

TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE 1**Section 1****Cloze Test****15 points**

Study the following passage first and then read it again and complete each blank with the most appropriate word (contracted forms, such as "didn't" are counted as one word) and write down your answer on your answer sheet.

Computers - love them or hate them?

My girlfriend is a big computer fan! She's just crazy (1)_____ them. She says that they (2)_____ made her life so (3)_____ easier. She can keep in (4)_____ with all her friends all (5)_____ the world by e-mail; she can look things (6)_____ on the Internet, book flights, order books and CDs, even keep (7)_____ with the news from other countries; she can word-process documents and send photos over the web; she does all her banking online and (8)_____ even reminds her of when to buy birthday (9)_____ and send cards!

I'm the complete opposite! I (10)_____ stand computers! Every time I touch one, it crashes and the screen just freezes. I keep getting sent endless junk e-mails and I can't manage the ones I want to reply (11)_____ (it doesn't help that I'm a one-fingered typist!); I keep deleting files (12)_____ accident, and every time I try and surf the Net, I just (13)_____ lost in Cyberspace! The one time I tried and ordered some flowers for my girlfriend online, something went (14)_____ with the system and they sent her fifteen bunches of roses instead (15)_____ one - and then charged me for thirty! Computers? Who needs them?

Section 2**Reading Comprehension****10 points**

Read the following text carefully and choose the best possible answer for the questions below and put a cross in one of the boxes marked A, B, C, D on your answer sheet.

Cayman Islands – Ready to visit Paradise?

Since graduating from college, I've been to various places I'd call paradise. Some beaches. Some not. Grand Cayman and much of the Caribbean are advertised as paradise. In 2008 I was lucky enough to spend two weeks in Grand Cayman. Is it a paradise? You decide.

Cayman Islands Fast Facts

The Cayman Islands are located in the Western Caribbean Sea south of Cuba, west of Jamaica, and about 650 kilometres from Miami. The Cayman Islands consist of three islands: Grand Cayman - the biggest and most popular destination for tourists, Cayman Brac, and Little Cayman.

The first documented sighting of the Cayman Islands was recorded by Christopher Columbus on his fourth and final voyage to the New World in 1503. Since there is no archaeological evidence that natives ever lived on the Cayman Islands, it is believed that Sir Francis Drake's expedition in 1585 -1586 were the first people to actually land on these islands.

In 1670, under the Treaty of Madrid, Jamaica and the Cayman Islands became official British Overseas Territory. Jamaica eventually became an independent commonwealth from Great Britain, but the Cayman Islands are still a non-self-governing territory of Great Britain. Staying

true to British tradition, people drive on the left in the Caymans. They have their own currency, the Cayman Islands Dollar, which has a fixed rate of 1KYD=1.20 USD.

The Cayman Islands are a very expensive destination. The Caymanians have the 12th highest GDP (Gross Domestic Product) in the world, enjoy the highest standard of living in the Caribbean, and live in the fifth largest banking centre in the world.

Unfortunately, the Cayman Islands have been hit by hurricanes more than any other cluster of islands in the Atlantic. They are hit by a major storm approximately every 2.23 years.

Stingray City is not really a “city”, but a sand bar that hundreds of stingrays have claimed as their home. Tourists take a boat to the sand bar and are allowed to touch and feed stingrays with the help of tour guides. We didn’t go to Stingray City. I didn’t really like the idea of my legs being surrounded by hundreds of stingrays. It is supposed to be perfectly safe, but who could forget the Crocodile Hunter, who died from a blow to the chest by a stingray? I wasn’t going to risk it.

Rum Point is a tiny, “isolated” beach located in a residential area in the eastern part of Grand Cayman. It isn’t really hidden since it is a tourist hot spot, but it isn’t nearly as commercial as Seven Mile Beach. There are no massive resorts or high rises. It is more of a beach for teens and people in their twenties than a beach for families or retired couples.

Seven Mile Beach is the exact opposite of Rum Point. This is the longest and often called the most luxurious public beach in all of the Caribbean. It is located in the heart of Grand Cayman in Georgetown. Contrary to its name, Seven Mile Beach is not really seven miles long. It is 5.5 miles. The beach is large, and the water is gorgeous. There are definitely a lot of people on this beach. The spot is the most popular and the most developed area of all Grand Cayman, and it feels that way.

Queen Elizabeth II Botanic park – Opened by Her Royal Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 1994, this botanic park offers an exotic arrangement of plants and flowers, including an annual Orchid Show, as well as providing a habitat for almost extinct blue iguana. A wonderful Woodland Trail weaves through the grounds, where tourists can enjoy the occasional encounter with the blue iguana and other tropical wildlife. I still would have enjoyed Grand Cayman and wanted to return if this had been the only place visited. There are blue iguanas held in captivity behind short concrete walls, but there are tons just roaming the grounds. To my horror, my son almost ran into several just during our walk.

Boatswain’s Beach - The best way to describe this place is an interactive aquarium. It is the location of two turtle farms. Several tanks of baby and adult turtles are on the grounds for curious tourists to touch and even pick up. Turtles, which don’t particularly enjoy the attention of tourists, have warning signposted at their tanks. A snorkel lagoon gives tourists the opportunity to swim with harmless marine life. For those who forget their swimsuits, a Predator Tank provides endless entertainment during shark feedings.

Scuba Diving - Grand Cayman provides divers with more than 175 dive sites. From deep wall dives to shallow reef dives, any active scuba diver will be happy with the variety Grand Cayman offers. I’m not a certified scuba diver, but my husband went on four scuba diving trips in Grand Cayman. He would have loved to have gone on more, but it was very pricey in comparison to other places in the Caribbean. For the first time ever, he saw sharks on a dive.

16 Find the statement that is true about the Cayman Islands.

- A Christopher Columbus landed on the Caymans in 1503.
- B The group of the islands comprises more than 3 small islands.
- C The islands were mentioned for the first time in writing by Francis Drake.
- D The archaeologists state that the islands were not inhabited when the first explorers visited them.

17 The Caymans are

- A an independent state.
- B a part of Jamaica.
- C a part of the UK.
- D a part of the USA.

18 The people on the Cayman Islands

- A drive on the same side as in Great Britain.
- B do not have their own currency.
- C use the currency lower than the US dollar.
- D enjoy stable wonderful weather without storms.

19 Find the statement that is not true about the Caymans.

- A They are one of the most expensive resorts in the world.
- B They have one of the highest levels of living in the Caribbean.
- C They are one of the biggest banking centres in the world.
- D The Cayman Islands are rarely hit by hurricanes.

20 The author of the article

- A took a boat to get to Stingray City.
- B wanted to touch and feed stingrays.
- C did not visit Stingray City because he could not take a boat.
- D did not dare to visit Stingray City.

21 Rum Point is

- A a small inhabited part of the Caymans mainly for old people.
- B one of the biggest popular resorts in Grand Cayman.
- C a small beach in the inhabited area.
- D is the busiest commercial place of Grand Cayman.

22 Seven Mile Beach is

- A situated in the centre of Grand Cayman.
- B smaller than Rum Point beach.
- C seven miles long.
- D the quietest beach of all the beaches on Grand Cayman.

23 Blue iguanas

- A are a special kind of animals living in the sea.
- B can be found only in captivity behind a wall.
- C are endangered species of animals.
- D are the only wild animals living on the Cayman islands.

24 The tourists in Boatswain's Beach cannot

- A feed and touch turtles.
- B swim with sharks.
- C watch how sharks are fed.
- D dive in the lagoon.

25 The author's husband

- A did scuba diving as much as he wanted.
- B wanted to dive more, but it was expensive.
- C did not enjoy diving at all.
- D was afraid of deep wall diving.

Section 3

Error Recognition Test

15 points

Read the sentences carefully and mark on your answer sheet the word or the phrase that is not correct or complete by putting a cross in the corresponding box marked A, B, C or D.

Example : As I was walking along the street, I saw these luggage on the pavement.

A

B

C

D

the correct answer is

26 I want to get my ears pierced but my parents will not let me. I would look really cool if I had pierced ears but if I did it without permission, my parents will be really angry. I do not want to disobey them, but their views are very old-fashioned.

A

B

C

D

27 Just before her second birthday, Marla was at home with her father. He was taking care for her while trying to paint a picture of his wife. He gave his daughter some paints and left her to play.

A

B

C

D

28 We live in the middle of nowhere. It is all right, but it is a bit bored. I mean there is not really much to do at night. There is only one bus into the city centre, and it only runs about once every hour. I have to rely on my parents giving me a lift if I want to go out to the cinema.

A

B

C

D

- 35 I used to work in the advertising department of a women's magazine and gained a lot of experience there, so, about two years ago I decided to start my own business. You wonder how much do I earn? It depends on how many copies we sell.
- A
B
C D
- 36 Being the only child is good from one point of view. I am having my own room and I usually get whatever I want, although I am not spoilt. I sometimes feel lonely, but my friends are always complaining about their younger brothers or sisters.
- A B
C D
- 37 Then in the afternoon what makes this course different is that the students get out of the classroom and they have outdoor activities – things as horse-riding, mountain climbing and so on.
- A B C
D
- 38 Unfortunately the Office is closed at the moment but informations about tours follows this message. All tours are organised by the National Trust, a charity which aims to look after buildings of historical importance in Britain.
- A B
C D
- 39 It is not always easy to travel long distances to football grounds, and television is a good solution. Of course, you can get used to sit indoors all the time, and this is dangerous. We should all try to keep fit, and have other interests and pastimes.
- A B
C D
- 40 Last week some painters came round to paint my house. They used the wrong colour and split paint all over the front door. They also broke a window. They have repainted the door, but it is still the wrong colour. If I Painted it myself, it would have been done better.
- A B C
D