



YASAR UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES  
ENGLISH PREPARATORY CLASS  
FLAT SAMPLE

FIRST NAME & LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
EXAM ROOM: \_\_\_\_\_  
TIME ALLOCATED: 180 minutes

**PART A - LISTENING**

**SECTION 1.**

You will listen to a **TALK** about **SLEEP**. You may take notes as you listen, but they are for your own use in answering the questions and will not be graded. Listen to the recording and answer questions **1-5**.

YOU MAY TAKE NOTES HERE. YOUR NOTES WILL **NOT** BE GRADED.

ANSWER QUESTIONS 1-5 BASED ON THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE RECORDING. YOU MAY USE YOUR NOTES TO HELP YOU.

1. There are \_\_\_\_ steps of sleep that are identified.  
a) two  
b) three  
c) four  
d) **five**
2. What does our brain do when we are sleeping?  
a) It makes plans for the next day.  
b) **It organizes thoughts and experiences.**  
c) It only performs bodily functions.  
d) It creates new ideas.
3. The final stage of sleep is important because it \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) makes our brain work differently  
b) **improves our learning**  
c) helps us concentrate  
d) helps us rest
4. In order to have a good night's sleep you should \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) **sleep in a dark place**  
b) go to bed early  
c) shop online more  
d) have a healthy diet
5. Which of the following is FALSE according to the lecture?  
a) Our sleep can affect our health.  
b) There are two types of sleep.  
c) **Everybody needs the same amount of sleep.**  
d) Modern life can damage the quality of sleep.

## **SECTION 2.**

Listen to a **CONVERSATION** between **A JOURNALIST** and **AN ATHLETE NAMED CHIMOKEL**. You may take notes as you listen, but they are for your own use in answering the questions and will not be graded. Listen to the recording and answer questions **6-10**.

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**ANSWER QUESTIONS 6-10 BASED ON THE INFORMATION DISCUSSED IN THE RECORDING. YOU MAY USE YOUR NOTES TO HELP YOU.**

6. Chimokel became an athlete because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) she wanted to lose weight after birth
  - b) she wanted to have a hobby
  - c) **her family needed money**
  - d) her domestic life was boring
  
7. When did Chimokel decide to become an athlete?
  - a) When her mother died.
  - b) When she was sixteen years old.
  - c) When she became a mother.
  - d) **When her neighbour told her about the prize money.**
  
8. How did Chimokel find money to go to the race in Nairobi?
  - a) She sold potatoes at the local market.
  - b) She worked extra hours at the farm.
  - c) **Her husband sold some of their animals.**
  - d) Her neighbour paid for the ticket.
  
9. What will Chimokel do with the prize money?
  - a) She will spend it to buy athlete's clothes.
  - b) **She will spend it on her children's education.**
  - c) She will buy more farm land.
  - d) She will buy animals for the farm.
  
10. We can understand from the recording that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) the family is angry with Chimokel because of the race
  - b) the family will sell the farm to go to Paris
  - c) Chimokel only runs in the Kenyan countryside
  - d) **Chimokel will continue to join marathons**

## PART B – READING

### TEXT 1.

**READ THE TEXT BELOW AND MATCH THE MOST SUITABLE HEADING FOR EACH PARAGRAPH. THERE IS ONE EXTRA HEADING. (QUESTIONS 11-15)**

#### The Pretenders

1 \_\_\_\_

*The Pretenders* is a very successful and popular TV series. In each programme there is a contestant who has just four weeks to learn to do a completely new job. At the end of the month the contestant has to do a 'test', where s/he has to do the new job together with three other real professionals. A panel of three judges has to decide which of the four people is pretending to be a professional. Sometimes they spot who is pretending, but sometimes they don't!

2 \_\_\_\_

Jessica Winters is a 26-year-old librarian who lives in Southampton with her parents. She studied English Literature at the University of Bath before getting a job in her local library. She didn't know it, but two of her friends sent her name to the TV company to take part in *The Pretenders*. 'When someone from the programme phoned me, I thought it was a joke', said Jessica. 'First of all I said no, but they asked me to think about it. In the end my friends and family persuaded me to say yes.'

3 \_\_\_\_

Jessica had four weeks to turn from a quiet, shy librarian into a confident TV reporter. At the end of the month, she had to do her final test. This was a live TV interview with the Minister of Education. She had to try to make the judges think that she really was a professional reporter.

4 \_\_\_\_

An experienced political journalist, Adam Bowles, and ex-MP Sally Lynch had the job of transforming Jessica. When they first met her, they were not very optimistic. 'Jessica needs to be tougher. She is much too sweet and shy,' said Adam. 'Politicians will eat her alive.' They had just 28 days to teach her to be a reporter.

5 \_\_\_\_

Jessica had to spend the month in London. She was completely isolated from her family and friends – she could only talk to them on the phone. The training was very hard work. She had to learn how to interview people, how to look more confident, how to speak clearly. She also had to learn about the world of politics. 'I am feeling really nervous,' said Jessica. 'I am terrified of the idea of being on TV. Also I've never been interested in politics – I don't know anything about it – I didn't even vote in the last elections.'

I. Experienced Mentors

II. Librarian to TV Reporter

III. The Participant

IV. Professional or Not?

V. The Challenging Judges

VI. The Difficult Path

11. The best heading for paragraph 1 is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) I                      b) II                      c) III                      d) **IV**
12. The best heading for paragraph 2 is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) II                      b) **III**                      c) IV                      d) VI
13. The best heading for paragraph 3 is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) III                      b) IV                      c) I                      d) **II**
14. The best heading for paragraph 4 is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) V                      b) **I**                      c) II                      d) III
15. The best heading for paragraph 5 is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) **VI**                      b) IV                      c) III                      d) I

## TEXT 2.

READ THE TEXT AND CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION THAT ANSWERS EACH QUESTION. (QUESTIONS 16-20)

### Global Pizza

1 It is kind of silly to talk about the moment when pizza was 'invented'. It gradually evolved over the years, but one thing is for certain – it has been around for a very long time. The idea of using pieces of flat, round bread as plates came from the Greeks. They called them 'plakuntos' and ate them with various simple toppings such as oil, garlic, onions, and herbs. The Romans enjoyed eating something similar and called it 'picea'. By about 1000 A.D. in the city of Naples, 'picea' had become 'pizza' and people were experimenting with more toppings: cheese, ham, anchovies, and finally the tomato, brought to Italy from Mexico and Peru in the sixteenth century. Naples became the pizza capital of the world. The world's first pizzeria, the Antica Pizzeria Port'Alba, was opened there in 1830, and it is still open. In 1889, King Umberto I and Queen Margherita heard about pizza and asked to try it. They invited pizza maker, Raffaele Esposito, to make it for them. He decided to make the pizza like the Italian flag, so he used red tomatoes, white mozzarella cheese, and green basil leaves. **That** made both the King and the Queen happy. The Queen loved the pizza so much and the new pizza was named 'Pizza Margherita' in her honor.

2 Pizza migrated to America with the Italians at the end of the nineteenth century. The first pizzeria in the United States was opened in 1905 at 53 Spring Street, New York City, by Gennaro Lombardi. But the popularity of pizza really exploded when American soldiers returned from Italy after World War II and told people how delicious 'that great Italian dish' was. Americans are now the greatest producers and consumers of pizza in the world. There are 61,269 pizzerias in the United States. October is celebrated as the national pizza month all over the country.

16. The aim of this reading is to \_\_\_\_.
  - a) explain why pizza is popular in the United States
  - b) give brief information about the history of pizza
  - c) introduce the best pizza restaurants in the world
  - d) explain how the dish was decided to be called 'pizza'
17. Raffaele Esposito used specific toppings on the pizza for the King and the Queen because \_\_\_\_.
  - a) he wanted to make a gesture
  - b) the Queen requested it
  - c) the King liked those toppings
  - d) he wanted to make it tastier
18. In paragraph 1, the word **That** refers to \_\_\_\_.
  - a) The Italian flag
  - b) Naming the pizza 'Margherita'
  - c) Making an Italian flag colored pizza
  - d) White mozzarella cheese
19. Pizza became popular in the United States \_\_\_\_.
  - a) after the world's first pizzeria was opened there
  - b) because American pizza makers used various toppings
  - c) before the celebration of national pizza month
  - d) because American soldiers coming from Italy praised it a lot
20. Which of the following is TRUE?
  - a) Tomatoes were brought to Italy from Mexico in the nineteenth century.
  - b) Gennaro Lombardi opened the first pizzeria in Naples.
  - c) The oldest pizzeria has been serving pizza for more than 150 years.
  - d) The Greeks called the round and flat bread with toppings on it 'picea'.

### TEXT 3.

READ THE TEXT AND CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION THAT ANSWERS EACH QUESTION. (QUESTIONS 21-25)

## WELCOME TO MEXICO

*COME TO MEXICO FOR YOUR HOLIDAY. THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!*

### Mexico City Tour

The tour focuses on this crowded city of over 20 million people. It is the country's capital and was built on the ruins of Tenochtitlan, dating back to Aztec times. In the centre of the city, there is the Plaza de la Constitucion, which was built from stones taken from this ancient city. A short walk will take you to The Alameda, one of the largest parks in Mexico City. Originally an Aztec marketplace, it is now surrounded by museums, lively shops and restaurants. You can enjoy live performances within a reasonable price range.

### Puerto Vallarta

Situated at the skirts of the great Sierra Madre Mountains, romantic Puerto Vallarta is little more than an hour's flight away from the capital. You will fall in love with the charm of the Mexican village atmosphere with its cobblestone streets, fine old buildings and beautiful squares. Puerto Vallarta's white sandy beaches stretch for over a hundred miles of unspoilt coastline; thus, you will certainly be able to find a peaceful spot to relax.

### Guadalajara

Guadalajara is located in the heart of the country and is the second largest city in Mexico. It has a rich history and has maintained its Spanish colonial atmosphere. Guadalajara is where 'mariachi' music, the Mexican Hat Dance, the sombrero and the Mexican rodeo originated. If you're lucky enough to be in the city during the October Festival, you will have the opportunity to see the rodeo and witness breathtaking displays of horsemanship.

### Acapulco

Acapulco, situated on the Pacific coast, is undoubtedly the most famous of Mexico's cities and is known for its glamour and luxury. One of the hotels you can stay in stretches for ten miles around Acapulco Bay and there are beaches where you can do water sports or relax. If you are an adventurer, you can join the cliff divers who jump from unbelievably high cliffs into the shallow water below.

21. \_\_\_\_\_ is the home of a special kind of music.  
a) Mexico City  
b) Puerto Vallarta  
c) Guadalajara  
d) Acapulco
22. Which place was built on the site of an ancient city?  
a) Acapulco  
b) Mexico City  
c) Guadalajara  
d) Puerto Vallarta
23. If you would like to visit a traditional village, you would prefer \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Puerto Vallarta  
b) Mexico City  
c) Acapulco  
d) Guadalajara
24. Which of the following is FALSE?  
a) Guadalajara was a part of the Spanish colony in the past.  
b) Puerto Vallarta takes a bit more than an hour away from the capital by plane.  
c) Mexico City is the capital city of Mexico.  
d) Acapulco is located in the mountains.
25. Where should you visit if you like to experience modern Mexican city life?  
a) Puerto Vallarta  
b) Acapulco  
c) Guadalajara  
d) Mexico City

#### TEXT 4.

READ THE TEXT AND CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION THAT ANSWERS EACH QUESTION. (QUESTIONS 26-30)



1 Stanley Kubrick worked on the film *A.I. Artificial Intelligence* for nearly 20 years. After his death in 1999, he wanted Steven Spielberg to take over and direct it. The film is, therefore, an interesting mixture of terrifying Kubrick and emotional Spielberg.

2 *A.I.* is set in the distant future. Technology is very advanced and robots do many of the difficult and boring jobs humans did before. Due to the world's limited resources, however, humans have to limit the number of children they have. Monica and Henry Swinton's son becomes terminally ill. Their only way of having another child is to go to a company called Cybertronics. The company creates David, a new kind of child robot. David is programmed to love, and be loved in return by humans. These new robots can be the children that many humans could never have.

3 The Swintons have problems with David, however, and decide to return him to Cybertronics to have him destroyed. But at the last minute, Monica feels she can't, so she takes him to the woods and leaves him there. In the woods, David remembers the story about Pinocchio who was turned into a real boy by the Blue Fairy. David decides he's going to find the Blue Fairy who will turn him into a real boy. Then, he believes, his human family will have him back.

4 *A.I. Artificial Intelligence* includes the best of both Spielberg and Kubrick. Spielberg wants to make us feel good and tell us about things we know. But this is not a film for young children. Kubrick's frightening influence is there too. He wants to disturb us, and show us things we don't want to see.

26. In the text, the writer is trying to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) tell you not to see the film  
b) describe how the film was made  
c) tell the whole story of the film  
d) **give a general opinion about the film**
27. Somebody would read the text in order to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) **decide whether to see the film**  
b) find out more about robots  
c) find out about future technology  
d) learn about Kubrick's life
28. The Swintons cannot have another human child because \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) their son is ill and he may die  
b) they are both ill and not able to look after another one  
c) **there is a limit on the number of children you can have**  
d) they have so many robots in the house
29. David wants to be a real boy because he wants to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) be like Pinocchio in the story  
b) **go back to the Swintons**  
c) find a fairy  
d) destroy Monica
30. What is the writer's overall opinion of the film?  
a) The Spielberg/Kubrick partnership didn't work well.  
b) **It is a good film but only for teenagers and adults.**  
c) It is very disturbing and he doesn't want to see it again.  
d) It is a film that makes you feel good.

## PART C – WRITING

### TASK 1.

WRITE A 5-PARAGRAPH OPINION ESSAY IN RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTION. (MINIMUM 350 WORDS)

**Do you think life is difficult for teenagers?**

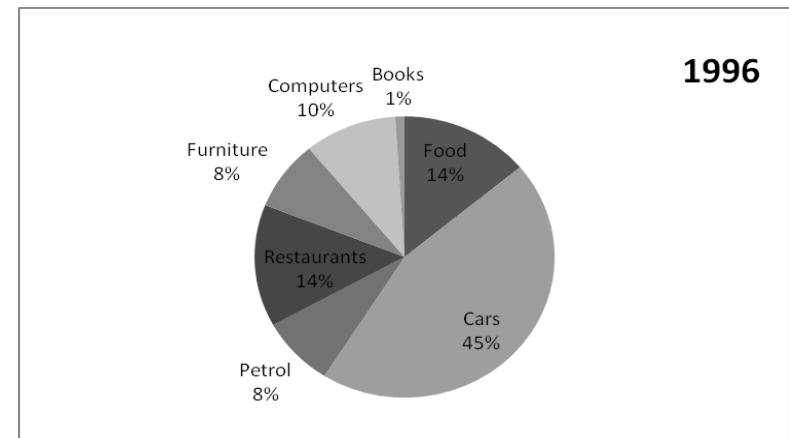
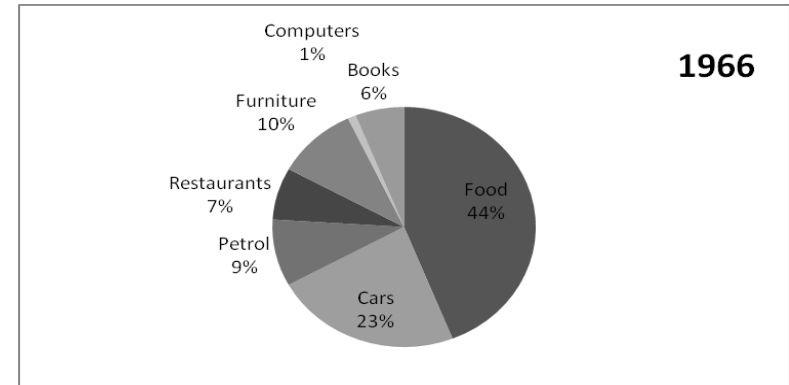
- You are advised to plan your writing before you start.
- The ideas in the box below are given to help you produce more ideas for your essay. You can use some of them to help you, but this is **optional**.
- Your plans / notes will **not** be graded.
- The essay will be graded according to;
  - how well-organized your ideas are,
  - how fully developed and elaborated your ideas are,
  - how well you incorporate the language.

- Generation gap with parents
- Low concentration level
- Changing body
- No responsibility
- Social life
- Being brave

### TASK 2.

LOOK AT THE GRAPHS BELOW.

DESCRIBE THE GRAPHS BY WRITING A PARAGRAPH REFERRING TO THE MAIN FEATURES. (MINIMUM 120 WORDS)



**USE THE SHEETS PROVIDED AT THE END OF THE EXAM BOOKLET TO DO THE WRITING TASKS.**





## SECTION 2. ERROR RECOGNITION

EACH ITEM HAS ONE MISTAKE. CHOOSE THE UNDERLINED WORD/PHRASE THAT HAS THE MISTAKE. (QUESTIONS 41-45)

41. I have been looking for the person who car is parked in front of my car for an hour.  
a) b) c) d)
42. Your mother would have a Yorkshire Terrier when she was a young girl, didn't she?  
a) b) c) d)
43. Because of her superior ability, she is far the best executive in the company.  
a) b) c) d)
44. She didn't really want to go to Mexico, but Tony managed persuading her somehow.  
a) b) c) d)
45. A friend of mine asked me whether how I was able to finish all the work by myself.  
a) b) c) d)

**DO NOT WRITE HERE.**

### SECTION 3. CLOZE TEST

#### CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION. (QUESTIONS 46-55)

Michael Jordan 46) \_\_\_\_\_, without doubt, one of the most talented players in the history of basketball. He was born in New York in 1963, but he actually 47) \_\_\_\_\_ most of his childhood years in North California along with his two brothers and two sisters.

As a child, Michael 48) \_\_\_\_\_ baseball, football and basketball. As he grew older, however, his love for basketball 49) \_\_\_\_\_. In 1984, he 50) \_\_\_\_\_ the Chicago Bulls. Michael led the team to victory in three Championships (1991, 1992 and 1993), at the same time gaining thousands of fans all over the world.

Michael gave up professional basketball in 1999 and since then he 51) \_\_\_\_\_ in a number of charities which 52) \_\_\_\_\_ children. His goal 53) \_\_\_\_\_ no longer to score points on the basketball court, but to do his best to help as many children in the US as possible. Nowadays, he 54) \_\_\_\_\_ to give seminars all around the US about the needs of homeless children. His first talk 55) \_\_\_\_\_ in his hometown in New York.

46.	a) was	b) <b>is</b>	c) had been	d) will be
47.	a) spends	b) had spent	c) <b>spent</b>	d) has spent
48.	a) was playing	b) <b>played</b>	c) will play	d) is playing
49.	a) <b>developed</b>	b) had developed	c) develops	d) is going to develop
50.	a) had joined	b) has been joining	c) was joining	d) <b>joined</b>
51.	a) participates	b) had participated	c) participated	d) <b>has participated</b>
52.	a) are supporting	b) supported	c) <b>support</b>	d) are going to support
53.	a) <b>is</b>	b) had been	c) was	d) is going to be
54.	a) <b>is also planning</b>	b) was also planning	c) also planned	d) is also going to plan
55.	a) has probably been	b) was probably	c) is probably	d) <b>will probably be</b>

### SECTION 4. CLOZE TEST

#### CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION. (QUESTIONS 56-65)

Three centuries 56) \_\_\_\_\_, people had shorter lives. In 1700, insurance companies put the average life expectancy of a new-born baby at only fourteen years! The average life expectancy in the world today is sixty-six years, and in some countries it is 57) \_\_\_\_\_ higher: in Japan or France, for example, the average is more than eighty. This is mainly 58) \_\_\_\_\_ better diet, better hygiene and better healthcare. Even in the olden days though, it is interesting that 59) \_\_\_\_\_ people survived to be an adult they often lived to be sixty or seventy. Having children was more dangerous in those days: one in every nine women died in childbirth. Even so, women 60) \_\_\_\_\_ have many more children 61) \_\_\_\_\_ they do today: in 1800 the average American family had seven children - today the average is less than two. Perhaps the reason for this was that so many babies died. One reason that there were so 62) \_\_\_\_\_ diseases was that people knew much less about hygiene: even rich people didn't use to wash much - many people thought that it was dangerous to take a bath, so they often bathed only once or twice a year. Instead they used perfume 63) \_\_\_\_\_ body odours. Poor people didn't even have toilets or clean water and most had lice in their hair, bodies, clothes and beds. There was 64) \_\_\_\_\_ toothpaste in those days either and only rich people used toothbrushes. Of course, toothache was very common, but there were no professional dentists until 65) \_\_\_\_\_ middle of the nineteenth century. Before that, if you had a toothache, you had to go to the barber's. He not only cut hair, but also used to take out teeth and perform other small operations.

56.	a) <b>ago</b>	b) for	c) since	d) already
57.	a) by far	b) many	c) <b>much</b>	d) few
58.	a) despite	b) <b>because of</b>	c) because	d) although
59.	a) while	b) before	c) <b>if</b>	d) during
60.	a) are able to	b) had to	c) should	d) <b>used to</b>
61.	a) <b>than</b>	b) of	c) in	d) as
62.	a) <b>many</b>	b) much	c) little	d) enough
63.	a) cover	b) <b>to cover</b>	c) covering	d) to covering
64.	a) any	b) <b>no</b>	c) too	d) enough
65.	a) X	b) an	c) a	d) <b>the</b>

## **SECTION 5. SENTENCE TRANSFORMATION**

**CHOOSE THE ANSWER THAT HAS THE CLOSEST MEANING TO THE SENTENCE GIVEN.  
(QUESTIONS 66-70)**

66. It's two weeks since I bought this television.  
a) I am going to buy this television two weeks from now.  
b) I didn't have this television a week ago.  
c) **I have had this television for two weeks.**  
d) The last time I had a television was a week ago.
67. She doesn't feel well today, that's why she won't attend the meeting.  
a) If she doesn't feel well today, she would attend the meeting.  
b) She won't attend the meeting if she feels well today.  
c) She won't feel well if she attends the meeting today.  
d) **She would attend the meeting if she felt well today.**
68. I think Rome is a wonderful city but there are other cities that I like too.  
a) Other cities are slightly more wonderful than Rome.  
b) Rome is the most wonderful city in the world.  
c) **Rome is one of the most wonderful cities in the world.**  
d) Other cities are far more wonderful than Rome.
69. Mary asked John 'Did you complete the report on time?'  
a) Mary asked John if he has completed the report on time.  
b) **Mary asked John whether he had completed the report on time.**  
c) Mary asked John who had completed the report on time.  
d) Mary asked John when the report was completed.
70. Her book was published last year. It became a best seller.  
a) Her book became a best seller then it was published.  
b) Her book became a best seller where it was published.  
c) Her book was published when it became a best seller.  
d) **Her book which was published last year became a best seller.**

**DO NOT WRITE HERE.**