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INSTRUCTIONS:

- Candidates are to tick (☑) one box:
 Academic English
 General English
- Time allowed – Three hours including listening.
- Stick your candidate label in the box above.
- Answer ALL questions in PEN in the spaces provided.
- You may use correcting fluid if necessary.
- Ask for extra paper if you need it.

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Section C1 (20 marks)

Read the following passage and answer all the questions.

Global Dimming

People often say the world was a generally brighter, more sparkly and happier place in the past, and now it seems they were right. Scientists claim that the earth is getting darker. Pollution is helping to cast a shadow over our planet, a situation which may be having both physical and emotional consequences for us. It seems that the problem was first noticed over fifty years ago and scientists have been studying it ever since.

From the late 1950s to the early 1990s the amount of the sun's light reaching the earth's surface dropped by around ten per cent. The fall was even greater in major industrial centres across Asia, the USA and Europe. The single biggest change was in Hong Kong where the amount of pure sunshine light from the sun dropped by a huge 37 per cent.

'Global dimming', it is suggested, has exactly the same cause as the much better known problem, global warming: pollutants pumped into the air by the burning of fuel in industry, and from cars, lorries and aeroplanes. However, it is the massive increase in plane travel which has, in particular, contributed to the pollution of the skies. Cheap air travel has caused a revolution in people's lives, making it possible for more people than ever before to take short breaks or longer holidays in other countries. However, if global dimming is a reality caused by increasing air travel the more we chase the sun, the more elusive it will get. The dimming effect is thought to be produced by sunlight being bounced back into space after hitting particles of pollution in clouds. Clouds also become heavier and darker and help to add to the gloom down on the ground. Whenever large numbers of planes have been grounded due to bad weather, strikes or a security alert, the level and amount of light has actually measurably increased.

Although this situation appears gloomy and depressing there are some who do not believe that it is all bad. Stephen Broderick, an Australian climate scientist said, "Although this means we live in a darker world, it is only very slightly darker. No one can notice the change with the naked eye; it takes extremely sophisticated equipment to detect any differences." He also described how global dimming can help the environment, saying, "Although both global warming and global dimming are thought to be caused by the same pollutants, paradoxically I believe that global dimming has slowed down the effect of global warming on our planet. With more of the sunlight and heat being reflected back into the atmosphere, temperatures stay cooler on the surface. This means we have fewer droughts, and crops are more likely to survive."

He does, however, call for closer monitoring of the situation. "At the moment we are just guessing, it's important that we know all about any climate changes for the future of our planet." He is calling for a network of radio meters, costing well over 100 million pounds, to be set up by governments worldwide. "This would give us all the information we need to be more conclusive about the amount of sunlight we acquire and how we are being affected" he declared.

For questions 1-8 tick (✓) the box.

1. Global dimming began at least 50 years ago.

True False Doesn't say

2. Agricultural areas have lost the most light.

True False Doesn't say

3. Australian scientists have done the most research on global dimming.

True False Doesn't say

4. Global warming and global dimming are caused by the same sets of pollutants.

True False Doesn't say

5. Global warming has accelerated global dimming.

True False Doesn't say

6. The text says that pollution causes global dimming by

- A producing more clouds.
- B making clouds more dense.
- C causing clouds to spread further.

A B C

7. Stephen Broderick is relatively unconcerned because light dimming

- A is easily reversed when planes are grounded.
- B can only be measured with special scientific instruments.
- C only occurs in areas which have very little rainfall.

A B C

8. Radio meters would help scientists by

- A giving them a clearer picture of the effects of global dimming.
- B helping them communicate with each other in their research on the effects of dimming.
- C assisting them with their efforts to control the effects of dimming.

A B C

Section D (10 marks)

Rewrite the sentences to give the same meaning as the original, using the word or words given.

Do not change the given word or words in any way at all.

Rewrite all direct speech as reported speech.

Example:

Michael is watering our garden while we're on holiday. (being)

Our garden is being watered by Michael while we're on holiday.

1. We had never been so insulted. (had we)

2. You should learn to swim. (about time)

3. "I would love to go to the moon" said Sadie. (wished)

4. I don't want you to leave the light on all night. (rather)

5. I'm sure you didn't see David driving a car. He's only 15. (can't)

6. "I won't leave until I'm ready," said Peter. (refused)

7. Can I have some cornflakes, or are they finished? (run out)

8. Edward turned the TV on immediately when he got home from work. (sooner)

9. Derek stopped going to tennis lessons because he didn't like the teacher. (gave up)

10. She didn't go home because he told her to wait. (would have)

Section E (10 marks)

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

Example

The bad behaviour of the boy is intolerable. (behave)

1. Swimmers have very _____ bodies. (athlete)
2. Dividing 100 by 10 is not a difficult _____. (calculate)
3. The end of the film was more _____ than I expected. (drama)
4. There are a lot of _____ mushrooms in that field. (poison)
5. I want to be an _____ when I leave school. (electrical)
6. Being 18 is a _____ of being able to vote in the UK. (require)
7. Choosing which DVD to rent can be a tough _____. (decide)
8. You should eat a _____ meal before going for a long hike. (substance)
9. The factory had a _____ for a machine operator. (vacant)
10. I don't like the story in this book but the _____ are lovely. (illustrate)

Section F (10 marks)

Write the missing words on the lines. Write only one word in each space. There is an example.

Hadrian's Wall

When the Romans entered Britain and took ^(eg) over, the Emperor, Hadrian, wanted to build a wall _____ ⁽¹⁾ show the boundary of the Empire. This wish _____ ⁽²⁾ reality when Hadrian's Wall was completed in 365 A.D. The wall was eighty miles _____ ⁽³⁾, six metres high, three metres wide and built _____ ⁽⁴⁾ stone. Its defences were helped _____ ⁽⁵⁾ deep ditches along the whole of its length. When it was completed, up to 5,000 soldiers lived in the turrets built into its sides. It was built to protect the Roman Empire _____ ⁽⁶⁾ the Picts, the race of people who lived in Scotland _____ ⁽⁷⁾ the time, and who the Romans believed could never get _____ ⁽⁸⁾ to a Roman lifestyle. The most amazing thing about the wall is that it _____ ⁽⁹⁾ still standing today, and is a popular holiday destination for walkers who love the beautiful countryside it stands in, as _____ ⁽¹⁰⁾ as its strong connection with history.

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