I. Reading Section (15 marks)

Read about the famous Latin American author Carlos Fuentes.

Carlos Fuentes Macías (born March 11, 1928) is a Mexican writer and one of the best-known living novelists and essayists in the Spanish-speaking world. Fuentes has influenced contemporary Latin American literature, and his works have been widely translated into English and other languages.

The author describes himself as a premodern writer, using only pens, ink and paper. He asks "Do words need anything else?" Fuentes mentioned that he detests those authors who from the beginning claim to have a recipe for success. In a speech on his writing process he mentioned that when he starts the writing process he begins by asking "Who am I writing for?".

In 1959, Fuentes published Las Buenas Conciencias, which is probably his most accessible novel depicting the privileged middle classes of a medium sized town, thought to be modelled on Guanajuato. His 1960s novels, Aura (1962) and La muerte de Artemio Cruz (1962) are well acclaimed for using experimental modern narrative styles to discuss history, society and identity. His 1985 novel Gringo viejo, the first American bestseller written by a Mexican author, was filmed as Old Gringo (1989) starring Gregory Peck and Jane Fonda.

In 1994, he published Diana, The Goddess Who Hunts Alone, a fictionalized account of his alleged affair with American actress Jean Seberg. However, the authenticity of this adulterous liaison has been brought into question several times.

Fuentes regularly contributes essays on politics and culture to the Spanish newspaper El País and Reforma. He is a stern critic of what he sees as American cultural and economic situations typically hidden from mainstream Mexican society.

Answer the following questions. (5 marks)

1. In what way is Fuentes an old-fashioned writer?
2. Which Fuentes novel was the most successful in the USA?
3. Which novel is the easiest to read, according to the article?
4. Is Diana, The Goddess Who Hunts Alone a true story?
5. What does Fuentes criticize about modern society?

Choose the best definition for the underlined words. (2 marks)

6. "His 1960s novels … are well acclaimed for using experimental modern narrative styles …" (paragraph three)
   a. have been criticized  
   b. are not used to  
   c. are admired

7. "… the authenticity of this adulterous liaison has been brought into question …" (paragraph 4)
   a. people are not sure if it is true  
   b. people have said that it is very original  
   c. people have gossiped about it
Read the article.

**Madagascar Cyclones Fell Trees, Kill Rare Animals**  
*By Kieran Murray*

ANTANANARIVO, Madagascar Friday March 17  
(Reuters) - The cyclones that **ripped through** Madagascar recently almost certainly tore down areas of endangered forest and killed some of the island's rare animals and birds, wildlife experts say.

Jean-Paul Poddack, head of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) in Madagascar, said cyclones Eline and Gloria packed winds of above 130 mph and would have blown down sections of Madagascar's rich rainforests.

"I think the biggest impact is probably on forest cover, just the sheer force of wind **blowing away** trees. I suspect some species were caught in that and died, no doubt," Poddack told Reuters late Thursday.

He said the species caught in the cyclones included birds, small mammals, reptiles and amphibians.

"They would have been **knocked down** from trees and washed away in rivers or affected by trees falling," Poddack said.

Madagascar, which lies off the eastern coast of Africa, is home to thousands of species of animals found nowhere else on earth. They include most of the world's lemurs -- monkey-like mammals with huge eyes -- as well as hundreds of rare and unique species of birds, chameleons and brightly-colored frogs.

Environmental workers say they received reports of dead lemurs **floating** in the flood waters of northeastern Madagascar when the cyclones ripped through in late February and earlier this month.

Poddack said the biggest impact of the cyclones had been on the human population with an estimated 150 people killed and key subsistence crops washed away. But it has not yet been possible to accurately measure the damage to the environment in the remote, almost inaccessible, interior of the island.

Madagascar has thousands of endemic species of plants and trees but its rich biodiversity has been under assault for decades as forest-clearing, slash-and-burn agriculture and mining for rare minerals has **decimated** the forests.

An estimated 80 percent of the island's original forest cover has disappeared and it continues to lose up to 200,000 hectares every year.

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

8. Damage was caused on Madagascar by a destructive cyclone.  
9. Madagascar contains many unique animals and plants.  
10. It is believed that the animals were killed by the flood waters.  
11. According to Poddack, humans were more affected by the cyclones than the animals.  
12. Cyclones and flooding are the only environmental problems in Madagascar.

Match the verbs from the article (13-18) with the correct definitions (a-f). (3 marks)

| 13. fell | a. move from one place to another carried by the wind |
| 14. rip through | b. cut down |
| 15. blow away | c. move violently across an area |
| 16. knock down | d. destroy |
| 17. float | e. make something fall over |
| 18. decimate | f. rest on the surface of a liquid |
II. Use of English Section (20 marks)

Fill in the gaps with who, that, which, whose and where if necessary. Put - if no word is needed. (4 marks)

A Wild Sheep Chase is the extraordinary novel that brought its author, Haruki Murakami, to public attention. The book, (19) ________ is set in Japan, begins simply enough. A young man (20) ________ works for an advertising agency, gets a postcard from a friend. He decides to use the postcard, (21) ________ shows a photo of a country scene, for an advertisement (22) ________ his company is making. However, he doesn’t notice that in the photo there is a sheep (23) ________ has a star on its back. The photo attracts the attention of a strange man in black, (24) ________ offers him a choice – find the sheep or lose everything. The search for the sheep takes the main character, (25) ________ name is never revealed, from Tokyo to the mountains of northern Japan, (26) ________ he has to face a number of dangers. Haruki Murakami is now one of Japan’s best known authors.

Choose the correct verb forms. (3 marks)

Example: I’ll help/’m helping you later, if you like.
32. This time tomorrow we’ll be swimming/’ll swim in the sea in the south of France.
33. He hasn’t been studying at all, so he doesn’t pass/’s going to pass his test.
34. We’ll definitely finish/’re definitely finishing the project on time.
35. I think Brazil will win/’re winning the next World Cup.
36. Wait a minute! I’ll carry/’m carrying that suitcase upstairs for you.
37. I can’t come this afternoon – I’ll meet/’m meeting my sister at 4.30.

Complete these words connected to plants and garden. (3 marks)

Example: Plant the seeds now and we’ll have carrots in July.
38. Can you see the apple trees in the o ________?
39. Bees take p ________ form one flower to another.
40. The p ________ of this rose are dark red.
41. The r ________ of that tree have grown under the wall.
42. That house has a beautiful green l ________.
43. I need to put this plant in a bigger p ________.

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of these verbs. (5 marks)

Note: you don’t have to use all the verbs.

Example: George may well do a course in Arabic next year.
44. He went to the football match despite ________ very ill.
45. You’re bound ________ the exam – you’ve studied so hard for it.
46. He tries to avoid ________ to people about his job.
47. Apart from ________ the kitchen, I’ve got nothing to do this weekend.
48. He’s unlikely ________ his job this year. He’s really enjoying it.

Source of all Use of English exercises: Face2Face Upper-Intermediate Teacher’s Book/ Chris Redston & Tim Marchand / CUP/ 2007 / Progress Tests pages 206-211
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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<th>Grand Canyon Fact File</th>
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<tr>
<td>Location: (49) part of Arizona</td>
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<td>Depth: (50) kilometres</td>
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<td>Opened in: (51)</td>
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<td>Number of visitors today: (52) a year</td>
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<td>Main problems in the park:</td>
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<td>- Too many (53)</td>
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Colorado River
Problems caused by the Glen Canyon Dam:
- Temperature of water (56) degrees all year.
- Some kinds of (57) no longer exist.
- The rapids are getting bigger.

Conclusion
The park may soon no longer be one of the world's (58)

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

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

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

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

62. 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.

63. 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: Write a short biography of someone in your family. (Write approximately 100 words.) (7½ marks)

Question Two: Choose ONE of the following places:
* Cuenca
* Montañita
* Baños

What makes it special? What can you do there? What are the natural features? Write a short magazine article about the town. (Write approximately 100 words.) (7½ marks)

V. Oral Exam (15 marks)

VI. Homework and Tests (20 marks)