

**WRITING TEST:**

Remember you need to complete both tasks 1 and 2. In task 1 you have a choice. You also have space for notes. Do not write in the grey areas reserved for the teacher

**TASK 1. (60%)**

*CHOOSE one of the following options and write between 175-225 words.*

**EITHER**

*A WRITE AN INFORMAL LETTER to a friend telling him or her about an incident involving a person close to you (your partner, a colleague from work or a classmate) which has damaged/spoilt your relationship. Include the following information:*

- *What started the incident*
- *What each of you said*
- *How you felt*
- *What consequences this incident will/may have*

**OR**

**B** *You read this advertisement and decided to go on this holiday.*

The holiday of a lifetime



Discover a wealth of beauty and ancient culture in this magical and largely undiscovered region of Indochina. Steeped in history, with amazing temples and beautiful countryside, it will delight your senses.

All the trips will be made in a chauffeur driven limousine and helicopter and you will be accompanied by an expert guide at all times.

You will stay in an exclusive luxury spa resort with magnificent service, food, spa treatments and even your own butler to serve drinks by your private pool.

*You saved up for a long time. The place was wonderful but unfortunately the service was terrible and the hotel facilities very poor. The organisation was so bad that it ruined your "holiday of a lifetime". WRITE A LETTER to the travel agency explaining all the problems you encountered and claiming compensation*

**TASK 2 (40%) 50- 75 words**

You have a summer job at a holiday camp but you have to leave your job urgently because something important/serious has happened.

You need to **WRITE a note** for the person/people taking over your job with

- A list of the jobs they need to do
- Some instructions about these jobs
- Apologies for things you will not be able to do

*You can use this space to make notes*



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**TASK 1**

**40 marks**

*This summer you are exchanging houses with a Scottish couple – they are coming to your apartment by the beach while you will stay at their flat in Edinburgh. It's a good way to save money in accommodation when travelling!*

They have asked you to **WRITE** them **AN EMAIL** with the following information:

- a brief description of the apartment and what's around (shops, transport, distance to the beach...)
  - general information on how the house works\*
  - other suggestions to enjoy their stay.
- \* You can't help feeling a bit worried about the way they're going to use your lovely apartment, so include some warnings, instructions and/or advice you may find relevant for them to know.

**Write your email in 80 -100 words.**

You can use this space to make notes





## TASK 2

60 marks

You are applying for a fabulous summer grant that the University of California offers to Spanish students of English at an intermediate level who want to improve their English. Apart from filling in the application form, **they want to know a little more about you and why you would like the grant**, as they say here:

***"We want to get to know you as well as we can. This is your chance to tell us who you are and what's important to you. Choose just ONE of the following prompts and be open, be honest, be real. Use specific examples to support the points you want to make. Finally, relax."***

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH FOR FOREIGNERS**

***CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS. WRITE 130 -150 WORDS.***

***WRITE YOUR CHOICE (1 OR 2) HERE:***

**1**

***DESCRIBE THE WORLD YOU COME FROM (FAMILY, COMMUNITY, SCHOOL...) AND TELL US ABOUT THE INFLUENCE THIS HAS HAD ON THE WAY YOU ARE AND ON YOUR LOVE FOR LANGUAGES.***

**2**

***TELL US ABOUT AN EXPERIENCE THAT HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO YOU AND THE IMPACT THAT IT HAS HAD ON YOUR LIFE AND ON YOUR REASONS FOR WANTING TO IMPROVE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF LANGUAGES. DID IT MAKE YOU CHANGE YOUR BEHAVIOUR OR TAKE A DECISION? EXPLAIN.***

***THANK YOU!***



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**TASK 1**

**40 marks**

You have decided to participate as a volunteer in **ONE** of the two projects in the leaflet below. African Conservation Experience has sent you a form asking you for some information. You must fill in only sections B and C on the next page. You must not write in the grey areas. You must write between 80 and 100 words.

**AFRICAN CONSERVATION EXPERIENCE** has been sending volunteers to Africa for over a decade and is the original, most experienced organisation for conservation placements in Southern Africa. You can join one of our many projects, such as:

- ▶ **THE MOHOLOHOLO PROJECT**, helping with the treatment and care of sick and injured animals at a rescue centre.
- ▶ **THE NHOLWASI COMMUNITY PROJECT**, helping with the general maintenance of an orphanage and getting involved in teaching and playing activities with the children.

# AFRICAN CONSERVATION EXPERIENCE

## CONSERVATION PLACEMENT INFORMATION FORM

Please fill out this information form clearly and carefully as we use it to advise and guide you in your choice of project. We are keen to match you to the project that suits you the best but the final choice is yours. Remember no experience and qualifications are necessary.

### A Your Personal Details

Surname	<input type="text"/>	with	<input type="text"/>
Forename (preferred)	<input type="text"/>	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>	Age	<input type="text"/>
(you must be 17+ at time of departure)			
Address	<input type="text"/>		

DO NOT WRITE HERE



Teacher  
1

Teacher  
2

I have chosen  *The Moholoholo Project*  *The Nholwasi Project*  
Please tick one

### **B More about You**

Do you have any work and/or volunteer experience? What do you consider to be your best points?

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### **C Your motivation**

Why do you want to work in Africa? What do you expect to get out of it? What can you contribute?

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**TASK 2**

**60 marks**

Choose ONE of the following writing activities and write a text of 120-150 words.

**A) Last weekend you wrongly sent a text message from your mobile phone to your girlfriend / boyfriend which was intended for somebody else. This caused a problem between the two of you. Write an e-mail to a good friend telling him / her:**

- **What the text message was and what happened.**
- **What his / her reaction was.**
- **What you have done and how you feel now.**
- **What the situation is at the moment.**
- **What the prospects for the future are.**

**B) Write a text for the Letters to the Editor section of your local newspaper. In this text you comment on your views on street binge drinking (young people drinking alcohol in the street in groups). Take into account:**

- **Has this always been the same?**
- **The reasons why it is happening.**
- **The negative consequences for the neighbourhood of the drinking areas.**
- **Possible solutions.**
- **Your personal opinion.**



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**TASK 1**

**60 marks**

Choose **ONE** of the following writing activities (A or B) and write a text of **120-150 words**.

- A) You have read this job advertisement on a website and you realize it would be a great opportunity to do what you have always dreamt of doing. This would mean leaving your current stable job but you really need a change in your life and decide to take the risk. Write an email to your best friend and tell him/her about your decision, explain why you think you are a good candidate, why you really need a change in your life, in what ways this could affect your future and ask him/her what he/she thinks about it.

## WANTED: Spanish Music Show Presenter

**Do you have a real passion for radio?**  
**Would you like to have a creative artistic job?**  
**Do you love Spanish music?**

If you can say YES to all the above then we want to hear from you. Spanish Star Radio is looking for a DJ who is interested in presenting our Friday night show on the radio across Oxford.

### **NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**

You **ONLY** need to be:

- Active
- Self-motivated
- A strong communicator

**OR**

- B) The editorial team of your language school is encouraging students to take part in the school magazine. You decide to write an article entitled What does a school of languages need in order to work efficiently? Include at least four of the following topics:

- |              |                       |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| • Facilities | • Timetable           |
| • Teachers   | • Cultural activities |
| • Languages  | • Celebrations        |

**TASK 2**

**40 marks**

*You have found this review of "Hotel Aquarius" posted by someone on the net. You have also stayed at this hotel for a week and you decide to write your own review taking into account your rating below. Refer to at least four of the points. You must write between 80 and 100 words.*

### **Hotel Aquarius Review**

'The hotel was ideally located for the brilliant beach, just a few minutes' walk away. The rooms were clean and comfortable, but we were facing a busy road which was quite noisy. The food was of a good standard and good choice, although the staff was run off their feet clearing tables. The bar area was always busy, there weren't enough seating areas and the place was full of mosquitoes. The pool area at the hotel is far too small. The hotel is suitable if you want a quite relaxing beach holiday with a clean base to stay in.'

**By: T Burdett - Submitted 23rd July 2010**

**Your rating:**

- Location ●●●○○○
- Cleanliness ●○○○○○
- Food ●●●●●●
- Room comfort ●○○○○○
- Hotel service ●●●●●○
- Swimming pool ●●●●●○



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**TASK 1**

**60 marks**

Choose ONE of the following writing activities (A or B) and write a text of 120-150 words.

**A) Last weekend you made up your mind and decided to go to a speed-dating (\*) event in a bar. Write an email to your best friend including the following:**

- Describe the experience
- Talk about a special person you met
- Explain how you felt when you met that person
- Tell your friend if you are going to meet again

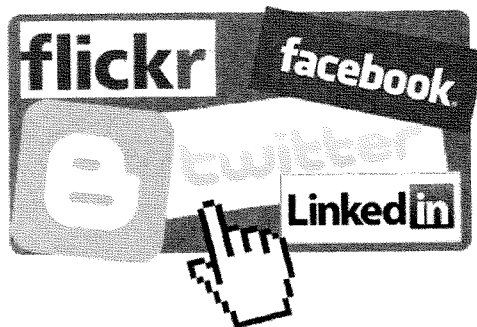


(\*) speed-dating is a dating system whose purpose is to encourage people to meet a large number of new people. Men and women are rotated to get to know each other over a series of short 'dates', usually lasting from 3 to 8 minutes.

**- OR -**

**B) Your local library has organised a writing competition called 'MEET ME ON THE NET' and you have decided to sign up. The winner will get an amazing ipad. Write an article including:**

- Your own experience with social networks
- How they have changed the way people communicate
- Pros and cons



**TASK 2**

**40 marks**



*You are a member of 'CouchSurfing', an international organisation which allows you to travel around without paying for accommodation, sleeping at other member's homes, offering the same in return. You also give and get advice on what to do once you are in the area. You have seen the following message on the web and, as you are available, you decide to post your reply. Specify when exactly you can accommodate them and for how long. Include some tips on what they can do when they are in your town. You must write between 80-100 words.*

Posted by **johnny**

Hi I'm travelling to Spain with my female partner for 2 weeks wondering if any of you, dudes, could sort us out for a night or two or three. We're a relaxed couple who enjoy newness and whatever takes us in your direction. In return U R welcome to the west of Ireland.

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**TASK 1 (60 marks)**

Choose **ONE** of the following options (A or B).

**A** As the great Internet lover you are, you have a blog where you record your everyday experiences and your opinions on a regular basis. Last weekend, you watched a film which you loved and you would like to share it with your followers. **Write an ENTRY (120-150 words) for your blog** including the following information:

- **What film it was** (title)
- **What it was about** (brief summary of the plot)
- **Why you liked it** (actors? the setting?) **and why you would recommend it**

**-OR-**

**B** The magazine 'Keep fit' has organized a writing competition to commemorate their 10th anniversary. To participate, you need to **write a STORY (120-150 words)** related to the topic of **SPORT** with the following title '**AN EMPTY GYM.**' Include the following information:

- **When and where it happened**
- **Who was in the story**
- **What happened in the end**

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You can use this space for notes:

## TASK 2 (40 marks)

Next Friday night you and your partner have to attend a very important working dinner. **Write an E-MAIL (80-100 words)** to your brother/sister asking him/her to look after your 6-month-old baby. Include the following information:

- **Explain why you need the favour**
- **Exact time you are leaving and when you are coming back**
- **Some advice and things to remember about your baby**

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