

Internal Certification Exam (C1)

ANSWER KEY – MODEL EXAM

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READING - Exercise 1 – Paragraph Gap-Fill – 12 marks

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| 1: G | 2: D | 3: A | 4: F | 5: C | 6: E |
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READING - Exercise 2 – Multiple Choice – 6 marks

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| 7: C | 8: A | 9: C | 10: D | 11: D | 12: C |
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USE OF ENGLISH – Exercise 3 – Sentence transformations – 12 marks

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| 13: does not/doesn't earn NEARLY so/a (ALSO POSSIBLE: does not/doesn't make NEARLY so/as) |
| 14: being PULLED down and (being) replaced / to be replaced (ALSO POSSIBLE: to be PULLED down and replaced) |
| 15: THE highest (that/ which) it has ever/ it's ever |
| 16: disappointing/ a disappointment in COMPARISON with/to |
| 17: in SPITE of a/her lack |
| 18: warning about/ regarding/ concerning the DANGERS of/when cycling |

USE OF ENGLISH – Exercise 4 – Word- building – 8 marks

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| 19: OVERCOME | 23: INABILITY |
| 20: FITNESS | 24: STRENGTH |
| 21: ENDURANCE | 25: TYPICALLY |
| 22: BENEFICIAL | 26: SEVERITY |

LISTENING – Exercise 5 – Extracts – 6 marks

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| 1: A | 2: B | 3: C | 4: A | 5: C | 6: A |
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LISTENING – Exercise 6 – Sentence completion – 8 marks

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| 7: report | 11: needle(s) |
| 8: fire | 12: (deep) orange |
| 9: (red) tea | 13: paradise |
| 10: safari truck | 14: roof |

LISTENING – Exercise 7 – Multiple choice – 6 marks

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| 15: C | 16: B | 17: C | 18: B | 19: A | 20: D |
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POSSIBLE ANSWER FOR WRITING TASK

In regard of a recent discussion about the facilities, which are financially supported by local authorities, I would like to write a few of my personal thoughts. Whether we are talking about sports centres or public gardens, there is no doubt that they are both a good thing to have in the city and should both be supported somehow. The only question then is which one of these is more important, what are the pros and cons of each one?

Let me start with the sport centres as I think these are a bit more problematic. Obviously, in our times where lots of people spend days sitting in their office staring at a computer, some sort of physical training is very important. We have to balance that shift in our lifestyles. The problem I see with supporting the sports centres is the number of activities that you can do at these days. There is almost countless list of either individual or team sports that we can think of, and each centre is usually designed for a specific type or at least a group of sports similar in its nature. Therefore I think that it is too difficult to support them equally and we can't say which activity is better than the others either. Another reason for not financing sports as much as green parks is their commercial use. What I mean by that is that we usually pay for everything the centre offers us to do and therefore they are more able to last from their own money than gardens.

Regarding of the green spaces, the situation is much clearer I think. Every city needs gardens where people can sit and relax, but nobody is going to pay a tax for just walking around.

These factors lead me to my conclusion, that the public gardens are definitely a facility which should be financed from public money, whereas in the case of sports centres, the situation is questionable.

EXAMINER COMMENTS

| Subscale | Mark | Commentary |
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| Content | 5/5 | All content is relevant to the task and the target reader would be fully informed. The candidate discusses two of the options (sports centres and green spaces). Although the essay is slightly unbalanced, focusing mainly on sports centres, this is justified in the essay: <i>Let me start with the sport centres as I think these are a bit more problematic</i> . Likewise, the brief treatment of parks is explained, and what follows is enough to inform the reader fully: <i>Regarding of the green spaces, the situation is much clearer</i> . |
| Communicative Achievement | 4/5 | The conventions of the communicative task are used effectively, holding the target reader's attention with ease. The register and tone are consistent and the language choices are sufficiently formal and appropriate throughout, particularly the opening and closing paragraphs, <i>The only question then is which one of these is more important, what are the pros and cons of each one?; These factors lead me to my conclusion</i> . There is lots of personal opinion, rather than objective opinion based on a generally assumed view: <i>I would like to write a few of my personal thoughts; I think these are; The problem I see</i> , but straightforward and more complex ideas are nevertheless communicated. A more objective approach would have been more suited to this essay task, which is to discuss the idea in general terms rather than in the candidate's own experience. |
| Organisation | 4/5 | The essay is well organised and coherent, and the different ideas are clearly signposted throughout: <i>Let me start with; Therefore; Another reason; Regarding</i> . The target reader can easily follow the argument. The paragraphs are internally well constructed, and are linked together appropriately. In terms of organisational patterns, the overall effect is generally good, rather than good throughout, due to the imbalance of length between the second and third paragraphs. |
| Language | 4/5 | A range of vocabulary, including less common lexis, is used effectively, although not always precisely: <i>we have to balance that shift in our lifestyles</i> . A wide range of simple and complex grammatical forms is used with control and flexibility, particularly in terms of sentence construction: <i>Obviously, in our times where lots of people spend days sitting in their office staring at a computer, some sort of physical training is very important</i> . Although there are occasional errors, these are often slips and do not impede communication: <i>you can do at these days; there is almost countless list</i> . |