Use of English

### *Time: 45 minutes*

**Task 1**

***For questions 1-12 choose the right option A, B, C or D****.*

**Paper**

“Just imagine a day without paper”, reads one advertisement for a Finnish paper company. It adds, “You almost 1) …….. see our products every day”. And they’re right. But in most industrial countries, people are so 2)…….. to paper – whether it’s for holding their groceries, for drying their hands or for 3)…….. them with the daily news – that its 4)…….. in their daily lives passes largely unnoticed.

At one 5) …….. paper was in short supply and was used mainly for important documents, but more recently, growing economies and new technologies have 6) …….. a dramatic increase of the 7) …….. of paper used. Today, there are more than 450 different grades of paper, all designed for a different 8) …….. .

Decades ago, some people predicted a “paperless” office. 9) …….., the widespread use of new technologies has gone hand-in-hand with an increased use of paper. Research into the relationship between paper use and the use of computers has shown that the general 10) …….. is likely to be one of growth and independence.

However, the costs 11) …….. in paper production, in terms of the world’s land, water and air resources, are high. This 12)…….. some important questions. How much paper do we really need and how much is wasted?

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| **1.** | **A** | positively | B | obviously | **C** | certainly | D | absolutely |
| **2.** | **A** | conscious | B | acquainted | **C** | familiar | D | accustomed |
| **3.** | **A** | providing | B | delivering | **C** | contributing | D | giving |
| **4.** | **A** | task | B | operation | **C** | service | D | role |
| **5.** | **A** | time | B | instance | **C** | date | D | occasion |
| **6.** | **A** | called on | B | come around | **C** | brought about | D | drawn up |
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| **7.** | **A** | total | B | portion | **C** | number | D | Amount |
| **8.** | **A** | point | B | goal | **C** | purpose | D | result |
| **9.** | **A** | Instead  | B | Besides  | **C** | Otherwise  | D | Alternatively  |
| **10.** | **A** | method | B | order | **C** | trend | D | system |
| **11.** | **A** | involved | B | contained | **C** | held | D | connected |
| **12.** | **A** | puts | B | raises | **C** | gets | D | places |

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**Task 2**

***For questions 13-28, complete the following article by writing each missing word in the correct box on your answer sheet. Use only one word for each space.***

Bicycle Town

Where better for a bicycle enthusiast to live (13)…….. within the boundaries of one of the bike capitals of Britain- Oxford. The city is thought to be home (14)…….. as many as a quarter of Britain's bicycles; the train station alone having secure facilities for five hundred.

(15) …….. to the town's history and its layout of narrow streets, cycling has long (16) …….. seen as a convenient and safe way of getting (17) …….. in the city. And today, whether in the town itself (18)…….. in the surrounding countryside, the cyclist feels relatively secure (19) …….. the knowledge that local car drivers are accustomed to coping (20) …….. thousands of cyclists on the roads.

But in much of the surrounding countryside, even this is (21) really such a problem because the area has its own network of special cycleways. Designed to keep cyclists and other road users (22) …….. a safe distance from one (23)…….. , these routes are, for the (24) …….. part, used by students and commuters heading to and from the city centre. But this is not (25) …….. only function. As well as providing a safe venue for leisure cycling, they also make it easier to combine cycling with other public transport services on longer journeys.

The Oxford to London coach service, for example, has a specially-adapted luggage compartment (26) …….. that bicycles can be carried, a service made all (27) …….. more popular by the fact that it is offered free to passengers. Lucky indeed is the cyclist (28) lives in Oxford.

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**Task 3**

***For questions 29-40, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.***

**NEW WATERPROOF CLOTHING**

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| There are few experiences as unpleasant as being (29) ……..cold and dripping wet on board a boat. The (30) …….. that you may be several hours away from warm, dry (31) …….. is enough to slow down even the (32) …….. sailor. However, recent (33) …….. in the types of materials used to make waterproof clothes have, hopefully, put an end to the (34) …….. of the sailor. New suits, trousers and jackets have been designed which allow people to stay warm and dry at sea and can be worn (35) …….. for days on end.The new clothing is by no means cheap, but that will not stop it from selling well, and not just in the sailing market. (36) …….. previous types of waterproof clothing, which tended to leave the wearer hot, sweaty and sticky even after a (37) …….. short burst of (38) …….. activity, these new clothes are manufactured with an (39) …….. inner layer. This is made of a special material which allows the clothes to ‘breathe’ – in other words, body heat can escape so that the body stays dry, but still maintains its (40) …….. in all weathers. | **BITTER****KNOW****CLOTH** **TOUGH****SCIENCE****SUFFER****COMFORT****LIKE****RELATIVE****ENERGY ADDITION****WARM** |

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