



I. Reading Section (15 marks)

Read the article and do the activities.

Dutch City is the Cradle of Diaper Recycling

AMSTERDAM Thursday August 16 (Reuters) - A Dutch city this week embarks on a dirty job in a bid to clean up the environment: recycling the disposable diapers of its youngest citizens.

Parents in Arnhem have started dropping nappies sealed in plastic bags into special bins outside two child care facilities and a local recycling firm has been hired to extract wood pulp and plastic from the waste, the city council said Tuesday.

Knowaste BV, the subsidiary of a Canadian firm, plans to collect Arnhem's annual 200,000 kilos of nappies from 40 bins in the city, many of which will be outside childcare centers, once the project is fully up and running later this year.

The company, which will treat waste water and turn sludge into compost during recycling, is set to collect its first week's offerings from Arnhem's babies and toddlers Friday.

Vocabulary

diaper – the special underwear worn by babies who are not old enough to go to the bathroom

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A. Are the statements true or false? If the statement is false, write the true statement. (4 marks)

Example: A city in Holland is going to start recycling dirty diapers.

True

Parents have to put their babies' diapers in plastic boxes and leave them in the street.

False. Parents have to put their babies' diapers in sealed plastic bags and drop them into special bins.

1. The diapers will be used to produce wood pulp, plastic and compost.
2. In the future, the babies' diapers will be collected from 40 special bins, all outside childcare centers.
3. Arnhem produces 40 kilos of dirty diapers every year.
4. The project will start on Tuesday.

B. Find a word in the text that means the same as the following: (2 marks)

Example: young children toddlers

1. diapers

2. containers

Read what Miguel says about computers and do the activities.

"One minute nobody knew much about computers and the Internet here and the next minute cyber cafés and computer shops are opening up everywhere - it's amazing. Broadband is one of the fastest growing markets in Mexico, especially since 2005 when dial-up accounts started to decrease and broadband soared. We're still way behind our neighbour of course, we have about 1 broadband subscriber for every 100 inhabitants whereas the US has at least 13 - but we're catching up! We also have a choice of over 50 ISPs.

However, because computers are still expensive for us, and paying \$30 a month for broadband each month is too, most people prefer cyber cafés. There are so many now that competition has brought the cost down to \$1 an hour which is affordable for many people - there's often a queue of people waiting for a computer. Luckily we can have a coffee while we wait!

I'm very keen to learn more about computers and the different programmes but technology has advanced so quickly that it's very difficult to understand how it all works sometimes. I buy magazines to help me but they're full of jargon and acronyms that it's sometimes just far too baffling. Also the 'Help' button on the programmes should be called the 'Unhelp' button - it's useless sometimes!

It's not just computers that are developing and changing so fast, the Internet is too. There are some amazing websites and I love the fact that it's like having a huge library in your own home. Blogging is becoming very popular in Mexico. In 2005 there were almost 3,000 Mexican web logs, now there are almost 8,000! I think it's because we love to communicate and have so much to say! Podcasting is popular too - it's like having hundreds of different radio programmes on various topics. The problem is finding time to browse, watch and listen to it all. I can sometimes spend hours on the computer at night without realising it - the Internet never sleeps!

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C. Answer the questions. (7 marks)

1. What happened very suddenly in Mexico?
2. Does Mexico have more broadband subscribers than the U.S.?
3. Give two reasons why the majority of Mexicans like to use cyber cafés. (2 marks)
4. What does Miguel find very unhelpful?
5. Why does Miguel like the Internet?
6. What is sometimes a disadvantage of using the Internet, according to Miguel?

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

1. ... dial-up accounts started to decrease and broadband soared. (paragraph 1)
a. decreased slowly b. went down rapidly c. increased rapidly
2. There are so many now that competition has brought the cost down ... (paragraph 2)
a. has reduced the price b. has increased the price c. has not affected the price
3. I buy magazines to help me but they're full of jargon and acronyms ... (paragraph 3)
a. complicated pictures b. technical language c. advertisements for computers
4. ... it's sometimes just far too baffling. (paragraph 3)
a. annoying b. expensive c. confusing

II. Use of English Section (20 marks)

A. Fill in the gaps in these second conditionals with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. (5 marks)

- If I won a million pounds, I'd buy an island in the Pacific.
- Which countries _____ you _____ (visit) if you _____ (have) six months off?
- Life _____ (be) so much easier if I _____ (live) nearer my work.
- I might _____ (not be) so bad-tempered if my job _____ (not be) so boring.
- If he _____ (buy) a hands-free phone, I _____ (be) less worried about his driving.
- If I _____ (can) have anything I wanted, I _____ (buy) a bright red Ferrari.

B. Fill in the gaps with the correct form of make or do. (5 marks)

- I love doing nothing at the weekend.
- Don't _____ a noise. The baby's asleep.
- Gary's very good at _____ excuses when he arrives late for lessons.
- My father usually _____ the washing-up.
- George, can you _____ me a favour?
- I couldn't _____ up my mind which CD to buy.

C. Tick the correct sentences. Change the incorrect sentences. (3 marks)

- You must ^{go}~~going~~ home now.
- I live in the ground floor.
- It's in walking distance of the shops.
- My room's a lot more spacious than hers.
- The police allowed him go home.
- What had he done before you met him?
- They didn't used to live in London.

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D. Look at these questions from an interview with a rock star. Choose the correct words. (3 marks)



- What time do you go/do onstage?
- When are you going to release/play a new album?
- When did you last appear/be on TV?
- How many gigs have you made/done this year?
- When did you last see/go another band play live?
- Do you release/have an album in the charts?
- When are you being/going on tour?

E. Fill in the gaps with a synonym of the words in brackets. (4 marks)

- He thought the film was brilliant. (wonderful)
- How do you p_____ your lottery numbers? (choose)
- I'm very f_____ to work here. (lucky)
- Are you s_____ it was him? (certain)
- Staying at home on Friday night makes a p_____ change. (nice)
- Why are you looking so c_____? (worried)
- My aunt is s_____ of spiders. (frightened)
- I'm quite s_____ with life at the moment. (content)
- I often c_____ to my neighbours. (talk)

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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: Write a short article giving your opinion on ONE of the following topics: (7½ marks)

- a. being famous
- b. health
- c. getting a degree

Question Two: A friend has invited you to a party next weekend. Unfortunately, you can't go. Write an email to the friend thanking him for the invitation and giving an excuse why you won't be able to go. (7½ marks)

V. Oral (15 marks)

VI. Homework and tests (20 marks)