

Section 1: Reading (13 marks)**Passage 1** = Read the text and complete the tasks below:**(6 marks)**

"People often think coincidences are evidence of something mysterious happening, some kind of hidden plan outside our knowledge. The scientific explanation is less exciting, and perhaps that's why some people are reluctant to accept it. Coincidences are events that unexpectedly happen at the same time for no clear reason. It has been calculated that the number of people you need to have a 50% chance of two of them sharing a birthday is 23. The other part of the scientific explanation for coincidences is simply that there are so many events in people's lives. There are probably over 10,000 connections between you and others, and the older you get, the more there will be. If you are the kind of person who talks to strangers, you will definitely come across coincidences. When you think about how complex our lives are, especially nowadays with the Internet, the only surprising thing is that coincidences don't happen more often."

1. Answer these questions:**(3 marks)**

a. Why do some people refuse the scientific explanation for coincidences?

b. What is the definition of coincidences?

c. What do we have today that makes coincidences happen more often?

2. Choose the best answer below 1, 2 or 3:**(1.5 marks)**

a. With 30 people, there's chance that two of them share a birthday. 1. 50% 2. 30% 3. more than 55%

b. According to the text, the number of connections with other people is: 1. huge 2. little 3. not many

c. Having coincidences today is something: 1. amazing 2. normal 3. surprising

3. What do these words refer to?**(1.5 marks)**

a. it: b. them: c. more:

Passage 2 = Read the text about the Internet and complete the tasks below:**(7 marks)**

"The Internet was developed in the USA and it was first connected in October 1969. Today, people can pay money to access the Internet. Some services on the Internet cost nothing to use. Sometimes people who offer these free services use advertising to make money from them. The Internet is used for many things, such as emails, online chat, file transfer, and publishing books and articles. E-mails are private and go from one user to another. Instant messaging is similar to emails, but allows two people or more to chat much faster. Some governments think the Internet is a bad thing, and block all or part of it. Some parents also do the same with their children. Well-known examples of the whole Internet being blocked are in North Korea and Myanmar. The Internet can also be a dangerous place. Information that people put on the Internet is not always checked, and some are not true. Some may even be harmful. People could also read what you post specially on Facebook, so be careful when you use these sites."

1. Complete the sentences with words from the text:**(2 marks)**

a. Two examples of Internet usage are and

b. and are the places in which using the Internet is restricted.

2. Decide whether these sentences are True or False:**(4 marks)**

a. Today, people can use the Internet for free. [T / F]

b. According to the text, you can see other people's emails if you like. [T / F]

c. This text focuses only on the advantages of the Internet. [T / F]

d. The Internet was invented in America in the 19th century. [T / F]**3. What do these words refer to?****(1 mark)**

a. do the same: b. some:

Section 2: Vocabulary (7 marks)

1. Match words in the box with their meanings below:

(2 marks)

turned out	mysterious	come across	misunderstandings
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find by chance	
discovered	
getting the wrong idea	
strange	

2. Complete the sentences with words from the box below:

(2.5 marks)

patting	bald	reluctant	straight	put up
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- The person who stole the shop is described as a man; over 60 years old.
- I didn't go to work because I had stopped to drink a cup of tea in a cafe.
- I was my father's head, suddenly he was angry and hit me in the face.
- He was visiting the town for a few days, so I him in my flat.
- I was to go out because I was very tired.

3. Complete the sentences using the words from the box with either co- or mis-:

(2.5 marks)

behave	pilot	workers	heard	take
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- I don't know the names of my, but they are very friendly.
- Fortunately, the managed to land safely with the passengers.
- I my mother because she wanted some ice and I brought some rice.
- The principal said this was our last Then, he'll throw us out of school.
- Her children usually when she takes them to visit their neighbours.

Section 3: Language (5 marks)

1. Correct the verbs in brackets: past simple, past continuous or past perfect:

(3 marks)

- I (not agree) on the suggestion that he (offer).
- When I got home in the evening, I (realize) I (leave) the key inside the house.
- The mother (shout) on the kids who (play) in the street.

2. Choose the correct verb in the sentences below:

(2 marks)

- Omar (told / had told) us a funny joke and we all laughed.
- We (did / were doing) the exam when suddenly the door opened.
- When he shouted, I (heard / was hearing) him.
- Studying on exams (was / were) hard, but I enjoyed the experience.