

## I. Reading Section (15 marks)

Read the article about Hurricane Katrina.

### World stunned as US struggles with Katrina

By Andrew Gray

LONDON, Fri Sep 2 (Reuters) - The world has watched amazed as the planet's only **superpower** struggles with the **aftermath** of Hurricane Katrina, with some saying the chaos has shown **flaws** and deep divisions in American society.

World leaders and ordinary citizens have expressed sympathy with the people of the southern United States whose lives were devastated by the hurricane and the flooding that followed.

But many have also been shocked by the images of disorder beamed around the world -- **looters** roaming the debris-strewn streets and thousands of people gathered in New Orleans waiting for the authorities to provide food, water and other aid.

The pictures of the catastrophe -- which has killed hundreds and possibly thousands -- have **evoked** memories of crises in the world's poorest nations such as last year's tsunami in Asia, which left more than 230,000 people dead or missing.

But some think the response to those disasters was better than the lawless behavior of Hurricane Katrina.

"I am absolutely disgusted. After the tsunami our people, even the ones who lost everything, wanted to help the others who were suffering," said one man in Sri Lanka, as he watched a cricket match in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

"Not a single tourist caught in the tsunami was mugged. Now with all this happening in the U.S. we can easily see where the civilized part of the world's population is."

**Vocabulary:**

**superpower** - a very powerful country with military and economic strength

**aftermath** - the result of a serious event

**flaws** - a fault or mistake

**looters** - stealing things from buildings that are not protected e.g. after a disaster

**evoked** - brought a memory of

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#### A. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)? (5 marks)

1. People around the world were surprised when the United States found it difficult to deal with Hurricane Katrina.
2. Many important and ordinary people have said they felt sorry for the people who were affected by Hurricane Katrina.
3. The television reports about Hurricane Katrina reminded people of the tsunami that affected Asia in 2004.
4. Just under a quarter of a million people died or were lost in the Asian tsunami.
5. Some people believe that people were more helpful to each other in the Asian tsunami.

#### B. Match these words (1-5) with their meanings (a-e). (5 marks)

**Words**

1. *amazed*
2. *chaos*
3. *images*
4. *beamed*
5. *lawless*

**Meanings**

- a. transmitted
- b. ideas, copies of something
- c. confusion, nothing is normal
- d. not following the rules
- e. very surprised

Read the article and do the activities.

## Romania Students Don't Want Math Exams

BUCHAREST, Romania Wednesday September 22 (Reuters) - Hundreds of Romanian schoolchildren walked out of classes Wednesday for the second straight day and swarmed government offices to denounce the inclusion of mathematics as a compulsory subject. "We want justice, not math exams," read a banner carried aloft by pupils outside the colonnaded government headquarters.

The protesters were pupils in the final year of high school studies specializing in chemistry, physics and biology who say their workload is too heavy to study mathematics properly.

Under an education law passed this year to adapt post-communist education to Western standards, science students must pass a mathematics examination plus other subjects to secure their "baccalaureat," required for further studies.

"We don't like mathematics and we don't need it to develop our skills," a teenage girl told a private television station.

Officials said they had no intention of changing curricula.

### Vocabulary

**compulsory** - obligatory

**baccalaureat** - the qualification awarded to high school graduates in Europe

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### C. Answer the questions. (5 marks)

1. Give two reasons why Romanian high school students don't want to study mathematics. (2 marks)
2. What action are the students taking as a form of protest?
3. Which students now have to study mathematics as a compulsory subject?
4. Why has the government introduced a compulsory mathematics exam for them?

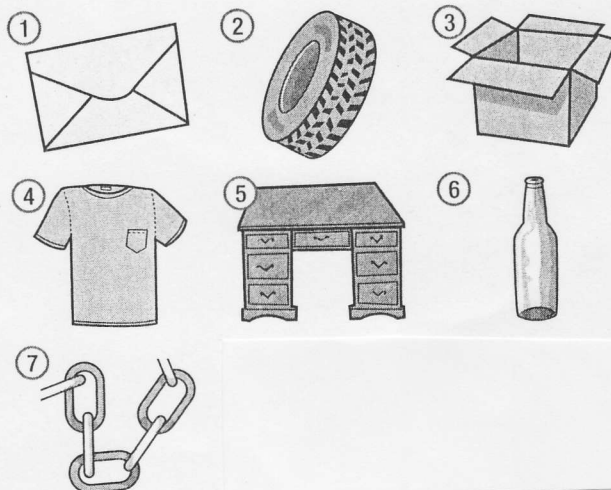
## II. Use of English Section (20 marks)

### A. Write the adjectives. (4 marks)

- 1 Selfish people usually only think about themselves.
- 2 R..... people always do what they promise to do.
- 3 A..... people want to be very successful or powerful.
- 4 G..... people give money and presents to other people.
- 5 S..... people make good decisions based on reasons and facts.
- 6 B..... people show no fear in dangerous situations.
- 7 M..... people don't like spending money.
- 8 S..... people won't change their minds when others want them to.
- 9 C..... people are sure that they can do things successfully.

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### B. What are these objects made of? (3 marks)



- |   |                   |   |       |   |       |
|---|-------------------|---|-------|---|-------|
| 1 | ..... paper ..... | 4 | ..... | 7 | ..... |
| 2 | .....             | 5 | ..... |   |       |
| 3 | .....             | 6 | ..... |   |       |

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

- 1 He'll do it today if he has (have) time.
- 2 If we ..... (not leave) now, we ..... (miss) the plane.
- 3 We ..... (not be able to) stay at our favourite hotel unless we ..... (book) it soon.
- 4 I ..... (tidy up) the house this afternoon if you ..... (do) the shopping.
- 5 If people ..... (not do) enough exercise, they ..... (put) on weight.

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**D. Tick the correct sentences. Change the incorrect sentences. (3 marks)**

1. Keith is absolutely brilliant ~~in~~ <sup>at</sup> playing chess.
- 2 I'll make the shopping if you do the cleaning.
- 3 Do you mind if I interrupt?
- 4 I haven't replied at the manager's email yet.
- 5 We'll take you swimming if it doesn't rain.
- 6 That's the more expensive camera in the shop.
- 7 I like going to the cinema by yourself.

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**E. Fill in the gaps in the conversations with these words or phrases. (6 marks)**

~~I'm looking for~~ made of a thing for the word for them they've got stuff can't remember what can I help you you use it when what you're looking for what's it called do you mean

- 1 A Excuse me, <sup>1</sup> I'm looking for some <sup>2</sup> ..... to clean my clothes.  
 B Oh, <sup>3</sup> ..... washing powder?  
 A No, <sup>4</sup> ..... there's a mark on your shirt.  
 B Oh yes. It's over there on the bottom shelf.  
 A Thank you - <sup>5</sup> ..... in English?  
 B Stain remover.
- 2 A Hello, <sup>6</sup> ..... ?  
 B Yes, please. I'm looking for those things for putting notices up. I've forgotten <sup>7</sup> .....  
 A Do you mean glue?  
 B No, they're <sup>8</sup> ..... metal and <sup>9</sup> ..... a round top.  
 A Oh yes - drawing pins. Here you are.
- 3 A Hello. I need <sup>10</sup> ..... opening bottles. I <sup>11</sup> ..... it's called in English.  
 B Is this <sup>12</sup> ..... ? A corkscrew?  
 A Yes, that's it.

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### III. Listening practice (15 marks)

#### A. Listen to the three descriptions. Mark the statements true or false. (9 marks)

##### Rio de Janeiro

1. People in Rio de Janeiro don't really stay outside a lot.
2. Many visitors go to Rio for the mountains.
3. The nightlife isn't disappointing.

##### Sydney

4. People in Sydney like strangers.
5. Sydney Harbor is very large.
6. You can see many animals at the Harbor Zoo.

##### Singapore

7. Visitors love Singapore for the nightlife.
8. There are many different kinds of people living in Singapore.
9. The local restaurants are the best places to eat.

#### B. Listen to the interview. Answer the questions. (3 marks)

1. What is Mr. Benz showing the interviewer?
2. What is the top speed?
3. How many people can sit in this machine?

#### C. Listen to conversation 1. Mark the statements true or false. (3 marks)

1. Two people are eating together.
2. The chocolate cake tastes really sweet.
3. They are going to order more coffee for the cake.

### IV. Writing Section (15 marks)

**Question One:** Imagine someone who has never used a computer before. Describe for them how you write and send an email. (7½ marks)

**Question Two:** Write a short article giving your opinion on ONE of the following topics?

- a. tourism in Ecuador
- b. crime
- c. natural medicine

### V. Oral (15 marks)

### VI. Homework and tests (20 marks)