



Final Exam

Please answer all of the following questions in the answer sheet. (Total marks 50)

[1-5] Read and choose the best answers.

Nobody likes to be afraid, but fear is a natural human response. (a) Without fear, people would not know to avoid dangerous situations. The people who feared dangerous situations throughout human history survived and passed these genes on to their descendants. While fear is needed to survive, some fears can be harmful.

Extreme fear of a certain thing or situation is known as a phobia. Phobias make people more afraid of potentially dangerous things or situations than they should be. For example, someone with a phobia of water may rarely wash their hands or drink water. On the other hand, a person with a phobia of germs may spend countless hours a day washing. Overall, phobias cause so much fear in a person that it interferes with his or her normal life. (b)

There are many kinds of phobias. One very common kind of phobia is social phobia. A person with social phobia is afraid to be embarrassed in front of others. Having social phobia makes it very hard for people to make friends or even talk to other people. Claustrophobia is another common type of phobia. People with claustrophobia are afraid of compact spaces. A person with claustrophobia may avoid elevators and crowded buses or subways.

Then how do phobias develop? Having a scary experience with a thing or situation is a common way a phobia can develop. (c) A person who had a particularly scary experience being bitten by a dog, for example, may develop a phobia of dogs. This happens because something in the brain called the amygdala remembers strong emotional experiences. The amygdala will trigger a strong reaction of fear whenever this person sees or even thinks about dogs again.

There are ways to overcome phobias. One way is to gradually face your fears. (d) Start by addressing what is least scary about your fear. Then slowly work your way up to what is most scary. By the time you're done, your phobia will be gone. Talking with doctors or taking medicine can also help people overcome phobias. So if you have any phobias, don't be afraid. With proper coaching and treatment, your phobia will be gone!

1. Which is NOT true about phobias?
 - a. Someone with a phobia of water may seldom drink water.
 - b. Someone with a phobia of germs rarely washes their hands.
 - c. Someone with claustrophobia could be afraid of getting on a crowded train.
 - d. Someone with social phobia is scared to look foolish in front of other people.
2. The main purpose of the fourth paragraph is to _____.
 - a. explain what causes phobias to grow
 - b. describe how the amygdala helps people overcome phobias
 - c. say why fear can be a useful thing
 - d. share information about some common phobias
3. Where would the sentence below best fit in the passage?

Believe it or not, fear actually helps us survive.

 - a. (a)
 - b. (b)
 - c. (c)
 - d. (d)
4. How do people usually get phobias?
5. Rewrite the passage again using the general techniques of

Summarizing.

[6-9] Read and choose the best answers.

Did you know there are about 6,000 to 7,000 languages in the world? It is hard to grasp that so many unique and distinct languages exist. What makes language even more unique is that languages can change over time, and some may even become extinct. The language, or languages, that you speak now may be very different in the future. (Paragraph 1)

Language changes depending on what region a speaker lives in, his or her level of education, gender, age, and social status. Because language is dependent on society, social changes can cause languages to change. For example, in the 1950s, people started to use “Ms.” to refer to a woman instead of “Miss” or “Mrs.” Like “Mr.,” the word “Ms.” doesn’t show whether or not a woman is married. New inventions and technology are another reason why languages change. The words “television” and “computer” did not exist in the English language until these objects were invented. (Paragraph 2)

Then how can languages become extinct? When the last speaker of a language dies, the language ceases to exist. The Bo language, for example, became extinct in 2010 when its last speaker died. And even more recently, a Scottish dialect called Cromarty became extinct when its last speaker died in 2012. There have been many other languages around the world that have become extinct over time. Language experts estimate that about 50% to 90% of the languages spoken today will become extinct within the next one hundred years.

That is why people are working to preserve endangered languages. Google has developed and implemented the Endangered Languages Project website to save more than 3,000 endangered languages from vanishing. Through the website, speakers of the same language can connect through social media, audio, and video to try to keep the language alive. People can also use the site to try to learn new languages. With so many languages already extinct, it is important to preserve the ones that are left for future generations.

How about the language in your country? Has the language changed over time? Have new words been created? Pay attention to the language around you so that you can observe how it evolves and keep it from becoming extinct.

5. Which does NOT fit in the following blank?

Language changes depending on _____.

- a. a person’s age and sex
 - b. how many family members a person has
 - c. how much education a person has received
 - d. where a person lives
6. What can be inferred about the second paragraph?
- a. It is more polite to refer to a woman as “Miss” or “Mrs.” than “Ms.”
 - b. Societies choose words that are no longer used for the names of new inventions.
 - c. As technology keeps developing, more new English words will be created.
 - d. Since language is dependent on society, it hardly changes.
7. Which is true about the Endangered Languages Project website?
- a. Speakers of different languages can connect through social media.
 - b. Google made the website to try and profit from vanishing languages.
 - c. Only people whose language is close to becoming extinct can use the website.
 - d. Users of the website also have the option to try and learn other languages.
8. What do experts think will happen to the world’s languages within the next century?

9. Rewrite paragraphs (1 and 2) again using the general techniques of Paraphrasing.

10. Add periods, commas, and capital letters to the following paragraph.

goldfish

goldfish make the best pets for three reasons. first of all goldfish are very quiet they don't bark howl meow chirp squawk screech or race around the house at night while you and your neighbors are trying to sleep second they are economical you can buy a goldfish at your local pet store for about 50¢ and a small bowl for it costs less than \$3.00. water is practically free also they eat only a pinch of dried fish food daily so their food bill is quite low third goldfish are very well behaved. they don't have teeth so they can't chew your furniture or bite your guests they don't ever go outside so they can't dig holes in your garden in addition you don't have to spend hours teaching them commands such as sit or heel if you want a quiet and economical pet that doesn't cause any trouble visit your nearest goldfish store

11. Underline the independent clauses with a solid line, the dependent clauses with a broken line, draw a circle around the subordinating conjunction and add a comma if one is needed.

1. We were very excited when we won the lottery.
2. After we got our first payment we started planning our trip.
3. We decided to visit Italy first because our parents came from there.
4. Before we left on our trip we wrote to our cousins in Rome.
5. Although we didn't know our Italian cousins they invited us to stay with them.

12. Decide whether the following sentences are a simple sentence, a compound sentence, a complex sentence, or a sentence fragment.

1. Because several students were not prepared for the quiz.
2. Every night, after I finish dinner.
3. Because my children were sick, I was up all night.
4. Because I was up all night with my sick children.
5. Because my children were sick and I was up all night.

13. Give a complete definition of the following terms

- Overheating
- Transducer
- Conductor
- Insulator
- Precautionary
- Series Circuit
- Breadboard

14. Write a well-developed paragraph in not less than 100 words about a subject you studied this year describing why you like it and why it is important to you