

MOCK EXAMINATION NO. 1 (B2)

PART ONE – READING

(25 points)

1. Read the text below and choose the correct option (a, b or c) for sentences 1.1.–1.7.

(____/14 points)

A Hotel Staffed by Robots

Would you stay in a hotel staffed by robots? A hotel staffed by robots may sound too futuristic to be true, but this is actually happening within Huis Ten Bosch theme park in Nagasaki.

The world's first hotel staffed almost entirely by robots opened in Japan not a long time ago. Too futuristic to be true? It is here now and functioning successfully. Located in Huis Ten Bosch theme park in Nagasaki, the hotel whose name 'Henn-na' translates as 'strange hotel,' is pushing the boundaries of robotics. For some hotel guests the experience may prove extremely **disconcerting**. How far should we **trust** an android?

Be reassured, though; the hotel **blurb** says 'please feel free to enjoy conversing with these warm and friendly robots as they efficiently go about their work.' And there are some humans around to ensure everything is running as it should.

The reception desk in this 72-roomed hotel is **staffed** by a trio of robots, who **blink**, appear to breathe and politely guide you towards your check-in.

Not all are humanoid. There's also a robotic dinosaur to help check you in, but whatever their shape, they are polite, speak English, Japanese and Korean. Luggage is **whisked away** by an automated trolley and delivered to your room.

Doors are **fitted** with facial recognition technology so no key cards are needed and the room temperature is regulated according to your own body heat. Each room comes with its own bedside, doll-like robot in pink and white with three hearts on its forehead. It acts as your in-room **concierge** and will tell you the weather forecast, the time and turn the lights on or off when you are **tucked** in bed.

There is a tablet device (depending on room type) where you can watch TV and order room service delivered by robots who also clean the rooms.

There's no mini-bar or bathrobes but there are modern **amenities** such as hair drier and kettle and Wi-Fi is available throughout the hotel.

The robots have been designed by a company called Kokoro who has been developing 'actroids' for more than a decade. And the concept of a hotel served by robots is the brain-child of Hideo Sawada, president of Huis Ten Bosch. He said 'In the future 90 per cent of the hotel's services could be carried out by robots.' Does that mean they won't need **tipping**?

This may seem disconcerting as you wonder how a world without the human touch will feel even though efficiency levels may be higher and budget travellers can enjoy lower room rates. And how **lonesome** will it be for a solo traveller whose only engagement is with a machine?

And yes there will be some humans on staff but there is the uncomfortable thought that for every robot in service a human being may have been sacrificed.

Rooms **rates** at the Henn-na Hotel start from around £40 (¥7,000) per night.

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1.1. The hotel

- a. will form part of a business complex.
- b. is already part of an amusement park.
- c. used to be part of a theme park.

1.2. The Henn-na Hotel

- a. employs only robots.
- b. employs mostly robots.
- c. employs three robots.

1.3. Visitors are encouraged

- a. not to feel shy to talk to the robots.
- b. not to disturb the robots when they are at work.
- c. to help the robots work more efficiently.

1.4. The robots at the reception desk of the hotel

- a. look exactly like human beings.
- b. don't resemble humans in any way.
- c. take a variety of forms.

1.5. Your luggage is carried to your room by

- a. a robotic dinosaur.
- b. a porter.
- c. a special electronic device.

- 1.6. To switch the lights on or off in their room a guest needs to
- say a password to a doll with three hearts.
 - call a concierge at the reception.
 - use a special robot.
- 1.7. During your stay at the hotel there is no need to bring your own
- bathrobes.
 - hair drier.
 - favourite beverages.

2. Match the words / phrases in bold from the text with their definitions (2.1.–2.11.).

There are two extra words / phrases you do not need to use.

(____/11 points)

- 2.1. _____ - equipped
- 2.2. _____ - rely on, believe that something will work well
- 2.3. _____ - making you feel confused or worried
- 2.4. _____ - a short description giving information about and promoting a product or service
- 2.5. _____ - taken fast from one place to another
- 2.6. _____ - a person in a hotel whose job is to help guests by giving them information they may need
- 2.7. _____ - put into a safe and comfortable space
- 2.8. _____ - to open and close eyes
- 2.9. _____ - things or services that make a place more comfortable or easier to stay in
- 2.10. _____ - amounts of money which you have to pay for a product or service
- 2.11. _____ - giving an additional sum of money to a waiter, taxi driver, porter etc.

READING TOTAL		25
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PART TWO – GRAMMAR

(20 points)

1. Use the word given in brackets in the correct form to fill in the sentence.

(____/5 points)

- 1.1. This is the _____ interesting story I have ever read. (**little**)
- 1.2. Some celebrities are good at _____ the attention of paparazzi. (**attract**)
- 1.3. My sister is an excellent driver. She can drive really _____. (**good**)
- 1.4. I feel exhausted! I _____ all day. (**work**)
- 1.5. Her exam results were much _____ than mine. (**bad**)

2. Circle the correct answer a, b, c or d to make a logical and grammatically correct sentence.

(____/10 points)

- 2.1. We can't afford a taxi. We've got very _____ money left. Let's take a bus.
 - few
 - little
 - much
 - some
- 2.2. When I graduate from university, _____ a vet.
 - I'm being
 - I'm going to be
 - I'll have been
 - I have been
- 2.3. You _____ to be born rich to become a billionaire.
 - must
 - mustn't
 - don't need
 - should
- 2.4. She composed her first song when she was seven, _____?
 - wasn't she
 - didn't she
 - doesn't she
 - was she
- 2.5. I _____ be overweight but now I'm pretty slim.
 - use to
 - would
 - used to
 - was used to
- 2.6. As soon as my sister _____ in London, she'll give us a call.
 - will arrive
 - arrive
 - arrived
 - arrives

- 2.7. If they'd watched that great documentary about the problem of immigration, they _____ such silly comments yesterday.
- wouldn't have made
 - wouldn't make
 - hadn't made
 - didn't make
- 2.8. Sean's bike, _____ he had got as a birthday present, was stolen last night.
- that
 - who
 - whose
 - which
- 2.9. I wasn't sure what my boss would say because I _____ him long.
- didn't know
 - wasn't knowing
 - don't know
 - hadn't known
- 2.10. I'd lost my passport but luckily I _____ find it before my trip to Peru.
- managed to
 - could
 - was able
 - would

3. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one.

(____/ 5 points)

- 3.1. The last time I saw my friend was two years ago.
I _____ my friend for two years.
- 3.2. The secretary has informed the managers about the problem.
The managers _____ about the problem.
- 3.3. Where did you spend your last holidays?
Could you tell me where _____ your last holidays?
- 3.4. My advice is that you should invest in your education.
If I _____ invest in your education.
- 3.5. 'Don't forget to pay the rent next week', she told her husband.
She reminded _____ the rent the following week.

GRAMMAR TOTAL		20
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PART THREE – VOCABULARY

(20 points)

1. Choose a, b, c or d to make the correct sentence.

(____/15 points)

- 1.1. The Vikings are believed to have _____ America many years before Christopher Columbus landed there.
- discovered
 - invented
 - investigated
 - created
- 1.2. Their son is fifteen years old, so he is a/an _____. It's a difficult stage in his life!
- preschooler
 - adult
 - teenager
 - grown-up
- 1.3. The professor _____ to her students for being ten minutes late for the lecture.
- moaned
 - apologised
 - complained
 - commented
- 1.4. Your secretary tried to get _____ of you but your mobile was dead.
- touch
 - contact
 - hold
 - catch
- 1.5. Mary overslept and _____ her train. As a result, she turned up late for an important exam.
- lost
 - missed
 - mistook
 - forgot
- 1.6. My brother is always telling me what to do. I wish he weren't so_____!
- loyal
 - moody
 - bossy
 - sensible
- 1.7. These shoes were a real _____, they cost less than usual and are good value.
- bargain
 - occasion
 - discount
 - refund
- 1.8. 'Do you think you could _____ me your bike for two days?'
- borrow
 - lend
 - own
 - donate
- 1.9. This beautiful carpet was made _____ hand.
- of
 - with
 - on
 - by

- 1.10. Sue's boss is a real _____ in the neck! He's always calling her when she's out with her friends.
 a. evil b. nuisance
 c. ache d. pain
- 1.11. Marlon Brando was _____ brilliant in that movie I saw last night.
 a. a bit b. very
 c. slightly d. absolutely
- 1.12. In spite of his age, my grandfather can use a computer well. I'm proud that he is computer_____
 a. wise b. clever
 c. literate d. intelligent
- 1.13. 'Are you sure that you will be able to _____ with this problem on your own?'
 a. solve b. resolve
 c. handle d. deal
- 1.14. John couldn't work online as his laptop was out of _____.
 a. work b. order
 c. operation d. function
- 1.15. The invention of the _____ has meant that it is much quicker and easier for people to wash their dirty clothes.
 a. wash-tub b. dish-washer
 c. vacuum cleaner d. washing machine

2. Use the word in brackets to form the word that best fits the space.

(____/5 points)

- 2.1. Due to the recent economic crisis more and more people cannot find work and, therefore, the rate of _____ has risen. (EMPLOY)
- 2.2. Car exhaust fumes and coal burning cause a lot of _____ in my city. (POLLUTE)
- 2.3. To avoid accidents and collisions you must drive your vehicle very _____. (CARE)
- 2.4. You should use _____ jargon in academic presentations. (SCIENCE)
- 2.5. All _____ should go to Room 124, where the interviews will take place. (APPLY)

VOCABULARY TOTAL		20
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PART FOUR – LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS

(10 points)

1. Complete the dialogues using the expressions from the list by writing a letter (a-m) in the space provided.

There are three expressions you do not need to use.

(____/10 points)

a. HELP YOURSELF b. DO YOU THINK I OUGHT c. HOW ABOUT d. THE WAY I SEE IT	e. I'M AFRAID f. YOU'RE KIDDING g. GO AHEAD h. WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU MEAN i. NOT AT ALL	j. LET ME HAVE A LOOK k. I'D RATHER l. WHY DON'T WE m. COULD YOU SAY THAT
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A&B, a young couple discussing holiday plans:

- A:** Sweetheart! There is something we need to discuss.
B: Sure, 1.)_____ with it but be brief, please. I'm sorry, I'm in kind of a rush.
A: 2.)_____ I have got some bad news.
B: 3.)_____ by saying that you've got bad news?
A: I'm afraid we won't be able to afford any holidays this summer.
B: I don't get what you're heading for. 4.)_____ again, please?
A: We've run out of savings and we can't afford any holidays this year. That's what I've just said.
B: 5.)_____ borrow some money from your parents? I really need to take a break or I'll go mad.
A: Oh, come on! From my parents? 6.)_____! They are always saying they never have any spare cash and anyway they have just bought a new yacht.
B: 7.)_____ taking out a small credit?
A: You know how I hate being in debt. 8.)_____ we didn't borrow any money.
B: I know. But 9.)_____, a small debt won't do us any harm. Don't be ridiculous!
A: OK! 10.)_____ at the bank statement and we'll think it over again. I promise.

LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS TOTAL		10
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GENERAL ENGLISH TOTAL		75
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