



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

Write the sentences in reported speech. Use these verbs. (5 marks)

promise suggest warn threaten deny apologise

**Example:** "I'll definitely pay you back Tim".  
Wendy promised to pay Tim back.

- "I didn't break Erin's mobile phone."  
He \_\_\_\_\_
- "Why don't we visit the art gallery."  
Fiona \_\_\_\_\_
- "I'm sorry I was late for class."  
She \_\_\_\_\_
- "Don't go into the park after dark, Tina."  
I \_\_\_\_\_
- "I'll call the police if it happened again."  
Harry \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the gaps by combining two of the words in the box to make a compound word. (4 marks)

Note: you do not have to use ALL the words.

human home high draw badly  
income part break time food baby  
consuming made back tax being  
powered down cooked poisoning sitter

**Example:** I could never hurt another human being.

- There's been a \_\_\_\_\_ in communication.
- Please try my \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate cake.
- She dreams of being a \_\_\_\_\_ lawyer.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ didn't turn up so we couldn't go out last night.
- I can't eat food that's \_\_\_\_\_.
- I'd love to work \_\_\_\_\_ and be at home more.
- Looking for a job is very \_\_\_\_\_.
- Having to work nights is the main \_\_\_\_\_ of being a nurse.

Fill in the gaps in the radio news stories with these words. (5 marks)

sued crisis outcry hostage flee  
damages invaded attack released  
spread troops

TV soap star Sally Woodham has successfully sued the Daily News for saying that she was about to divorce her husband. The paper has been ordered to pay her £250,000 (14) \_\_\_\_\_.

The cold weather is causing the new "super-flu" virus to (15) \_\_\_\_\_ faster than expected. A spokesperson has called it the biggest health (16) \_\_\_\_\_ for many years.

The (17) \_\_\_\_\_ who was taken during a bank robbery in Leeds last night has been (18) \_\_\_\_\_ safely. Police have arrested the robbers.

The Pacific state of Temalu has been (19) \_\_\_\_\_ by hundreds of (20) \_\_\_\_\_ from the nearby island of Manaka. Many people have decided to (21) \_\_\_\_\_ into the mountains for safety.

89-year-old Jan Biggs was mugged in the village of Firwell last night. The (22) \_\_\_\_\_ has caused an (23) \_\_\_\_\_ among local residents, who are demanding better policing.

Complete the following sentences using the future continuous or the future perfect and your own ideas. (3 marks)

**Example:** By 2010, I will have graduated from ESPOL.

- By the time I'm forty years old, ...
- This time next week ...
- In a month's time, ...

Read the situations in the present and the past. Write a possible explanation for each using modal verbs (must, might, may, could or can't). (3 marks)

Example: Chris went out with \$100 and came home with nothing.  
He might have been robbed.

Note: DON'T use the same modal verb in all your answers.

27. Fred isn't taking the exam today.
28. A friend invited you to a restaurant, said he had to go to the bathroom and never returned.
29. Louis sold all his possessions and moved to Chile.

## II. Reading Section (15 marks)

Read the article about working women in Britain.

### Women "lose out" in top jobs race

**The number of women holding senior posts in politics, the law and the media has fallen compared with last year, according to a report.**

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) said that in 12 of 25 job categories it studied, there were fewer women holding top posts. Women's representation had increased in eight areas, including company directors and the civil service.

The EHRC said its annual study of women in top positions of power and influence across public and private sectors showed the biggest number of reversals since the report was started five years ago.

Nicola Brewer, the chief executive of the EHRC, said: "Workplaces forged in an era of stay-at-home mums and breadwinner dads are putting too many barriers in the way, resulting in an avoidable loss of talent at the top."

#### 'Snail's pace'

The commission said opportunities for ambitious women to reach the top of their career were changing at a "snail's pace". It blamed Britain's business culture of long working days and inflexible working practices for discouraging women who want to both work and raise a family.

Miss Brewer told BBC Radio 4's Today programme: "There is a bit of discrimination still going on and that still needs to be challenged. At the commission's helpline, we still get a high proportion of calls from women at work who are pregnant and who are suffering difficulties.

"There are also bigger things going on about how the workplace is organised, how it's really quite inflexible, how there is a lot of occupational segregation and how the definition of success is still quite old fashioned."

#### 'Draining combination'

The report, Sex and Power, said: "Often women experience a draining combination of outdated working practices and a long hours culture alongside the absence of appropriate high quality, affordable childcare or social care."

TUC general secretary Brendan Barber said: "This survey proves that the softly-softly approach towards breaking down the glass ceiling is not working. A firmer approach is needed so that women can reach the top on merit, rather than by having to fight every obstacle that society puts in their way."

Harriet Harman, Minister for Women and Equality, said: "We have made great progress but we still have a long way to go."



The Sun newspaper editor Rebekah Wade is one of the few women at the top of her career

Source: [www.news.bbc.co.uk](http://www.news.bbc.co.uk). Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2008

Answer the following questions about the text. (6 marks)

30. What has happened to women in important positions in Britain over the last year, according to the EHRC report?
31. Who did the EHRC study?
- 32-34. What are the causes of the problem? Mention three things. (3 marks)
35. What does Brendan Barber recommend?

Look at the phrases taken from the article. Choose the best definition for the underlined words. (2 marks)

36. "... an era of stay-at-home mums and breadwinner dads are putting too many barriers in the way ..."
- a. fathers that eat too much food                      b. fathers that work                      c. successful fathers
37. "... opportunities for ambitious women ... were changing at a "snail's pace"."
- a. going down                      b. very slowly                      c. with good progress

Read the article and do the activities.

### Cash-Poor Police to Get Free Cars That Carry Ads

DALLAS Wed Jan 15 (Reuters) - This murder scene investigation is sponsored by America's favorite laundry detergent and this drunk-driving arrest is brought to you by the cola that has brought smiles and safe driving to millions worldwide.

In coming months, these scenarios may not seem so far-fetched as cash-strapped police departments receive shiny new cruisers in exchange for sporting advertisements on those vehicles.

A Charlotte, N.C., company, Government Acquisitions, has come up with a plan to provide police departments free cruisers in exchange for having the cars sport advertising reminiscent of blurbs seen on NASCAR race cars.

Ken Allison, a former marketing executive who formed Government Acquisitions, said he decided to launch the program in response to calls to boost domestic security after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States.

He said his company can put new emergency vehicles on the road at no expense to the taxpayer. Critics say placing

ads on police cruisers is demeaning to police forces and makes it appear as if law enforcement officers are endorsing certain products.

Almost 100 police departments in 20 states have signed contracts with Government Acquisitions and Allison expects that number to grow as more look to the program as a way to receive new cars to replace their current clunkers. The first vehicles are likely to hit the roads in about three to six months.

"What is embarrassing for a department is to be in a situation where someone's life is being threatened and their vehicle is broken down on the side of the road," Allison said.

There are tens of thousands of police departments in the United States, and many do not have the money to purchase new police cruisers at a cost of \$25,000 to \$30,000 each. One department that has signed on with Government Acquisitions is the town of Madison, North Carolina, population 2,500, which has not been able to buy a new police car in about 14 years.

Source: Reuters

Are the following statements true or false? If the statement is false, rewrite it so that it is true. (5 marks)

38. Police departments will receive race cars.
39. The new police cars will cost the taxpayer.
40. Everyone is happy with the program.
41. Many police departments cannot afford new cars.
42. The police cars in Madison, North Carolina are all more than 10 years old.

Find words in the article that mean the following: (2 marks)

Example: difficult to believe (paragraphs 1-2)                      *far-fetched*

43. without financial resources (paragraphs 1-2)
44. new cars (paragraph 1-2)
45. to increase (paragraph 3-4)
46. old, damaged cars (paragraphs 5-6)

