



**CERTIFICATE for GENERAL EDUCATION
ELECTIVE ENGLISH
SEMESTER TWO — SECOND SESSION**

TIME: 3 hours

TOTAL MARKS: 70

This paper has 2 pages

READING 1 (Items 1 – 4)

Read each text. Then, for the numbered statement, write 'True' or 'False'.

It isn't a large house, but it's very comfortable. The main bedroom is beautifully decorated and has a double bed. The other bedroom is much smaller, with only a single bed. Of course, in a house that size, there's only one bathroom, which is upstairs.

1. The house has got two bedrooms. _____

I live in a village in the south of England. It's a lovely, quiet place, but unfortunately every June the annual Rock Music Festival ruins everything. Thousands of people come and listen to their favourite bands. But not me — I just escape to London for the week!

2. The writer enjoys the festival. _____

Born in Australia in 1961, Gary Jones was probably the greatest swimmer of all time. At the age of 18, he already held eight world records. Unfortunately, just before the Moscow Olympics in 1980, he was badly injured in a car crash and his swimming career was over.

3. Jones took part in the 1980 Olympic Games. _____

It was the middle of summer and the heat was unbearable, and because of a power cut, neither the air-conditioning nor the fan was working. Finally, after two hours of trying unsuccessfully to go to sleep, I decided to get up and go out for a walk.

4. It was too hot for the writer to sleep. _____

READING 2 (Items 5 – 10)

Read this letter from Alan to his sister, Sarah. Then complete the task on page 2.

Dear Sarah, I must tell you about when Barbara and I went on holiday. You wouldn't believe how awful it was! Luckily, we were only there for ten days. For a start, our room was really small, and the bathroom wasn't even cleaned every day! They didn't say anything about that in the brochure! Can you believe it? The Shelton at Hyderabad is a five-star hotel! Another thing they didn't mention in the brochure was the food. It was just too hot and spicy for us. As you know, Barbara and I like our food mild. The service in the restaurant was just as bad. And when I told the waiters how slow they were, they were very rude to me! The hotel did organize some tours for us, but we didn't think much of them either. They just put us on a bus and drove us round the city without a guide — and they didn't even give us lunch!

In fact, the whole holiday was a disaster! I mean, it's not as if it was cheap. It cost us a fortune! Two thousand dollars for the two of us, and really, when you pay that sort of money, you expect something special. I mean, Travel International is supposed to be a good company, isn't it? Anyway, Barbara thinks we should ask for our money back, and I agree with her. So we've just written them a letter, with a list of our complaints. Let's hope we're successful... Sorry to be so negative. I hope my next letter will be more cheerful! Please write soon, Alan

READING 2 (cont'd)

For each question, write a short answer (**not more than THREE WORDS**).

5. How long was their holiday? _____
6. Why didn't they like the food? It was _____
7. How were the waiters? They were _____ and _____
8. What was wrong with the city tour? No _____ and no _____
9. How much did they pay for the holiday? _____
10. How did they ask for their money back? They _____

WRITING 1

You are a reporter for a local newspaper. Your editor has asked you to write a **NEWS REPORT** about a road accident. In your report, use ALL the information in the box. Your writing should be correct and well-organised.

Headline: "Teenager killed in car crash"

*Sunday evening/ seven o'clock

*14-year-old boy/ Wayne Wilkins/ bicycle *died in hospital/ eight o'clock

55-year-old teacher/ London/ red BMW

*snow/ ice/ fog

*80 kph / didn't see boy/ hit

*ambulance/ 20 minutes

*city centre/ near the museum

*police spokesman/ three cyclists killed/ this month

*advise/ drivers/ carefully

WRITING 2

Write a **letter** of at least 60 words.

Situation: Imagine you have just read a very interesting book. Write a letter to your friend (Faiz/ Faiza). Tell him/her about the book and why you like it. Then suggest that he/she buys it.

Your name is Nasir/ Nada. Do not write an address.
Your letter should be friendly and clear.

WRITING 3

Write at least 100 words on the following topic:

"Playing football on the beach should not be allowed."

— Do you agree or not? Give your reasons.

Your writing should be clear and interesting.
Your letter should be friendly and clear.

Write your answers on your answer paper.