Keynote Proficient End-of-course Test A

Answer Key and Mark Schemes

Paper 1: Reading and Use of English

Questions 1–24 carry one mark.

Part 1

1 C 2 A 3 B 4 D 5 A 6 B 7 D 8 C

Part 2

9 as

10 who

11 to

12 in / into

13 such

14 it

15 with

16 any / an / this

Part 3

17 inclination

18 outlook

19 opposing

20 naturally

21 equipped

22 unpredictability

23 disposition

24 ironically

Questions 25–30 carry up to two marks.

Part 4

25 came clean about leaving

26 with exceptional communication skills are highly sought

27 not to make sweeping generalizations / generalisations
OR to avoid making sweeping generalizations / generalisations

28 it really got my back up

29 dehydrating is a misconception held by

30 took it with a pinch of salt

Questions 31–43 carry two marks.

Part 5

31 C 32 B 33 A 34 D 35 B 36 C

Part 6

37 B 38 E 39 H 40 A 41 F 42 C 43 G D not used

Questions 44–53 carry one mark.

Part 7

44 B 45 C 46 A 47 D 48 E 49 D 50 A 51 C 52 B 53 E

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Paper 2: Writing

Parts 1 and 2 each carry twenty marks. Take into account the following points:

- Is the length of the piece of writing appropriate?
  (Part 1 answers should be 240–280 words, Part 2 answers should be 280–320 words.)
- Is all the content relevant to the task?
- Is the target reader fully informed and are complex ideas clearly communicated in an effective way?
- Has the writer shown a complete command of the conventions of the particular genre of writing?
- Does the text hold the reader's attention easily?
- Is the piece of writing impressively organized?
- Does the piece of writing flow well and use a wide variety of linking words effectively and flexibly?
- Does the text use a wide range of vocabulary, including less common items of vocabulary, accurately, effectively and with style?
- Is the use of grammar sophisticated, fully controlled and very natural?
- Are any mistakes that are made very minor and extremely infrequent?

Part 1

Key points text 1:

- We live in a society obsessed with being happy.
- Happiness is elusive and the harder we try to reach that state, the further away it seems to be.

Key points text 2:

- Happiness is not an end in itself but a by-product of our experiences.
- Appreciating fleeting moments does not end suffering in the wider world but prompts us to actively seek them out.

Plus students' own ideas

Part 2

2/3/4 Student's own choice and answer

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Paper 3: Listening

Questions 1–30 carry one mark.

Part 1

1 C 2 A 3 B 4 A 5 C 6 B

Part 2

7 apprehensive

8 norms

9 flowers

10 slippers

11 shrimp

12 parallel

13 (physical) discomfort

14 board games

15 Table Manners

Part 3

16 D 17 C 18 D 19 B
20 A

Part 4

21 A 22 B 23 E 24 H 25 F
26 F 27 D 28 G 29 C 30 E

Paper 4: Speaking

This paper carries a total of 15 marks. There are three parts to the paper. For each part a mark is given out of five for each student.
Take into account the following points:

- Does the student use a wide range of grammatical forms appropriately, flexibly and accurately?
- Does the student use a wide range of vocabulary appropriately and flexibly?
- Does the student use a good range of linking words?
- Are his or her contributions relevant?
- Is the student able to exchange views on unfamiliar and abstract topics?
- Is he or she capable of extended and fairly complex utterances?
- Are longer contributions fluent, well structured and involve very little hesitation?
- Are contributions relevant, easily understood, varied and detailed?
- Is the student's pronunciation clear enough to understand him or her easily?
- Is the student's intonation appropriate and sufficiently expressive?
- Is sentence and word stress generally accurately placed?
- Does the student respond with ease and in an appropriate way to questions and statements from others?
- Does the student skilfully maintain the conversation, for example by asking questions or making suggestions?

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