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CELEX – ESPOL
Advanced B
Mid Term Exam v2



I. Use of English Section (20 marks)

Choose the correct verb forms. (3 marks)

Example: Alan's been breaking/'s broken the window.

1. Since Sue retired her life *has been becoming/has become* much more interesting.
2. We've just been returning/returned from holiday.
3. Ian's read/'s been reading five James Bond books.
4. Robin and I *have been knowing/have known* each other for years.
5. I've been sorting out/'ve sorted out my tax all day. I should finish it tomorrow.
6. She's been swimming/'s swum since 10.30.

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. (4 marks)

7. I wish Rob _____ (be) here now.
8. I hope he _____ (get) a new job soon.
9. My parents wish they _____ (sell) their big old house years ago.
10. If only John _____ (check) his email last night.

Complete the tables with nouns or adjectives. (4 marks)

noun for a person	noun for a thing/idea	adjective
a politician	<u>politics</u>	11. _____
12. _____	capitalism	13. _____
14. _____	the economy	economic 15. _____
a developer	a developer 16. _____	developed 17. _____
an investor	18. _____	-

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of these phrasal verbs. (4 marks)

pay back go down rip off take off
come into come to save up

Example: Why don't you pay back \$1,000 now and pay the rest later.

Note: you do not have to use all the verbs.

19. You paid \$200 for a ticket?! I think you were _____.
20. And the total bill _____ £342.70. How would you like to pay?
21. I'm sorry, that's the lowest we can go. We've already _____ 25% _____ the price.
22. I don't want to spend anything this weekend. I'm trying _____ for a holiday.

Re-write these sentences using passive verb forms. (5 marks)

Example: They show a new film every week.
A new film is shown every week.

23. They had to cancel the match because of the rain.
The match _____
24. They were taking the tiger to the zoo when it escaped.
The tiger escaped when _____
25. I'd like people to remember my achievements.
I'd like _____
26. He can't stand it when people laugh at him.
He can't stand _____
27. They'll present the awards this Saturday.
The awards _____

II. Reading Section (15 marks)

Read the article about some research carried out on elephants.

Elephants pass mirror test of self-awareness

Alok Jha, science correspondent

Tuesday October 31, 2006

The Guardian

Elephants have been found to recognise themselves in a mirror, putting them in an exclusive club of self-awareness whose other members are great apes, bottlenose dolphins and humans.

"The social complexity of the elephant, its well-known altruistic behaviour and, of course, its huge brain, made the elephant a logical candidate species for testing in front of a mirror," said Joshua Plotnik, a psychologist at Emory University in Atlanta, who led a team whose study was published yesterday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

An 8ft mirror was put in the elephant enclosure at the Bronx zoo in New York and a watch kept on its three inhabitants. The first question was if they greeted their reflection as if meeting another individual - they did not make this mistake, and used the mirror to inspect themselves, for example, moving their trunks to look at the inside of their mouths.

"Elephants have been tested in front of mirrors before, but previous studies used relatively small mirrors kept out of the elephants' reach," Dr Plotnik said. "This study is the first to test the animals in front of a huge mirror they could touch, rub against, and try to look behind."

Inspecting the mirror and trying to look behind it - as did the Bronx elephants - is another indicator of self-awareness. One of the three also passed the "mark" test when painted in a place it would normally be unable to see. It touched the paint mark on its head after looking in the mirror.

Diana Reiss of Columbia University in New York said that the research helped explain the society in which elephants lived: "Humans, great apes, dolphins and elephants, well known for their superior intelligence and complex social systems, are thought to possess the highest forms of empathy and altruism in the animal kingdom."

Source: www.guardian.co.uk

Mark the following statements true, false or information not given? If the statements are false, re-write them so that they're true. (6 marks)

28. The elephants first thought that their reflection was another elephant.
29. This is the first experiment with an 8 foot mirror.
30. The mirror was kept away from the elephants.
31. Humans, great apes, dolphins and elephants are similar because they live in societies and care for each other.
32. One elephant couldn't find a mark painted on its head when it looked in the mirror.
33. Diana Reiss was involved in carrying out the research.

Read the film review of the Steven Spielberg film, *The Terminal* (2004), starring Tom Hanks, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Stanley Tucci.

If you can get past the fact Tom Hanks' character learns English at an incredibly accelerated rate and if you can forget the lack of chemistry between Catherine Zeta-Jones and Hanks, then you'll be able to get some enjoyment out of *The Terminal*.

The Terminal is the story of Viktor Navorski (Hanks), a traveller who's stranded at John F. Kennedy International Airport after a war breaks out in his homeland, the fictional Krakozhia. The new rulers aren't recognized by the United States, so Viktor finds himself unable to enter the U.S. and unable to fly home because his passport is no longer valid. He's told 'America is closed' and is forced to wait out the war in the international terminal, passing the time learning English, hanging out with a few sympathetic airport workers, falling for a stewardess, and trying to avoid causing further problems for the airport's homeland security official (played by Stanley Tucci).

The Terminal benefits from the good relationship between Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg (*Saving Private Ryan*, *Band of Brothers* and *Catch Me If You Can*) but really misses the mark when it incorporates an unrealistic love story between Hanks and Catherine Zeta-Jones into the plot. As Viktor, Hanks is genuine and appealing, making it near impossible not to have sympathy for his plight. But with Zeta-Jones as a stewardess who admits to always getting involved with the wrong men, the movie becomes a muddled mess. Zeta-Jones does nothing to make audiences empathize with her character's inability to find true love. Pairing her with Hanks almost kills the film.

The Terminal does, however, provide an answer to the perplexing question of what happens to all the items lost in an airport. And the cast of characters who interact with Hanks – Diego Luna, Zoe Saldana, Stanley Tucci, Chi McBride, Barry Shabaka Henley, and especially Kumar Pallana – all add a lot of humanity and charm to the movie. If only Spielberg had erased the romance from the script and added in a little more time with each member of the interesting cast of actors who portray the airport workers, then *The Terminal* would have really achieved something special. But with the love story in place, *The Terminal* stretches the limits of believability beyond what I was willing to forgive.

GRADE: C+ (B+ for Hanks and Spielberg, D+ for the unlikely love story)

Adapted from: movies.about.com/
article by Rebecca Murray

34. What did the critic think of the film *The Terminal*? (1 mark)

- a. It's a nice film with interesting, believable characters.
- b. It has potential, but the plot is disappointing.
- c. The acting is first-rate; you should definitely watch it.
- d. It's a terrible film with an awful plot.

Answer the following questions. (5 marks)

- 35. What is the biggest problem with the film according to the critic?
- 36-37. What makes the film good? Write two things. (2 marks)
- 38. Why can't Viktor fly home or enter the USA?
- 39. What is Catherine Zeta-Jones's character's problem?

What do these expressions mean? Choose the best answer (a, b or c). (3 marks)

40. falling for a stewardess (paragraph two)

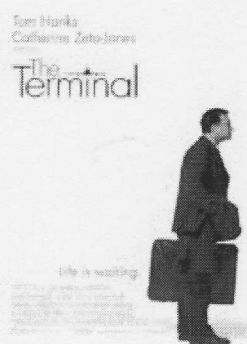
- a. falling over a flight attendant
- b. annoying a flight attendant
- c. falling in love with a flight attendant

41. misses the mark (paragraph three)

- a. is very gripping
- b. is sad and moving
- c. becomes far-fetched

42. his plight (paragraph three)

- a. the problem he's facing
- b. his luggage
- c. his romance



III. Listening Section (15 marks)

Listen to four people talking about what they would do if they won the lottery. Choose the correct answers. (7 marks)

Speaker One

43. If he won the lottery, he would be interested in buying ...

- a. several houses in the same country.
- b. many houses or flats in a variety of places.
- c. a house in the Seychelles with a swimming pool.

44. He would also ...

- a. hire a chef to cook for him all the time.
- b. be concerned about his diet and lifestyle.
- c. open a restaurant.

Speaker Two

45. He hates ...

- a. hot weather
- b. cold English weather
- c. sailing

46. If he won the lottery, he'd ...

- a. stay in England.
- b. move to a hotter country.
- c. buy a yacht and hire people to sail him around the world.

Speaker Three

47. According to the speaker, having a lot of money ...

- a. would be fantastic
- b. would be OK
- c. would be a problem

48. She would ...

- a. buy a big house in the country.
- b. buy a big house in the city.
- c. buy a big house and live on her own.

Speaker Four

49. If he won a lot of money, he wouldn't ...

- a. pay off his family's debts.
- b. stay in the UK.
- c. invest the money in a high interest bank account.

Listen to an interview with the daughter of a Hollywood film star. Are the sentences true or false? If they are false, re-write them so that they are true. (8 marks)

50. Hannah watched Harrison Ford making a film once.

51. Hannah's mother discouraged her from becoming an actress.

52. Hannah looks a lot like her mother, particularly her nose which is identical to her mother's.

53. One day, Hannah thought she had seen her mother in a shop, but it was another person.

54. Acting was more important to Hannah's mother than Hannah herself.

55. Hannah became an accountant because she is very practical.

56. Hannah's mother thinks that her daughter spends a bit too much money.

57. Her voice is extremely loud because she had to learn to project her voice in the theatre.

IV. Writing Section (15 marks)

Question One: Write a report for a student magazine saying what people of your age think of the university education in Ecuador. (Write approximately 100 words.)

Question Two: Write a review of the new ESPOL website or the website of your faculty. How is the site organised? What is good and bad about it? What information can you get there? (Write approximately 100 words.)

V. Oral Exam (15 marks)

VI. Homework and Tests (20 marks)