily use, so you can wear them wherever you want.  
a) designed b) are designed c) design
14. The best thing you can do to extend the life of your car is to have it \_\_\_\_\_ as needed.  
a) service b) serviced c) to service
15. Many teachers agree that generally, one's language skills \_\_\_\_\_ by listening to others.  
a) could have been improved b) can improve c) can be improved
16. She asked him \_\_\_\_\_ he wanted to go to the race course.  
a) unless b) whether c) as soon as
17. He is a weak leader, \_\_\_\_\_, he has plenty of supporters.  
a) otherwise b) moreover c) nevertheless
18. We hoped to go to Spain; \_\_\_\_\_ we ended up in France.  
a) instead b) again c) otherwise
19. If you have any valuables, you \_\_\_\_\_ leave them in the hotel safe.  
a) must to b) have c) need to
20. Paris has many great museums \_\_\_\_\_ you can see the impressionists' paintings.  
a) where b) which c) that

**Task 8. Match the nouns that have similar meaning: 14 points (1 point per answer)**

1. assistance a) goal

2. staff b) fault

3. target c) debate

4. obstacle d) hatred

5. cliente) personnel

6. defect f) fatness

7. discussion g) outcome

8. intolerance h) customer

9. obesity i) help

10. report j) barrier

11. proof k) influence

12. benefit l) profit

13. result m) information

14. impact n) evidence

1. \_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_ 9. \_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_ 11. \_\_\_ 12. \_\_\_ 13. \_\_\_ 14. \_\_\_