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TASK 1. LISTENING COMPREHENSION (16 points: 1 answer = 2 points)

For questions 1-8 complete the notes below filling in the gaps with FOUR WORDS maximum. You will listen to the text ONCE. You have 1 minute to look through the task before listening. Transfer your answers into the answer sheet (1-8).

CASEY

- 1 What kind of lessons is Casey's husband taking? _____
- 2 When did Casey and her husband decide to start their own business? _____
- 3 How many children does Casey have? _____
- 4 How was the business going? _____
- 5 Who runs the business? _____
- 6 How old is the oldest child? _____
- 7 Who looks after the children? _____
- 8 When does Casey sometimes get home? _____

TASK 2. READING (10 points: 1 answer = 1 point)

For questions 9-18 put the following parts of the text in the correct order to recreate the text. Transfer your answers into the answer sheet (9-18).

The Surprising Meaning of Loneliness and How to Beat it

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- A.** To overcome loneliness and improve our mental health, there are certain things we can do such as increasing the number of people you talk to, improving your social skills, and learning how to compliment others. But it seems the number one thing is to change your perceptions of the world around you.
- B.** Loneliness can also increase risk to your health as much as smoking can and even more so than obesity.
Sometimes people erroneously think that the only way out of loneliness is to simply talk to a few more people. But while that can help, loneliness is *less* about the number of contacts that you make and *more* about how you see the world. You tend to feel more stressed in situations in which other people appear to cope better, and even though you might get enough sleep, you don't feel well-rested during the day. You begin noticing the threats in

your environment more readily, you expect to be rejected more often, and you become more judgmental of the people you interact with. The people that you do speak to can readily sense this, and as a result may subconsciously, or willingly, start moving away from you. Studies over the past decade have shown that (non-lonely) people who hang out with lonely people are more likely to become lonely themselves.

- C.** So what exactly constitutes loneliness? Loneliness refers to the difference between the number, and quality of the relationships that you desire and those you actually have. You can have only two friends, but if you get along really well with them and feel that they meet your needs, you're not lonely. Or you can be in a crowd and feel all alone.
- D.** LONELINESS is a common condition affecting around one in three adults. The prevalence of loneliness has also increased over the past few decades. Compared to the 1980s, the number of people living alone in the US has increased by about one-third. When Americans were asked about the number of people that they can confide in, the number dropped from three in 1985 to two in 2004. In the UK, 21% to 31% of people report that they feel lonely some of the time, and surveys in other parts of the world report similarly high estimates.
- E.** But loneliness is not just about how you feel. Being in this state of mind can make you behave differently, too, because you can feel as though you have less control over yourself, which could make you more likely to act aggressively towards others, be it emotional or physical. Loneliness can damage your brain and immune system. It can lead to depression and suicide, especially after the holidays and festivities are over.
- F.** So loneliness is contagious, just as happiness is. When you hang out with happy people, you are more likely to become happy. There is also a loneliness gene that can be passed down and, while inheriting this gene doesn't mean you will end up alone, it does affect how much distressed you feel. If you have this gene, you are more likely to feel the pain of not having the kinds of relationships that you truly want in life. Although loneliness affects both genders in different ways, it's particularly bad news for men. Loneliness more often results in death for men than for women.

- G.** It's realizing that sometimes people aren't able to meet up with you, not because there is something inherently wrong with you, but because of other things going on in their lives. Maybe the person that you wanted to have dinner with wasn't able to accept your invitation because it was too short notice for them, and they had already promised someone else they would have drinks. People who aren't lonely realize this and, as a consequence, don't get down or start beating themselves up when someone says no to them. When you don't attribute "failures" to yourself, but rather to circumstances, you become much more resilient in life and can keep going on, and have the strength to do so. Consequently, you feel more empowered, less helpless/hopeless, and more in control.
- H.** Lonely men are also less resilient and tend to be more depressed than lonely women. This is because men are typically discouraged from expressing their emotions, and if they do they are judged harshly for it. As such, they might not even admit it to themselves that they're feeling lonely, and tend to wait a long time before seeking help. This can have serious consequences for their mental and physical health. As depressing as the above may sound, there is light at the end of the tunnel. So how can one escape loneliness?
- I.** Getting rid of loneliness is also about letting go of cynicism and your mistrust of others. So next time you meet someone new, whether at an upcoming holiday party or on a date, try to lose that protective shield around you, and really allow them in, even though you don't know what the outcome will be. You might just surprise yourself... in a good way.
- J.** And it's not just adults who feel lonely. Over a tenth of kindergarteners and first graders report feeling lonely in the school environment. So many people feel lonely these days. But loneliness is a tricky condition, because it doesn't necessarily refer to the number of people you talk to or the number of acquaintances you have.

TASK 3. USE OF ENGLISH (10 points: 1 answer = 1 point)

*For questions 19-28 write the missing words. Use only one word in each gap.
Transfer your answers into the answer sheet (19-28).*

THE UBIQUITOUS SHOPPING MALL

It is a trend which started in the United States and is rapidly spreading to the (19)... of the developed world. Many towns and cities do not really have a centre any more. Instead, a shopping mall somewhere (20)... the outskirts serves some of the functions of an urban centre. Here, shops and banks are all crowded together, (21)... is very convenient, especially for those people who use a car. You can park in the basement car park, (22)... all your shopping inside the mall, and then load up the car and drive home. You don't even need to go outside, so it doesn't matter what the weather's (23)... .

So why should anyone possibly object to the growing number of shopping malls springing up around our cities? (24)... fact, many people do object, not only urban planners and politicians, but environmentalists as well. (25)... most shops are concentrated in malls, it leaves city and town centres deserted and without any life of their own. Furthermore, malls do not take into (26)... people without cars, who simply can't get to them easily. Ultimately, perhaps, the most damaging criticism is that malls are virtually identical. (27)... a result, our towns and cities are losing (28)... character, which has been created over centuries.

TASK 4. SOCIOCULTURAL COMPETENCE (4 points: 1 answer = 1 point)

For questions 29-32 fill in the gaps in three sentences with 1 word. There is only 1 word that be used in all the three sentences. Each correct answer earns you 1 point. Transfer your answers into the answer sheet (29-32).

29. What's that the matter with you today? You seem really _____.
I kept trying to convince him that it was a good idea until I was _____ in the face.
I saw the boys in _____ outside our neighbour's house last night. Was it a burglary? I hope everything is okay.
30. He's been really off _____ for the past few days, I think I might have to take him to the doctor.
The music in the play helped to lend _____ to the performance of the actors.
The weekend vegetable market added much local _____ to the small town.
31. Our team leader seems to be sailing under false _____, I don't think he really understands what he's supposed to be doing!
I thought I knew her so well, but it was only until I asked her for the money she owed me that I saw her true _____.

I didn't think she would do so well in the final exam, but she passed it with flying _____!

32. He can be rather _____ sometimes. I don't think he's ready to be promoted to a higher position yet.
My older brother always used to get _____ with envy if my dad bought something for me and not for him.
Our city has a policy of increasing the _____ belt around it.

TASK 5. WRITING (60 points)
(40 minutes, 250-300 words)

Imagine that your school magazine has a weekly column called "Performing EXTRA". As part of their investigation into extracurricular activities of young people, they have asked you to write a news report based on the results of your own survey demonstrated in the charts below.

In your report say:

1. who participated in the survey;
2. what changes and trends can be seen comparing the data in the charts below;
3. what are the reasons for such changes;
4. how the situation might develop in the future.

Remember the rules of news report writing. Make sure your report has:

- a headline
- a byline and a placeline
- a lead paragraph
- body paragraphs
- a conclusion

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