

FORM 4

ENGLISH
LISTENING COMPREHENSION

TIME: 15 minutes

Teacher's Paper

Instructions for the conduct of the Listening Comprehension Examination

The teacher should instruct the candidates to answer the questions on the paper provided. The following procedure for reading the Listening Comprehension passage is to be explained to the candidates immediately before proceeding with the examination.

You have been given a sheet containing the Listening Comprehension questions. I shall first read through the questions and then read the passage at normal reading speed. You may take notes on the blank sheet provided during the reading. After this reading there will be a pause of another three minutes to allow you to answer some of the questions. The passage will be read a second time and you may take further notes and answer the rest of the questions. After this second reading you will be given a further three minutes for a final revision of answers.

- a. 3 minutes - Teacher reads out the questions
- b. 3 minutes - First reading aloud of passage while candidates take notes
- c. 3 minutes - Candidates may answer questions
- d. 3 minutes - Second reading of passage and possibility of answering questions
- e. 3 minutes - Final revision

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Listen to a radio news feature about the 2010 Haiti earthquake.

It's 4.53pm, Tuesday the 12th of January 2010. The people of Haiti are hit by a powerful earthquake. The earthquake lasts only 30 seconds, but the damage is huge. Buildings collapse, power lines come down and there is no water or electricity. Over two hundred thousand people die.

That earthquake killed over two hundred thousand people, and the shocked and scared survivors had nowhere to live. The earthquake destroyed 180,000 homes and 5,000 schools. Roads were reduced to rubble. Experts estimate that it could take ten years and cost 10.5 billion Euro to rebuild Haiti.

Amanda George has been living in Haiti since the earthquake happened. She works for the Red Cross International Charity. When she first arrived in Haiti, she wasn't prepared for what she actually saw. She explained that Port-au-Prince, the capital, was in a shocking state. It looked as if it had been completely bombed. There were areas where nothing was left - just rubble.

Many countries responded to calls for international aid and so they sent funds, rescue teams, medical teams and engineers. Communication systems, air, land and sea transport facilities, and hospitals were damaged. All this made it very difficult to deliver supplies and aid to the victims.

Amanda told us that there are now 1.5 million people living in temporary camps in Haiti. Conditions are slowly getting better. For example, people now have access to toilets and running water. The Red Cross is educating people in the camps on the importance of hygiene. Before the earthquake, awareness of hygiene was poor here, and most people weren't used to washing their hands. But it's essential to stop diseases spreading in these cramped living conditions.

But life is still tough. It's boiling hot out here. People are stuck in the camps with no work, and it's boring. You see some really sad things. For example, there was a kid's school book lying in some of the rubble. We heard one of the refugees speaking to Amanda, 'The sun makes the tents hot, very hot. And when the wind comes, it blows the tents and wrecks them. We would like them to give us real houses because the tents are torn, when it rains, rain comes in.'

Life in Haiti is surely not back to normal yet.

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Name: _____

Class: _____

10 MARKS

1. Tick (✓) True (T) or False (F)

3 marks []

		T	F
a.	The earthquake happened in 2010.		
b.	It will take 20 years to rebuild Haiti.		
c.	The capital city of Haiti is Port-au-Prince.		
d.	Transport facilities were damaged by the earthquake.		
e.	The Red Cross charity is helping the people of Haiti.		
f.	Most people in Haiti have work to do now.		

2. Explain what the following numbers refer to in the passage.

2 marks []

- a) 30 _____
- b) 5,000 _____
- c) 10.5 _____
- d) 1.5 million _____

3. Fill in using words you have heard in the passage.

5 marks []

- a) Many countries helped Haiti by sending _____ and _____.
- b) The earthquake victims are living in _____ camps.
- c) The Red Cross is teaching people about the importance of _____.
- d) The rain comes in the tents because they are _____.

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**ENGLISH
 READING COMPREHENSION TEXTS**

SECTION B

30 MARKS

TEXT 1



Country	Happiness Index
Costa Rica	8.5
Denmark	8.34
Puerto Rico	8.32
Iceland	8.15
Switzerland	7.99
Canada	7.97
Finland	7.9
Mexico	7.87
Norway	7.82
Sweden	7.8
Panama	7.79
Australia	7.77
Ireland	7.77
Luxembourg	7.74
Colombia	7.72
Austria	7.67
Netherlands	7.65
Dominican Republic	7.59
New Zealand	7.48
Belgium	7.44

TEXT 2

The Happiest Country

Costa Rica is a small country in the American continent. It is one of the only countries in the world that does not have an army, and it's also the happiest nation on earth.

5 There are many ways of measuring happiness in countries. Costa Rica does very well by whatever system is used to measure happiness. For example, the World Database of happiness is based on answers to different surveys and it lists Costa Rica in the top spot out of 148 nations.

That is because when Costa Ricans were asked to say how happy they were on a scale from 1 to 10, they scored an average of 8.5. Another country at the top is Denmark at 8.3; the United States ranks 20th at 7.4 and Togo and Tanzania are on the other end at 2.6.

10 Maybe Costa Ricans are happy because of the chance the locals have to explore wonderful beaches on both sides of the country. There is also the jungle where they can go to admire natural wild life. The people of Costa Rica have done a very good job in protecting nature, and it's surely easier to be happy while enjoying the sunshine and greenery than while shivering in the cold.

15 What makes Costa Rica different from other countries in the world is its amazing decision in 1949 to remove its army, navy and any weapons. They decided to spend money on education instead. More schooling has created a very steady society. Education has also helped the economy, making it possible for the country to become an important exporter of computer parts. The Costa Ricans have also improved their English-language skills so as to attract
20 more American eco-tourists.

From what we see in Costa Rica, it is plain that education is a far better investment than weapons.

25 In Costa Rica, rising education levels have also brought about equality between males and females. Both men and women play an important part in contributing towards the country's economy. Education has also resulted in better healthcare; now people in Costa Rica have the chance to live as long as people who live in the United States.

30 Better standards of education have also led the country to protect its rich environment. Costa Rica is one of the first countries in the world which started to protect its environment by introducing a carbon tax in 1997. However, this emphasis on the environment has not slowed down Costa Rica's economy.

Perhaps another main reason why Costa Ricans consider themselves to be so happy is a cultural emphasis on family and friends. People have strong social networks of friends, families and neighbours; Mr Montealegre, a Costa Rican, says there is another factor:
35 "A popular saying in my country says that no argument or quarrel should last more than three days."

Trying to find the happiest countries is always difficult. But what does seem quite clear is that Costa Rica's national decision to invest in education rather than weapons has paid a rich profit. In the meantime, I encourage you to do your own research in Costa Rica, exploring the
40 lovely beaches or admiring the wonderful jungles.

FORM 4 **ENGLISH** **TIME: 2 hours**

Name: _____

Class: _____

MARKS			
Listening Compr.	Oral Assessment	Written Paper	Total

SECTION A: LANGUAGE

20 MARKS

- A. **Complete Kim's email by using the correct preposition from the box. The first one is an example.** 5 marks []

in	by	in	for	on	<u>at</u>
from	for	for	on	out	

Hi Jeff,

I tried to ring you yesterday but you weren't (0) at home. Did you go (1) _____ with Mary?
 I remember you saying that you were interested (2) _____ that new Italian film. Well, the
 reason (3) _____ this email is to tell you about my first day at my new job. It's very
 different (4) _____ my old one. First of all, I have to cycle up a big hill on my way there.
 I'm sure cycling every day will have a good effect (5) _____ me! The office is
 (6) _____ the middle of High Street and I'm really happy about the fact that I can get
 there (7) _____ bike.

I was ready (8) _____ a lot of hard work on my first day, and didn't know how welcoming
 the people would be, but everyone was very polite to me and very friendly. I'm going to be
 responsible (9) _____ all the new customers, and my boss has offered to give me some
 advice (10) _____ how to keep them happy!

Bye for now,

Kim

B. Fill in the blanks using the correct verb form. The first one has been done for you.

5 marks

When I finished studying languages at university, I (0) applied (apply) for several jobs to teach English abroad. Obviously, I (1) _____ (not have) any experience, so I (2) _____ (think) I had a small chance of being accepted immediately.



In the end, a letter from one of the schools (3) _____ (come) and I (4) _____ (feel) nervous as I opened it. But the news (5) _____ (be) good! The letter offered me a job in a Swedish school. The winter weather in Sweden is cold so I prepared some warm clothes. My friends organised a farewell party and everyone (6) _____ (wish) me good luck in my new life as a teacher.

Since then I have had a lot of luck and I (7) _____ (live) in many different countries. I am happy to say that I have enjoyed all my experiences. In fact, I (8) _____ (teach) for the last 10 years now. But sometimes I wonder what would have happened if that first letter (9) _____ (turn) me down. Probably I would have chosen to work at a desk in an office. However, I certainly (10) _____ (not regret) my choice.

C. Fill in the blanks using ONE word. The first one is an example.

5 marks []

Is school life really so boring?

There are some students who (0) feel depressed by studying, especially when they have to study subjects which they (1) _____ confusing. They often leave their work until the (2) _____ minute, and then find the amount they have to do is simply (3) _____ much. They may be embarrassed to admit that they (4) _____ help. They become more and (5) _____ discouraged, and then work even less (6) _____ before. They may blame the school system, because the subjects they are studying are not interesting.

However, you may be surprised to know that very few students feel this way, according to a recent research. In fact, most (7) _____ do not find school work annoying at all. They are (8) _____ excited by the subjects they are studying, and they feel (9) _____ when they do something well. It seems that life at school is not so (10) _____ after all.

D. Rewrite the following conversation as reported speech.

5 marks []

Last Friday, Mark and Rose met at a party for the first time and they had the following conversation:

1. Mark asked, "Do you work in the media?"

He asked her _____

2. Rose replied, "Yes, I'm a reporter."

She replied _____

3. Mark asked, "When did you first start working as a reporter?"

Mark asked _____

4. Rose replied, "I got my first job when I graduated."

Rose said _____

5. Mark replied, "I really admire the work that you do."

Mark said _____

SECTION B: READING COMPREHENSION

30 MARKS

TEXT 1

1. What is the name of the website where you would find this map? 1 mark []

2. What kind of information does this map give you? 1 mark []

3. On a scale from 1 to 10 which two countries both scored 7.77? 1 mark []

TEXT 2

Answer the following questions after reading the passage carefully.

1. Are the following statements **True** or **False** according to the passage? Give a reason for your answers. The first one has been done for you. 5 marks []
0. Costa Rica has an army. False
because it is one of the few countries that has removed its army.
- a. Costa Ricans do not do well on the systems used to measure happiness _____
because _____
- b. Costa Rican people do not care about the environment. _____
because _____
- c. The climate in Costa Rica is often warm. _____
because _____
- d. Many Costa Ricans have improved their English language to work abroad. _____
because _____
- e. The only reason why Costa Ricans are happy is that they have invested a lot in education. _____
because _____

2. Which **TWO** countries are the unhappiest according to the survey? 1 mark []
- _____
3. What is the most important decision that has made Costa Rica a different country from the rest of the world according to the passage? 1 mark []
- _____
- _____
4. Mention **TWO** successful industries of the Costa Rican economy. 2 marks []
- a. _____
- b. _____
5. Mr Montealegre mentions a Costa Rican proverb (line 36). Explain what it means **in your own words**. 1 mark []
- _____
- _____
6. What do the following words refer to in the passage? 2 marks []
- a. it (line 5) _____
- b. they (line 7) _____
- c. the country (line 18) _____
- d. it (line 21) _____
7. Underline the best answer. 1 mark []
- ‘social networks’ in **line 32** means:
- a. chatting on the internet.
- b. groups of people living in the same place.
- c. groups of people joined together by family, work or hobby.
- d. people who try to help each other.
- 3 marks []
8. Find a word in between lines 10 and 20 that has the same meaning as:
- a. The people who live in this place: _____
- b. trembling: _____
- c. Tourists who also want to protect the environment: _____

9. Costa Rica spends a lot of money on educating its people. Make a list of **SIX** positions that are the result of a better education. 6 marks

10. According to the passage, Costa Rica is truly an amazing country. What are the **FIVE** reasons given throughout the **WHOLE** passage that explain why Costa Ricans consider themselves to be happy people. 5 marks []

SECTION C: COMPOSITION

30 MARKS

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On the foolscap provided, write between 180 and 200 words on ONE of the following:

1. Write a dialogue between two friends who are planning a surprise party for their friend who is going to have his/her birthday soon.
2. You have just returned from a short holiday abroad with an organised tour. You feel disappointed because many things that were promised in the brochure were either missing or unsatisfactory. Write a formal letter of complaint to the travel agency.
3. Write a story with the following title: 'The Day at School I will Never Forget'.
4. What do you do during the holidays? Write about the things you usually do when you are at home away from school during the holidays.
5. Choose a film you really enjoyed and write a review about it. Describe the features that impressed you most and say why you think it is such a good film.