

Read the instructions to the questions very carefully and write all your answers in English. Answer **ONLY 4 OF THE 6 QUESTIONS BELOW**. If you answer more than four questions, **only the first four questions will be marked**.

QUESTION 1. READ THE TEXT A AND ANSWER THE THREE QUESTIONS BELOW: (2.5 points)

1.1. Write a summary of the text in English, including the most important points, using your own words. (approximately 50 words; **0.75 points**).

1.2. Indicate whether the following statements are true or false (T/F) according to the text. Copy that part (and ONLY that part) of the text which justifies your answer. (**1 point**)

- a. No harm was caused to passengers.
- b. The man was going on holiday when he was involved in this incident.
- c. The man admits he got confused when he found himself alone.
- d. The alarm went off after he walked into an area reserved for the crew.

1.3. Find words or phrases in the text that correspond in meaning to the words and definitions given here: (**0.75 points**)

- a. harmless
- b. called off
- c. finally

TEXT A

Some mistakes may seem innocuous yet they can carry a high price. On Tuesday a young man from Spain involuntarily triggered a security alert at Munich airport after walking through the wrong door on his way to catch a Madrid flight, said federal police in Germany.

As a result, 130 flights were cancelled, causing numerous delays at one of the country's busiest airports, which was partially shut down for four hours. The Spaniard could face criminal proceedings over the incident.

The man, who is reported to be aged between 20 and 25, was on his way home after spending his vacation in Thailand and has stated that he was "horrified" at the outcome of his mistake during a stopover in Munich.

The Spaniard was arrested and interrogated by German security forces soon after the incident, which took place on Tuesday morning. He said that he had gone to the bathroom after stepping off a flight from Bangkok, and by the time he left the men's room all the other passengers had gone. Disoriented, he began walking in the wrong direction as he tried to find his connecting flight to Madrid.

He eventually pressed a button opening emergency doors to the restricted area reserved for passengers who have gone through a security check, according to the Bavarian public radio station BR24 and the local newspaper *Merkur*. This immediately triggered an alert, as it meant that a passenger from outside the border-free Schengen Area had bypassed passport controls. Parts of Terminal 1 and 2 were evacuated, and passengers who had already gone through security checks had to repeat the process.

There were around 1,200 departures scheduled at Munich airport on Tuesday, representing a flow of around 120,000 passengers.

QUESTION 2. ANSWER THE TWO BLOCKS OF QUESTIONS:

2.1. Block 1. Pronunciation: (0.90 points)

- a. In which word are the underlined letters pronounced differently? word, bored, lord, sword
- b. In which **two** words is the ending "ed" pronounced /d / as in "filed"? talked, wanted, divided, folded, framed, engaged, worked, watched
- c. In which **two** words is the underlined letter "u" silent? suite, quick, guilty, pure, future, biscuit, funueral, buy
- d. Which pair of words does not rhyme? 1. break, cake; 2. mean, great; 3. blood, flood; 4. dear, fear.

2.2. Block 2. Complete the second sentence of each pair so that it has the same meaning as the first one. You must use the word or expression in italics. (1.60 points)

- a. I must apologise to the woman. I took her phone by mistake.
...*whose*....
- b. Sue hurt her back when she lifted a heavy table on her own.
If only...
- c. Many people said his ideas were outrageous.
It...
- d. It is very usual for many people to have porridge for breakfast in the morning.
...*is very usual for many people*

QUESTION 3. READ THE TEXT B AND ANSWER THE THREE QUESTIONS BELOW: (2.5 points)

3.1. Write a summary of the text in English, including the most important points, using your own words. (Approximately 50 words; **0.75 points**).

3.2. Indicate whether the following statements are true or false (T/F) according to the text. Copy that part (and ONLY that part) of the text which justifies your answer. (1 point)

- Girls are supposed to play a very traditional feminine role to be successful in society.
- Very young girls are very worried about their physical appearance.
- Girls and boys have totally different viewpoints on girls' roles.
- Girls must learn that women can have many types of careers.

3.3. Find words or phrases in the text that correspond in meaning to the words and definitions given here: (0.75 points)

- school year
- equally
- employment/work

TEXT B

According to a new study commissioned by an American nonprofit organization that helps young women reach their full potential, girls are facing increasing pressure to please. "Society still sees girls through a gender lens that requires them to be pretty and passive, while increasingly expecting girls to be smart and successful," says the president of this organization.

The study, conducted online, surveyed over 2,000 girls and boys in grades 3-12, plus 1,005 adults. It reported that girls have high goals for themselves – 71% want to go to college, but a good many say they don't know how to make their dreams a reality. One-fifth say they don't know three adults they can turn to with a problem. And 76% of girls in grades 9 to 12 "worry about their appearance." Even for girls in elementary school, looking "skinny" and "dressing right" is an issue. Over one-half of 3rd to 5th graders worry about it.

The study also found that gender discrimination is still alive and well, even at the youngest grades. 84% of girls and 87% of boys, for example, believe that girls are "supposed to be kind and caring," and 88% of girls and 94% of boys believe boys are "supposed to be able to protect themselves and others."

This organization has a few recommendations for parents:

- Provide access to a wide variety of toys (trucks *and* dolls, chemistry sets *and* dress-up clothes) and make it clear that it's okay to play with all of them.
- Alleviate the pressure of high-stakes education. High school grades may matter, but elementary school should be fun – full of exploration, not stress.
- Distribute household tasks evenly. Boys and girls should be given responsibilities in cleaning up and taking care of siblings.

Provide role models. Men and women serve a multitude of roles in society. Introduce your children to men and women across the career spectrum.

QUESTION 4. ANSWER THE TWO BLOCKS OF QUESTIONS:

4.1. Block 1. Pronunciation: (0.90 point)

- In which two words is the ending "-s / -es" pronounced /ɪz/ as in "*finishes*"? takes, generates, watches, encourages, falls, leaves, puts, divides
- In which word are the underlined letters ("ch") pronounced differently? church, character, choice, chair.
- In which two words do the consonants "th" sound /θ/ as in "*thing*"? thrown, though, these, weather, the, thaw, Thames, therefore
- In which word do the vowels "oo" sound the same way as in "*blood*"? food, flood, book, good.

4.2. Block 2. Complete the second sentence of each pair so that it has the same meaning as the first one. You must use the word or expression in italics. (1.6 points)

- We hired someone to declutter our house last summer holidays.
We ... our house ...
- William didn't remember to bring reusable bags so he bought plastic bags.
If William ...
- My mother loves watching Marie Kondo's TV series. However, she doesn't use her tidying method.
Although ...
- Parents should let their children play with trucks and dolls and distribute household tasks evenly.
Not only ...

QUESTION 5. WRITE A COMPOSITION ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS: Why is advertising necessary? Do you think there are too many ads on TV, Internet, etc.? (Approximately 120 words) (2.5 points)

QUESTION 6. WRITE A COMPOSITION ANSWERING THIS QUESTION: What is the strangest thing that ever happened to you? (Approximately 120 words) (2.5 points)