

#### ESCUELA SUPERIOR POLITÉCNICA DEL LITORAL Centro de Lenguas Extranjeras CELEX - ESPOL Advanced A Mid Term Exam v2



# I. Reading Section (15 marks)

Read the newspaper article.

# Wife's sweet tone hid alleged murder plot

SANTA FE, N.M. Wednesday July 22 (Reuters) -Robert Sumser says he knew something was up when his wife started treating him nicely, even cooking him dinner.

But he could barely believe it when police in the northern New Mexico town of Los Lunas told him his wife, Vickie Gillmore, had offered an undercover agent Police allege Gillmore had been looking for someone to kill \$750 to have him killed.

"I knew something was up, but not murder," Sumser told a television station late on Tuesday.

"She wanted me shot, to suffer? For me to die slow or what?" he asked. "That's not right. To squeal like a pig?"

Gillmore was arrested last weekend and faces charges of attempted murder and conspiracy.

Sumser said he and his wife have had some rough times and that he became suspicious in the last few weeks when she started treating him well and fixing him dinner.

her husband when she met an undercover detective and offered him \$750 to carry out the hit, handing over a \$250 down payment.

Thinking the man had carried out the hit, 33-year-old Gillmore allegedly asked if her husband had "squealed like a pig" in his final moments.

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Are the following statements true or false? If they are false, re-write them so that they are true. (5 marks)

- 1. Vickie Gillmore had always cooked her husband dinner.
- 2. Robert Sumser thought his wife's behaviour was normal.
- 3. Vickie wanted her husband to suffer.
- 4. The undercover agent didn't kill her husband.
- 5. Vickie has been convicted of attempted murder.

What do the following phrases from the article mean? Choose the correct answer. (2 marks)

6. ... he knew something was up ... (paragraphs 1 and 3)

a. things were improving

c. there was a lot of resentment

b. something was wrong

d. she was planning to commit a crime

7. But he could barely believe it when ... (paragraph 2)

a. he thought it was true

c. he found it easy to believe

b. he didn't believe it

d. he found it very difficult to believe

8. To squeal like a pig? (paragraph 4)

a. to make a high-pitched noise

b. to shout angrily c. to laugh out loud d. to run away

9. ... she met an undercover detective and offered him \$750 to carry out the hit ... (paragraph 7)

a. to rob her husband

c. to kidnap her husband

b. to murder her husband

d. to mug her husband

# Village Boy's NASA Claim Crashes to Earth

By Sharat Pradhan

LUCKNOW, India Mon Feb 28 (Reuters) - An Indian teenager appears to have fooled governments, the media and some Indian newspapers say the meeting was canceled as he even the president into believing he had topped the world in waited to go in. a NASA science exam.

In a country hungry for international recognition, the boy was named a national hero after announcing he had won NASA's International Scientist Discovery examination, which he said he took at Oxford University.

The Uttar Pradesh state government rewarded him with a 500,000 rupee (\$11,500) prize and more than 100 members of the state's upper house each donated a day's salary to him. former administrator was Sean O'Keefe.

But as he was at the president's official residence awaiting an audience during the week, his story unraveled.

An Indian news portal, rediff.com, contacted NASA, which denied any knowledge of the exam.

"Right now, no one knows where this examination comes from," Rediff quoted NASA education official Dwayne Brown saying.

A meeting planned with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was hastily called off and the boy returned to his village of Narhai, where he is now under police investigation.

The boy insists he met President Abdul Kalam, although

"It was really inspiring," the boy told Reuters by phone. "And let me tell you, he saw my certificate and praised me for the achievement, while you all are asking all kinds of questions and trying to dub me as a fraud."

The certificate, a copy of which was obtained by Reuters, declared "You are the member of NASA" (sic) and is signed by Singh and "Chief of NASA, Cin K. Kif" -- NASA's

The boy says he flew to London on Indian Airlines -- which does not fly to the city -- and took a taxi to Oxford University and back every day for the exam from January 4-8, a round trip of about 230 km (140 miles).

He told Reuters he stayed in a hotel, but told a Hindi language newspaper he stayed at Buckingham Palace.

#### Vocabulary:

claim - say that something is a fact but not prove that it is unravel - to collapse

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#### Complete the following summary of the article with one or two words in each gap. (6 marks)

A boy lied about his achievements when	n he told people he had	got the (10) mark in a
NASA Science exam at Oxford University	ity. Before the truth was	revealed, he had received a huge
amount of money from the (11)	and (12)	He had also had an
appointment to meet the President, but	according to (13)	the meeting was
cancelled. The dishonest boy also claime	ed that he had flown to I	London on an airline that doesn't
fly to London, that he had traveled to O	xford every day (14)	and that he had
stayed in Buckingham Palace. NASA sa	ys that (15)	doesn't exist.

Match the verbs from the article (16-19) with the correct definitions (a-d). (2 marks)

16. fool	a. make someone believe a lie
17. reward	b. give a prize/present in return for an achievement
18. deny	c. say good things about someone/something
19. praise	d. say something is not true

### II. Use of English Section (20 marks)

Look at these sentences. Are both verb forms possible? If they are possible, tick the sentence. If not, choose the correct option. (3 marks)

**Example:** When I was young, I <u>used to be</u>/'d be very shy.

- 20. We used to go/went to Spain on holiday last year.
- 21. During the summer we used to play/d play in the woods for hours.
- 22. My mother *is always complaining/always complains* about how much everything costs.
- 23. When Adela was younger, she used to have/d have a pet rabbit.
- 24. Our kids *will play/play* their music too loudly it drives me crazy!
- 25. My father didn't use to/used to like cooking.

Complete these third conditional sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets. (4 marks)

26. If I	(see) the a	ccident, I
(cal	l) the police.	
27. We	(not be)	late if the car
	ot break down	
		(get) home if
	(not lend) y	
29. Our journ	ney(	(might be) quicker
	(take) the tra	

# Complete the table with crimes, criminals and verbs. (5 marks)

Crime	Criminal	Verb
looting	looter	loot
30.	robber	31
burglary	32	33
34.	35	kidnap
36.	thief	37.
38.	mugger	39.

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. (3 marks)

Example: She loves going (go) to the cinema.

40. He doesn't mind	(help) me.
41. I'd rather	(study) at home.
42. Could you stop_	(make) that noise?
43. I remember	(take) my driving test.
44. I think you'd bet	ter (get) some
sleep.	
45. Did you rememb	oer (buy) some
milk?	

Fill in the gaps in the conversation with these words/phrases. (5 marks)

about that be rig	ght there v	wouldn't say
got a point there	you think so	you mean
see the point of	your point	a good point
still not convinced	argue wit	h that

SUE	I don't think children should eat fast food like burgers.
TIM	Oh I don't know <u>about that</u> . Surely, if it's
	not allowed, they'll just want to eat it
	more, won't they?
SUE	That's (46), but fatty food is so
	bad for children.
TIM	I see what (47), but not if they
	only get a little bit now and then.
SAM	You might (48), Tim. I give my
	kids burgers and pizzas on Saturdays, but
	they eat healthy food quite happily all the
	other days, which is what all parents
	want.
SUE	Well, I can't (49) What about
	fizzy drinks?
SAM	I let mine have what they like, you know,
	lemonade, cola. I can't really (50)
	forcing them to drink water everyday. A
	bit of sugar gives them energy and it
	doesn't do any harm.
TIM	Oh, do (51)? Sugar makes
	children fat?
SUE	I suppose you've (52)
SAM	Well, I'm (53) My kids run
	about all day and they're not overweight.
TIM	Yes, I see (54) But what about all
	the chemicals they put in those drinks?
	Some of them are bad for you, I think.
SUE	Oh, I (55) that. Most of the
	stuff is harmless

# III. Listening Section (15 marks)

Listen to this extract from a radio interview with a university professor. Are the statements true or false? If they are false, correct the sentences so that they are true. (7 marks)

- 56. Dr Mark Griffiths is a neurologist at Nottingham Trent University.
- 57. Dr Griffiths has published his research in a scientific journal.
- 58. He has some unusually positive opinions about computer games.
- 59. He thinks that video games make people antisocial and don't develop very many skills.
- 60. Most people don't think that computer games encourage violent behaviour.
- 61. According to Dr Griffiths, therapists can use the games to help patients to get rid of their aggression without causing any harm.
- 62. Therapists can use computer games to become good friends with their child patients.

#### Listen to three people talking about their eating habits. Choose the best answers. (8 marks)

One

- 63. Japanese people usually...
- a. have soup at every meal.

b. only eat Japanese food.

c. eat a combination of Japanese and Western food.

- 64. Akiko eats a healthy diet ...
- a. because she needs to control her weight.
- b. because she eats lots of vegetables.

c. because she is Japanese.

Two

- 65. What happened when Kuru first came to the USA?
- a. she didn't like the food.
- b. she felt homesick.

c. she got sick.

66. For dinner, Kuru usually has ...

- a, reindeer or fish.
- b. raw fish.
- c. roasted chicken.

- 67. She doesn't ...
- a. do much exercise.
- b. eat very many desserts.
- c. like orange juice.

Three

- 68. Gayle always tries to avoid ...
- a. fatty food.

- b. eating out a lot.
- c. doing too much exercise.

- 69. In Los Angeles, it's normal ...
- a. to exercise before breakfast
- b. to have a sandwich for lunch
- c. to not eat cream, cheese or oil when at a restaurant.

70. Gayle ...

- a. doesn't worry too much about what she eats.
- b. controls very carefully what she eats. c. isn't concerned about her health or fitness.

#### IV. Writing Section (15 marks)

Question One: Think about your first week in ESPOL. How did you feel? Do you feel differently now? What have you got used to? Write about your opinions and feelings. (Write approximately 100 words.)

Question Two: Choose ONE of the following topics and write a letter to a newspaper giving your opinion. (Write approximately 100 words.)

- a. Should Jaime Nebot ban all buses from Guayaquil's city centre?
- b. Should English be obligatory at every university in Ecuador?
- c. Should the word "God" appear in the Ecuadorian constitution?

#### V. Oral Exam (15 marks)

VI. Homework and Tests (20 marks)