I. Reading Section (15 marks)

Read the article.

Hollywood could help save Madagascan forests

By Tim Cocks

ANTANANARIVO, Monday July 11, 2005 (Reuters) - The hit movie Madagascar has raised hopes that its namesake island will benefit from higher tourist visits, which could encourage locals to conserve rainforests considered among the world’s most pristine and rare.

The animated film by DreamWorks Studios, which has earned $179.6 million since its May release, features the voices of actors Ben Stiller, David Schwimmer and Chris Rock.

More tourists dollars would give some of the island’s poor an economic incentive to preserve their environment Conservation International President Russell Mittermeier said.

The island, the world’s fourth-largest, is home to tens of thousands of species of plant and animal life found nowhere else, including birds, insects, chameleons and lemurs — a cuddly primate that features in the DreamWorks cartoon.

But they are threatened by rampant poverty that drives poor residents into slash-and-burn farming, logging and hunting.

As many as 300 million are expected to see the film worldwide by the time it is released on a pay-per-view basis, Mittermeier said.

“If we get just 1 percent in the next 5-10 years coming to Madagascar, that’s a 10 to 20-fold increase in tourists,” he said.

Madagascar attracted 230,000 tourists in 2004, up from 160,000 in 2003.

Henri Rabesahala, on a government taskforce to capitalize on the film’s tourism potential, said he hoped it would encourage tourists despite the fact that all the main roles are played by animals not native to the island.

“It was a little funny to see a lion, a giraffe and a zebra in Madagascar,” Rabesahala said. “But the image is: the tourists are the lions and the zebra. We are the lemurs … So we hope those people from New York will come to see us lemurs.”

Are the following sentences true or false? If it’s false, re-write the sentence so that it is true. (4 marks)

1. Madagascar is an island and a film.
2. If there were more tourists in Madagascar, it would damage the environment.
3. You can see lions, giraffes and zebras on the island of Madagascar.
4. The poor people in Madagascar are destroying the environment with their activities.

Match the adjectives from the article (5-8) with the correct definitions (a-d). (2 marks)

| 5. hit | a. principal |
| 6. pristine | b. very popular |
| 7. rampant | c. extremely bad |
| 8. main | d. pure and untouched |
Domineering, irritable people at risk for heart disease
By Nancy Deutsch

NEW YORK, Thursday March 23 (Reuters Health) - What's more, the researchers found that the study did not support the common belief that men display their anger and women keep it in. Men and women may just express their anger differently, according to the report.

"Both of these types are very much at risk of heart disease," said Dr. Aron Wolfe Siegman, a psychologist at the University of Maryland in Baltimore County, and lead author of a study in Psychosomatic Medicine.

The findings are from a study of 101 men and 95 women, including 44 people with definite heart disease and 99 without heart disease. The study subjects were interviewed when they went for an exercise stress test, which measures blood flow through the heart.

People who were rated as having a dominant personality had a 47% higher risk of heart disease, and those who had high scores of irritability had a 27% increase in heart disease risk compared with their less domineering, more easygoing counterparts.

An increased heart disease risk is seen in women who have more indirect displays of anger, such as antagonistic behavior, while a man's heart risk is higher if he tends toward full-blown outward expressions of ire, the authors note.

In women, there was a correlation between heart disease and covert displays of their anger, such as wearing angry expressions or making cutting remarks. Men were more likely to suffer heart disease if they displayed dominance, such as constantly talking over others or interrupting conversations, the investigators found. Both sexes were at risk for heart disease if they were constantly irritable.

"The relationship between emotions and disease are mediated through the body," Siegman explained. Being angry and exploding or making cutting remarks increases blood pressure, causing heart damage, he said.


Answer the following questions. (5 marks)

9-10. Which two types of person may be at a higher risk of getting heart disease? (2 marks)

11. How many of the participants in the study already suffered from heart disease? (1 mark)

12. According to the report, is it possible that men and women react differently to anger? (1 mark)

13. If someone is dominant, what do they do in conversations? (1 mark)

Choose the best definition for the words in bold. (4 marks)

   a. omnipresent  
   b. dominant  
   c. dynamite

15. ... are two personality traits that make one prone to heart problems ...
   a. have a tendency towards  
   b. provoke  
   c. create

16. ... which measures blood flow through the heart.
   a. movement of a liquid in one direction  
   b. cholesterol level  
   c. internal injuries

17. ... he tends toward full-blown outward expressions of ire ...
   a. jealousy  
   b. tranquillity  
   c. anger
II. Use of English (20 marks)

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of a phrasal verb. (4 marks)

Example: Could you pass this message on to the rest of your classmates?

18. When you drive around the farm, be careful that you don't run any chickens.

19. Don't worry, this isn't a true story. I just made it up.

20. We've just heard that a bomb has exploded near the airport.

21. I didn't really want to go to the wedding, but it turned out to be a lot of fun.

Tick (✓) the correct sentences. Change the incorrect ones. (3 marks)

Example: People are consuming more and more energy.

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22. What would your boss have done if he had seen you?

23. Our present way of life is unsustainable.

24. That's a very immoral way to behave.

25. We enjoyed our trip in spite of the weather.

26. I couldn't work out what he meant.

27. Rick doesn't like swimming, but I like.

Complete the compound adjectives describing character. (5 marks)

Example: Self-centred people are only interested in themselves.

28. Lazy people are very relaxed.

29. Slow people are very determined to behave in a particular way.

30. Easy people aren't easily upset, worried or annoyed by problems.

31. Nervous people don't want to accept new ideas or opinions different to their own.

32. Shy people are shy and easily embarrassed.

Choose the correct verb forms. (3 marks)

Example: I think Brazil will win/are winning the next World Cup.

33. I'll help/in helping you later, if you like.

34. I can't come this afternoon - I'll meet/meeting my sister at 4.30.

35. Oh, is Jonathan back from his holiday? Then, I'll invite/me inviting him to the party.

36. He hasn't been studying at all, so he doesn't pass/isn't going to pass his test.

37. We don't eat/won't be eating in that restaurant again! It's so expensive.

38. This time tomorrow we'll be swimming/swimming in the sea in the South of France.

Fill in the gaps with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets. (5 marks)

I was feeling bored one morning last week so I (39) decided to go to a nearby lake.

While I (40) was driving there, I (41) saw a man lying at the side of the road. I (42) got out of the car and (43) stepped forward to see if he was alright. He was dead!
III. Listening Section (15 marks)

Listen to a woman talking about some of the problems faced by the Grand Canyon National Park Service. Complete the fact file. (10 marks)

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Listen to an urban myth: “Cow down below”. Choose the best answers to the questions. (5 marks)

54. What fell into the man’s car?
   a. a dead Friesian cow   b. a live Friesian cow   c. a dead person

55. How did the man feel?
   a. amused   b. disgusted   c. shaken

56. Where did the man go?
   a. to a village shop   b. to a garage.   c. to a friend’s house

57. What did the mechanics do?
   a. They fixed the man’s car.   b. They removed the cow from the car and cleaned the car.   c. They went to the local pub.

58. What had happened, according to the customer?
   a. The customer had been walking over a bridge when he saw a cow fall onto the motorway below.
   b. The customer had driven into some cows on a bridge and one had fallen into the man’s car.
   c. The customer had heard the same story several weeks ago. It remains a mystery.

IV. Writing Section (15 marks)

Question One: What make the Galapagos Islands special? What can you do there? What are the natural features? Write a short magazine article about them. (Write approximately 100 words.) (7½ marks)

Question Two: Think about your childhood and your achievements so far. Write your autobiography. (Write approximately 100 words.) (7½ marks)

V. Oral Exam (15 marks)