

CERTIFICATE for GENERAL EDUCATION
ELECTIVE ENGLISH
SEMESTER TWO — FIRST SESSION

TIME: 3 hours

TOTAL MARKS: 70

This paper has 2 pages

READING 1 (Items 1 – 4)

Read each text. Then, for the numbered statement, write 'True' or 'False'.

The hotel has excellent facilities and its staff are friendly and efficient. Its prices are also very reasonable. Unfortunately, the hotel's location, fifteen kilometres outside the town, makes it unsuitable for the kind of activities which we are planning.

1. The writer recommends that his company should use the hotel. _____

I was alone in the house. Outside there was a terrible storm. Suddenly the phone rang. I quickly picked up the receiver. "Is that you, Dad?", I said. But nobody answered. I sat down and watched TV, but I couldn't concentrate. Then I saw a dark shape at the window.

2. The writer is very nervous. _____

I began life as Patsy McClenny, but when, at the age of 17, I had a chance to become an actress, a friend of mine told me this name sounded 'ugly'. At first, I was angry with her, but then I had to admit that she was right. So now all my fans know me as 'Stella Fairchild'.

3. The writer has changed her name. _____

Tell your parents where you're going, who with, and when you'll be back. Make sure you know how to get home and give your parents a phone number so they can contact you. If you get lost, be careful who you ask for directions — don't just talk to *anybody*!

4. The writer is giving advice to young people. _____

READING 2 (Items 5 – 10)

Read this letter from Luke to his Russian pen-friend. Then complete the task on page 2.

Hi Alexei! Thanks for your last letter telling me about your family. They sound very normal — you're lucky! Mine are all a bit mad! Take my dad, for example. He works in a bank, but his big hobby is food. As soon as he gets home, he rushes into the kitchen, and starts cooking some wonderful new dish. But they all taste the same to me! Then there's my mum. She's a fitness fanatic, and we don't see much of her in the evenings because she's usually at her sports club. Not at the moment, though, because she broke her leg playing tennis and has to walk with a stick for a few weeks!

As for my little sister Josie, she's so boring! She loves school, studying and even home-work! She hates sweets, TV and parties! Can you believe it? But the worst thing is, whenever she goes out, she takes an umbrella with her, even if the sun's shining! She looks so silly! Granny lives with us, too. She says she's decided to enjoy herself now that she's eighty. So she's given up sewing and started doing parachuting instead! She goes every weekend, but she hasn't broken anything yet... Finally, my Auntie Joan, she's the maddest of all of them! She lives just round the corner, and everything in her house is pink — walls, carpets, curtains, everything! She's even made a pink jacket for her dog! So you see how terrible my life is, Alexei, compared with yours. But what can I do? Write soon. Best wishes, Luke

READING 2 (cont'd)

For each question, write a short answer (**not more than THREE WORDS**).

5. What is Luke's father interested in? _____
6. Where was his mother when she broke her leg? At _____
7. Why does his sister look silly when she goes out? She always _____
8. How old is his grandmother? _____
9. What is his aunt's favourite colour? _____
10. What word does he use to describe his family? _____

WRITING 1

You are a reporter for a local newspaper. Your editor has asked you to write a **NEWS REPORT** about a fire. In your report, use ALL the information in the box. Your writing should be correct and well-organised.

Headline: "Twenty die in factory fire"

*afternoon/ during lunch break

*furniture factory/ near airport

*three buildings/ destroyed

owner/ Klaus Netzer/ German businessman

*stop production/ three months

*factory restaurant/ workers/ lunch

*kitchen/ gas explosion/ fire

*'New Design'/ 500 employees

*put out fire/ late last night

*not enough time/ all workers/ get out

WRITING 2

Write a **letter** of at least 60 words.

Situation: Imagine you have just finished a computer course at the 'Techno Centre'. It was a very good course. Write a letter to your friend (*Faiz/ Faiza*). Tell him/her about the course and why you enjoyed it. Then suggest that he/she takes the same course.

Your name is *Nasir/ Nada*. Do not write an address.

Your letter should be friendly and clear.

WRITING 3

Write at least 100 words on the following topic:

"Everybody should learn how to cook."

— Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

Your writing should be clear and interesting.

Write your answers on your answer paper.