

Read the following text and then answer the questions on the opposite page.

Trapped: the former couples who can't afford to move on

A. Circle the correct answer for each question

1. What is this text mainly about?

- a) The burden of childcare for poor families.
- b) The effect of the economic crisis on the housing market.
- c) ***The impact of recession on couples who want to lead separate lives.***
- d) The increase in the number of marriage break-ups.

2. With the economic crisis more couples decide to...

- a) ***continue to live under the same roof, even after the relationship has finished***
- b) fight for shared custody of their children after their marriage has failed.
- c) postpone breaking their relationship.
- d) share the cost of childcare.

3. In the last two years, Relate counsellors have found that more couples split up because they...

- a) are too busy looking for a job.
- b) ***are under financial pressure.***
- c) can't afford the time to start a counselling course.
- d) do not finish counselling programmes.

4. According to the text, a direct consequence of the government's austerity measures is that...

- a) children tend to harm each other more.
- b) couples with marital difficulties are also having drinking problems.
- c) house prices are going up faster.
- d) ***the population's mental well-being may suffer.***

5. Campbell Robb, from Shelter, warns that...

- a) couples find it increasingly difficult to move in together.
- b) many couples decide not to have children nowadays.
- c) ***running two homes is not an option for some separating couples.***
- d) some families have to share their accommodation with other families.

B. Which of these statements are true (T) and which are false (F)?

FALSE 1. Childless couples that split up are more likely to have problems to pay up their mortgage.

FALSE 2. According to Sutherland, the accommodation issue mostly affects job seekers.

TRUE 3. The cost of looking after children in Britain is significantly more expensive than on the continent.

TRUE 4. After their parent's separation, Adela and Tanek's children still lived with both of them.

FALSE 5. Having moved back into the family home, Adela and Tanek have realised they want to have a life together.

KEY-TASK 2: CLOZE TEST

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Read the text below and fill the gaps with the words provided. Every word can only be used ONCE. The first gap has been done as an example. There are 9 words that you don't need to use.

Standing Room On Aeroplanes: A Possibility

The (0) _____ cost-cutting idea from budget airlines is (1) _____ passengers to stand. Michael Ryan, the CEO of Ryanair, is seriously considering this option. Ryanair is one of Europe's biggest airlines. It carried 5.84 million passengers in June, which is 13% more than a year (2) _____. Mr. Ryan says his airline is so popular because it is so cheap. Most of Ryanair's flights are short hops to Europe. This (3) _____ the idea of standing for an hour or so on an aeroplane a workable one. Ryan said that many people stand for over an hour on a train, so it (4) _____ be no problem on an aeroplane. He told reporters he would (5) _____ be prepared to offer flights for free to passengers who stood. He said he could squeeze in 50 per cent more people and cut costs by 20 per cent.

Michael Ryan has changed the way many people think about air travel. His focus is on cutting out unnecessary services and so reducing (6) _____. One idea he is still thinking about is to ask passengers to pay one euro (around a dollar) to use the toilet. He said he could (7) _____ two toilets on board the aeroplane and put in extra seats. The extra revenue would reduce costs and (8) _____ the price of airline tickets. He said asking passengers to pay would (9) _____ them to use the toilets at the airports. Ryan has also talked about a "fat tax" on overweight travellers. His standing room idea, however, might not take off. All airlines must (10) _____ to strict international safety

standards. Everybody over the age of two must have a seat.

After	Animate	Business	Does	Earlier
Encourage	Even	Fares	For	Latest
Makes	Moreover	Ought	Remove	Retake
Should	Spending	Stick	That	Therefore

ANSWERS:

0	Latest		6	Fares	
1	For		7	Remove	
2	Earlier		8	Therefore	
3	Makes		9	Encourage	
4	Should		10	Stick	
5	Even				

TASK 1 / VIDEO LISTENING	10
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You are going to watch a video about Andy Warhol.

On the following statements, spot the mistakes and give the correct information. Do not use more than 4 words. The first question (0) has been done as an example. You will watch the video 3 times in total.

0. A portrait of Marilyn Monroe, painted by Warhol, was sold for 28 million.

Warhol didn't paint it

1. The Media used Warhol's eccentric art to turn his friends into celebrities.

He exploited the Media

2. Andy Warhol has influenced Facebook, music, magazines and TV ads.

Reality TV

3. In Pittsburg, Warhol's hometown, people do not care about him.

They are proud

4. His parents lived in the suburbs during the Great Depression.

A slum ghetto

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| 5. The presenter shows us Warhol's old poor house. | A museum |
| 6. Life was difficult and a Campbell tomato soup became common supper. | A treat |
| 7. When he was eight he went down with an infectious disease. | Neurological disorder |
| 8. He was given chocolate bars when he made good collages. | A good drawing |
| 9. He seldom went to church but he enjoyed looking at religious images. | Regular visits / weekends |
| 10. His future works clearly showed his childhood early fears. | Passions |

TASK 2 / AUDIO LISTENING	10
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You are going to listen to a radio extract of an interview with a war correspondent. You will hear the extract twice. State if the following statements are TRUE or FALSE.

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| TRUE | 1. Being a war correspondent is not as dangerous as people imagine. |
| TRUE | 2. If you are a journalist, the different sides in the conflict wouldn't want you to see what's going on. |
| FALSE | 3. You are really in trouble if you make a mistake because you are constantly on the front line. |
| TRUE | 4. The most dangerous incidents usually happen accidentally. |
| FALSE | 5. Once as he was driving to Sarajevo, he saw a group of |

soldiers
counting dead bodies.

FALSE 6. He gets so involved in what he sees that it interferes with his work.

FALSE 7. The villages of Bosnian people were burnt so that the Serbians could start building their own towns there.

TRUE 8. What he sees often makes him feel upset.

TRUE 9. It's difficult to come back from a war zone to the normal world.

FALSE 10. Lots of journalists get hooked on drugs when they come home back from war.

TASK 1 / WRITING		15
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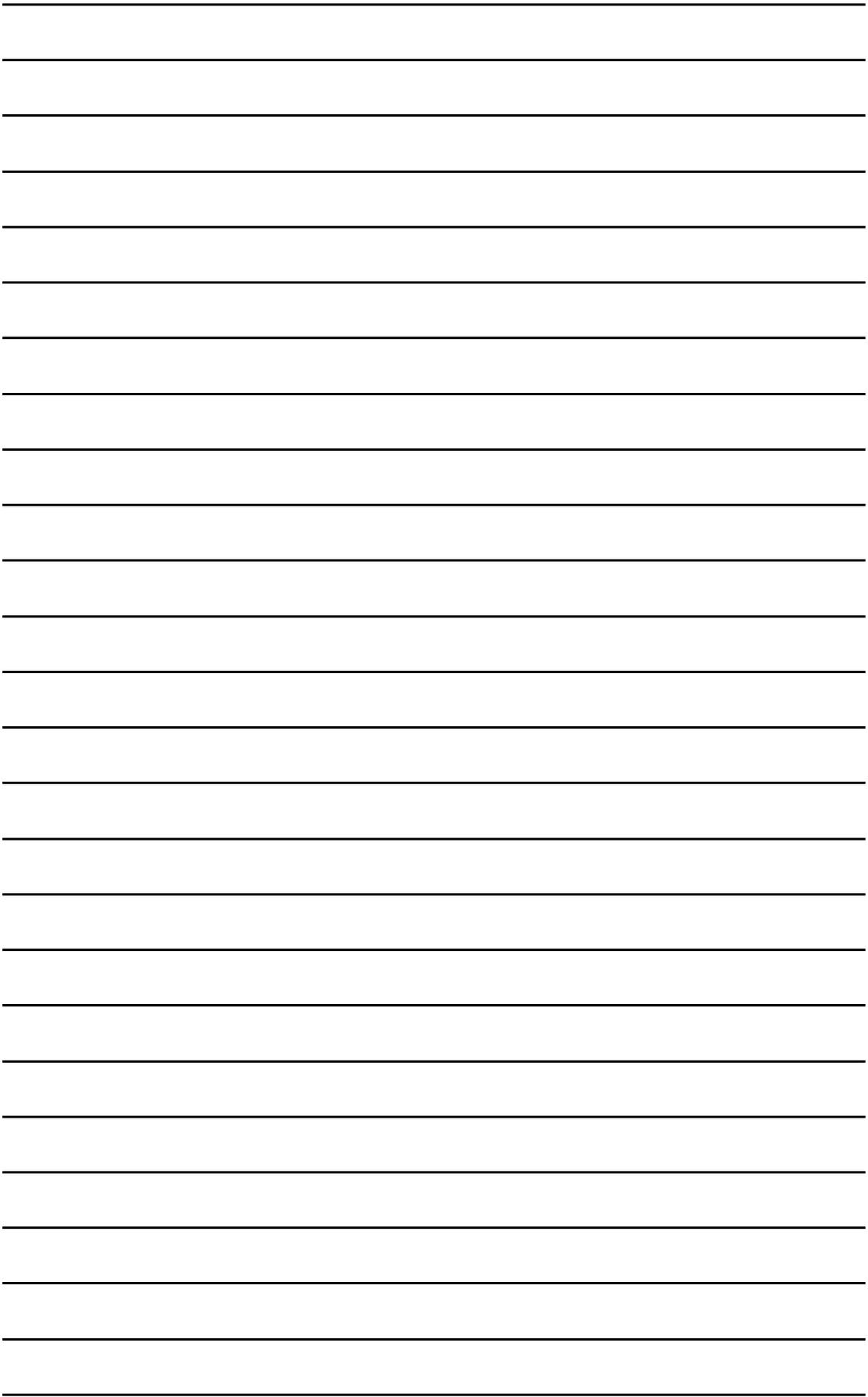
Choose ONE of the two options below to write a composition of 180-200 words.

Option A

What can we do to improve life in our cities? Give reasons for your suggestions.

Option B

You attended a two-day conference in London which turned out to be a disaster because of the hotel condition and the transport and the general chaotic organisation. Write a letter or e-mail of complaint to the organisers stating the problems you experienced and asking them for some compensation.



TASK 2 / TRANSLATION

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Translate the following sentences into English.

1. A pesar de tener 85 años, todavía cuidaba de su jardín, lo que le mantenía en forma.

Despite being 85/ Although he is 85, he still looked after his garden, which kept him fit.

2. Juan accedió en llevarme al aeropuerto, pero insistió en salir una hora antes.

John agreed to take me to the airport, but he insisted on leaving one hour earlier.

3. Ya no me acuerdo de haber celebrado las Navidades en casa de los abuelos, ¿cuántos años teníamos?

I can't remember spending/celebrating Christmas at our grandparents', How old were we?

4. Se negó a colaborar con nosotros y amenazó con irse a final de mes.

He refused to cooperate with us and threatened to leave/quit at the end of the month.

5. No he dormido nada bien. Ojalá no hubiese cenado tanto anoche.

I didn't sleep at all well last night . I wish I hadn't eaten so much yesterday evening.