

ESCUELA SUPERIOR POLITECNICA DEL LITORAL Centro de Lenguas Extranjeras CELEX - ESPOL Intermediate B Mid-term Exam - Questions v4



I. Reading Section (15 marks)

Read what Cho-Mi says about computers and do the activities.

"I have two computers, well I use three in fact if you count the one at work but that's not mine. The desktop is an Acer with 160 GB hard drive and my Sony Vaio laptop, which I use when I'm working and travelling at the same time, has a 80 GB hard drive.

I love using computers and have been using them for many years now. They've made a huge difference to my work. I can access information much more quickly and contact people so much more easily too. If my boss says he wants some sales information, I can get that within minutes, no need to open drawers in a cabinet and rifle through files. I have everything at the touch of my fingertips, it's great.

The whole family uses computers, my son uses his mainly for playing online games. I get a little worried about how many hours he spends playing but he has fun. My youngest daughter loves the chat rooms, and again she spends hours in her room staring at the screen and typing furiously. On the other hand my eldest daughter, Jun Ji-hye, uses hers for more educational purposes. She loves learning English and is doing very well at school, but it's her listening which has improved so much because she listens to English programmes on the Net. There are some special podcast sites which have recordings for learners of English and she listens to those. Our apartment is wired up for broadband and we have a 10 Mbps connection so it's very quick and at \$33 a month for unlimited access it's not expensive - so no more huge phone bills which is good!

I think we are a typical South Korean family, our country has the world's highest percentage of high-speed Internet subscribers - about 25 for every 100 inhabitants. It's definitely a positive thing but getting my husband and children to sit down and eat together is another matter!"

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A. Answer the questions. (7 marks)

- 1. How many computers does Cho-Mi own?
- 2. How have computers affected Cho-Mi's work? Write three things. (2 marks)
- 3. For Jun Ji-hye, what has been an advantage of using the computer?
- 4. Give two reasons why broadband is good for Cho-Mi. (2 marks)
- 5. What is difficult for Cho-Mi?

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

- 1. I have everything at the touch of my fingertips ... (paragraph 2)
- a. in the filing cabinet
- b. in my hands
- c. easily accessible
- 2. I get a little worried about how many hours he spends playing but he has fun. (paragraph 3)
- a. a bit angry

- b. a little emotional
- c. a bit concerned
- 3. ... she spends hours in her room staring at the screen and typing furiously. (paragraph 3)
- a. angrily

- b. very fast
- c. desperately
- 4. Our apartment is wired up for broadband (paragraph 3)
- a. has got

- b. is going to have
- c. can't have

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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C. Are the statements true or false? If the statement is false, write the true statement. (4	1 marks)
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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	s will be used to produce wood pulp, plastic and compost.
2. In the futur	re, the babies´ diapers will be collected from 40 special bins, all outside childcare centers.
3. Arnhem pr	roduces 40 kilos of dirty diapers every year.
4. The project	t will start on Tuesday.
D. Find a wo	ord in the text that means the same as the following: (2 marks)
Example:	young children <u>toddlers</u>
	1. diapers
	2. containers

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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)

1	If I <u>won</u> a mi		<i>l buy</i> an
2	If we		r
	conditioning at l		
3	If Sam	(not work) in (move) to the co	
4	If Jack		*
	he		,
5	у		-
	exercise if you _	(n	ot have) a
	dog?		
6	He	(be) overweight go) to the gym re	

B. Fill in the gaps with the <u>correct form</u> of the verb in brackets. (5 marks)

1	I like <u>buying</u> (buy) things on the Internet.
2	My boss let me (have) the day off.
3	He asked me (help) him move house.
4	Would you like(play) tennis?
5	My son doesn't mind (wash) the car.
6	My parents made me (get up) early.
7	I forgot (learn) the vocabulary.
8	The number of customers keeps (rise).
9	Have you told him (come)?
10	I'd rather (work) at home.
11	My car wouldn't (start) today.

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

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- 1 I'm bored about my job.
- 2 The patient made a complete recovery.
- 3 Kim was watching TV while the phone rang.
- 4 I know I'd seen her before.
- 5 I used to go to my sister's wedding last year.
- 6 My mother couldn't put up the noise.
- 7 Don't bother go to the art gallery.

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

1	He thought the film was b <u>rilliant</u> . (wonderful)
2	How do you p your lottery numbers?
	(choose)
3	I'm very f to work here. (lucky)
4	Are you s it was him? (certain)
5	Staying at home on Friday night makes a
	pchange. (nice)
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	Why are you looking so c? (worried) My aunt is s of spiders. (frightened)
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E. Choose the correct form of the verb. (3 marks)

- 1 Many houses in the town were damaged / damaged by a serious flood in 2005.
- 2 More bad weather *reported/was reported* in Florida yesterday.
- 3 Extreme weather conditions have recorded/ have been recorded recently.
- 4 Global warming will affect/will be affected a lot more places in the future.
- 5 Sea levels are rising/are being risen around the world.
- 6 People should teach/should be taught how to save energy.
- 7 Many places affect/are affected by strong winds.

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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?

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

Question Two: A friend lent you a book last weekend. Unfortunately, you left it in a classroom and can't find it now. Write an email to the friend apologizing to him for losing the book. Say what you're going to do. $(7\frac{1}{2} \text{ marks})$

V. Oral (15 marks)

VI. Homework and tests (20 marks)