I. Reading Section (20 marks)

Read the article and do the activities.

Santa Is from Greenland

Tue July 22, 2003 COPENHAGEN (Reuters) - Santa is from Greenland, according to an official statement from the world's Father Christmases at their congress in Denmark. 130 Father and Mother Christmases and Santa's helpers from 12 countries including Japan, Canada, Britain and Spain, discussed which Nordic country was their real home.

"It's a fact [Santa] comes from Greenland," said Kurt Flemming, chairman of the 40th annual Father Christmas World Congress.

Greenland's delegate won the argument about the title, saying "We have lots and lots of reindeer in Greenland. Didn't you know that?"

The delegates wore white beards and red hats and robes in the summer heat. After their debate, the delegates paraded through Copenhagen to the music of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." They cooled their feet on a beach and enjoyed Danish pastries and beer.

Feeling happier, the Santas promised bigger presents for children this year -- "if they've been nice. And most have. But politicians get smaller ones," said Flemming, who doubles as a circus clown outside the Christmas season.

Finnish Lapland, rival of Greenland for the title, was not represented at the congress.

Vocabulary
reindeer - an animal associated with Father Christmas

Answer the questions. (5 marks)

1. Where was the 40th annual Father Christmas World Congress held?
2. Who attended the congress?
3. How did the Father Christmases relax after the debate?
4. What will the children get this year?
5. Who is Kurt Flemming?

Match the words (6-11) with the definitions (a-f). (3 marks)

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<td>b. a type of warm clothing</td>
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<td>c. people who help other people</td>
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<td>d. a person who dresses in colourful clothes and entertains children</td>
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<td>e. someone who attends a conference or congress</td>
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<td>f. walk around in public as part of an organised event</td>
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Read the article about a famous fast food chain.

**The History Of Burger King**

We've all enjoyed eating a hamburger from Burger King at least once in our lives, but have you ever stopped to ask yourself how Burger King first began?

In 1954, James McLamore and his partner David Edgerton - two very successful businessmen in the fast food industry - founded their first restaurant in Miami, Florida, but it wasn't called Burger King. It was called Insta Burger King because they wanted to emphasize the fact that their food orders were delivered immediately. Burgers and shakes were 18 cents each. The Whopper, which appeared in 1957, cost just 37 cents. A year later, the "Burger King, Home of the WHOPPER" advertising campaign began and in 1974 "Have It Your Way" became a famous expression.

By the end of March 2008, the company had more than 37,000 employees and approximately 11.4 million customers every day. Burger King reported that there were more than 11,300 outlets in 69 countries; 66% in the United States and 90% managed by families and independent owners.

Today, the chain is growing with 11,500 restaurants in 72 countries. The company is definitely "having it its way"!

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

(5 marks)

12. The Burger King began in 1954.
13. The first restaurant was called Insta Burger King because customers received their food very quickly.
14. The first hamburger in Burger King cost 37 cents.
15. "Have It Your Way" was the name of one of the restaurants in 1974.
16. All Burger King restaurants are family businesses.

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Read the newspaper article.

**Indian Chili is Hotter Than Mexico's**

GUWAHATI, India Monday September 4 (Reuters)- The "The Tezpur chili was rated having 855,000 Scoville units...the Mexican chili contained 557,000 Scoville units of pure capsaicin " one of the scientists, who asked not to be identified, told Reuters.

Four Indian scientists have discovered that a type of chili grown in the country's north-east has the highest Scoville units of pure capsaicin - a measure of hotness.

Called the Tezpur chili, after the area where it is grown, scientists say the pepper has beaten Mexico's Red Savina Habanero, widely acclaimed as the hottest in the world.

Tezpur lies on the banks of the river Brahmaputra about 112 miles from Guwahati, the main city of Assam, which is better known for its flavorsome tea than its chilies.

"The scientists work in defense laboratories in Guwahati and Gwalior.

The Scoville scale is named after German scientist Wilbur Scoville, the first to measure the heat component in chili.

India is the world's top producer of chilies, exporting an estimated 35 tons a year.

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Answer the questions. (6 marks)

17. What have scientists discovered? 20. What is a Red Savina Habanero?
18. What is Tezpur? 21. Where are the scientists from?
19. What is the Scoville Scale? 22. Which country grows the most chilies in the world?

Complete the following phrases with the most appropriate answer. (Write a, b, or c) (1 mark)

23. ... widely acclaimed as the hottest in the world. (paragraph two)
   a. many people say  
   b. people don’t know it  
   c. people complain

24. ... better known for its flavorsome tea than its chilies. (paragraph three)
   a. hot  
   b. delicious  
   c. curry
II. Use of English Section (50 marks)

Choose the correct words/phrases. (4 marks)

CHRIS How are you/is it, Jack? Are you (21) wrong/OK?
JACK No, I’m not. (22) I’m/I feel terrible.
CHRIS (23) What’s/What the matter?
JACK I feel sick and I’ve got a really bad cold.
CHRIS (24) Oh, great/Oh, dear. That’s (25) better/a shame. You (26) should/shouldn’t take the day off.
JACK I can’t. I’ve got an important meeting in this morning.
CHRIS Well, (27) you shouldn’t/why don’t you go home after lunch?
JACK That’s a good idea.
CHRIS I (28) wait/hope you get better soon.

Make sentences and questions with these words. (4 marks)

Example: theatre / on / We / the / go / never / to / Friday / .

We never go to the theatre on Friday.

51. goes / a / Anna / week / concerts / usually / to / once / .
52. don’t / mountain biking / I / go / very often / .
53. sister / coffee / My / drinks / hardly ever / .
54. twice / We / sport / a / always / week / do / .

Read John’s school report. Fill in the gaps with the adjective in brackets or the correct comparative or superlative form of the adjective. (9 marks)

John is the brightest (bright) boy in the class.
He’s also the (55) (good) at most sports and he’s (56) (popular) than anyone else. Perhaps everyone likes him because he’s also very helpful. His exercise books are (57) (organised) than anyone else’s and he helps the boys who aren’t as (58) (intelligent) as him with their homework.
His friends are much (59) (big) than him. John is still very small because he’s (60) (young) boy in the class so he isn’t as (61) (good) at basketball as the others. Some of the other boys are much (62) (lazy) than John in class. But he’s as (63) (noisy) as them!

Make questions about the underlined words. (6 marks)

Example: Dad’s washing the car now.
What’s Dad doing now?

64. I saw Simon last week in town.
Who ____________________________?
65. He paid $200 for that CD player.
How much ________________________?
66. We’re going to have a party.
What _____________________________?
67. I go to the cinema every month.
How often __________________________
68. The students are studying in the library.
Where ______________________________
69. I’ve been to Argentina.
Where ______________________________

Source of Use of English exercises: Face2Face Elementary Teacher’s Book/Chris Redston and Rachel Clark with Gillie Cunningham and Belinda Cerda / CUP/2005/Progress Tests and Face2Face Pre-Intermediate Teacher’s Book/ Rachel Clark and Anna Young with Chris Redston and Gillie Cunningham/CUP/2005/Progress Tests
Choose the correct verbs in these phrases. (6 marks)

- lose
- look after
- live
- play
- fail
- stop
- turn
- get (x2)
- do (x2)
- cycle
- try

Example: lose weight

70. ________ Japanese food 76. ________ aerobics
71. ________ fit 77. ________ abroad
72. ________ the housework 78. ________ left
73. ________ an exam 79. ________ smoking
74. ________ a degree 80. ________ cards
75. ________ the children 81. ________ to work

Fill in the gaps with a preposition. (2 marks)

Example: ask someone out

82. get married ____ someone
83. go out ____ someone
84. go ____ a date
85. fall ____ love

III. Listening practice (20 marks)

Listen to John and Gemma’s conversation about Norfolk, a place in England. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)? (3 marks)

Example: Gemma might go away this weekend. T

86. Gemma thinks Norfolk is a good place to visit.
87. John says you can sunbathe there.
88. Gemma thinks the weather in Norfolk is bad.
89. John says you can see lots of museums.
90. Gemma is 34 years old.
91. She would rather go to a night club in London.

Bruce is the manager of an outdoor centre. Listen to his voicemail message to his secretary, Angela. Choose the correct answers to the questions. (4 marks)

Example: Is Angela in the office? Yes/No

92. Can Susanna speak another language? Yes/No
93. Who has worked at the outdoor centre before? Susanna/Betina
94. What can Betina do? run very fast / type very fast
95. Who is going to choose the best person for the job? Bruce/Angela

D. Listen to the job interview with James Drummond, and choose the correct answer for each question. (6 marks)

103. When did James start working for a newspaper?
   a) when he finished school
   b) after he left university
   c) while he was still a student

104. Why did he decide to stay in Russia?
   a) He already had a job there.
   b) He was enjoying himself there.
   c) He had some friends there.

105. When James first arrived in Russia ...
   a) he didn’t know any Russian.
   b) he could speak Russian fluently.
   c) he could speak Russian quite well.

106. James ...
   a) has also worked for a British newspaper.
   b) travelled a lot in his last job.
   c) studied journalism at university.

107. James says he is ...
   a) organised and friendly.
   b) able to speak three foreign languages.
   c) very experienced.

108. The interviewer says that the job includes ...
   a) a good salary and on-the-job training
   b) opportunities for promotion and long holidays
   c) on-the-job training and flexible hours

IV. Writing Section (10 marks)

Question One: What do you plan to do after you graduate? Write about your future plans. (5 marks)

Question Two: What was the last film you saw? Did you enjoy it? Why? Why not? (5 marks)