

LISTENING (16 points)

Time: 27 minutes

Task 1. Jo lives in Aylesbury, England. Her old school friend, Nikki, emigrated to Brisbane, Australia, a year ago. Listen to the conversation between Nikki and Jo and give full answers to the questions (1-10):

1. Where does Nikki come from?
2. How cold is it in England?
3. What's the time difference between England and Australia?
4. What are Nikki's children doing?
5. What are Jo's children doing?
6. Where does Nikki usually cook?
7. What's good about Nikki's job?
8. Why is Dave's job not so good?
9. Has Nikki got lots of friends?
10. What does Jo do?

Task 2. Listen to the radio programme and for items (11-16) correct some information in the table about Charles Dickens. Cross out the wrong words and phrases and put down correct ones.

11	When?	twentieth century	
12	Kind of books	novels and poetry	
13	Reasons for success	wrote about rich and famous people	
14	Best-known books	Peter Copperfield Oliver Twist A Summer Carol	

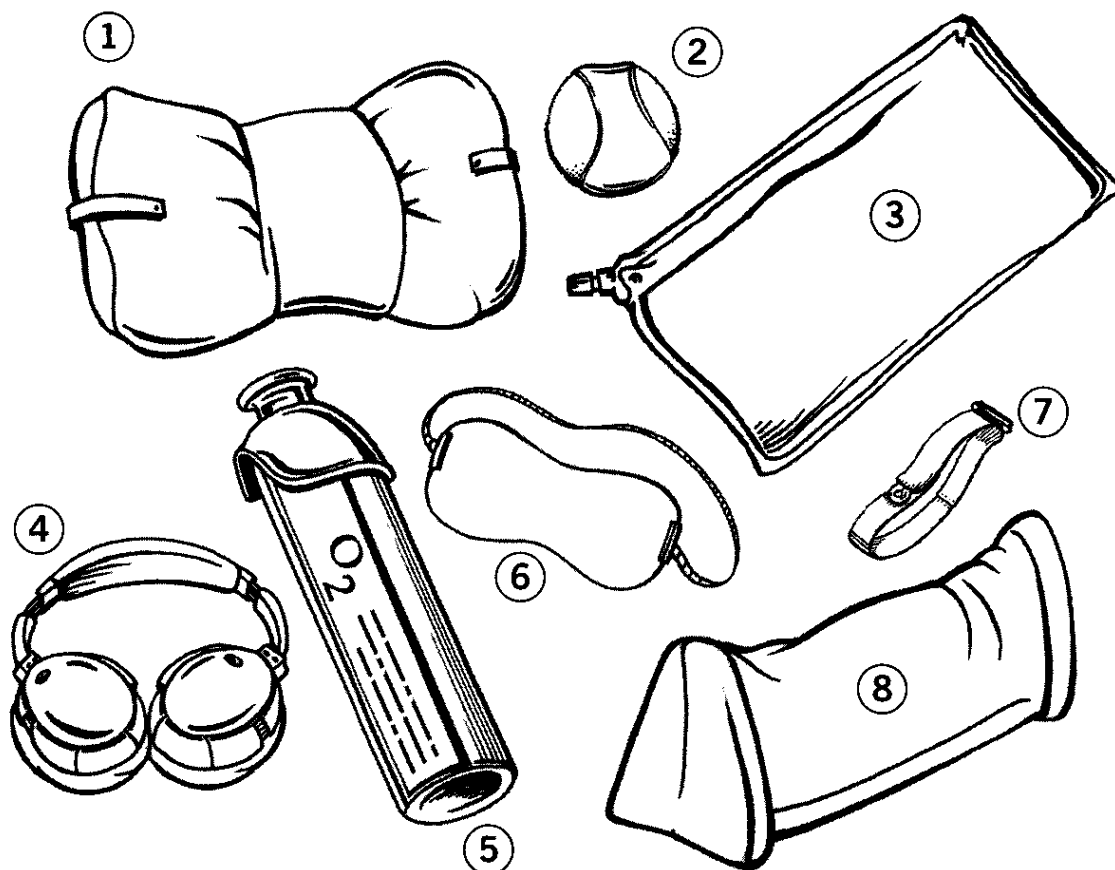
15	Best-known character	Scrooge – a happy man who becomes miserable	
16	Personal life	married and divorced, six children, happy life	

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet

READING (11 points)

Time: 15 min.

Task 1. Look at the pictures, read about eight products designed to make your flight more comfortable and match the products (1-8) with the descriptions (A-H).



A TEMPURA SLEEP MASK Very different from the thin eye masks in the average in-flight pack. The Tempur cuts out all light and really helps prevent the tiredness that often results from an overnight flight. £22.95 from Back2 (www.back2.co.uk)

B JETREST An overnight flight in economy class becomes almost comfortable with a Jetrest head support round your neck. It provides all the comfort of a real pillow and helps prevent neck ache. £19.95 from Back2.

C ACCUSTRAP Not a new invention, but believed by many to help control the sickness caused by air travel. It works by pressing gently on the acupuncture points of each wrist. Suitable for adults or children to relieve sickness during any form of travel. £4.99 from the Aviation Health Institute (www.aviation-health.org).

D AIROGYM This inflatable leg exerciser improves circulation, reduces the risk of DVT and helps prevent swollen ankles. Press down hard with each foot in turn to move the air from side to side. The hissing sound may cause concern among your neighbours, though. £8.30 from Airogym (www.airogym.com).

E SELF-INFLATING TRAVEL PILLOW Designed to relieve the back pain that can develop when you are sitting in cramped economy class seats. There is no need to exercise your lungs as it is self-inflating. £29.85 from Magellans (www.magellans.co.uk).

F STRESS BALL Help nervous fliers reduce their stress levels. It fits neatly into the palm of the hand and is so soft that you won't be able to stop squeezing it. £5.95 from Back2.

G BOSE QUIETCOMFORT2 We tested these expensive luxury headphones, and the results were amazing. They reduce the noise levels inside the cabin and come with leads for listening to personal stereos or in-flight movies. Better still, you can read in silence. £275 from BOSE (www.bose.co.uk).

H PUR OXYGEN Improve air quality at the back of a plane by taking your own oxygen – as used (so the suppliers claim) by David Beckham and Britney Spears. Check with your airline, though – not all welcome it. £11.95 from Paramount Zone (www.paramountzone.com).

Task 2. For items (9-16), decide which gadget (A-H) from Task 1 you should buy if you:

9 feel worried about flying?

10 prefer to sleep in the dark?

11 often feel unwell on a plane?

12 need to stretch your legs while sitting?

13 would like to sit quietly?

14 would like to breathe better air?

15 want to sit more comfortably?

16 want to sleep more comfortably?

Task 3. For items (17-22), read the definitions below and write the corresponding words from the texts from Task 1.

17 sth which can be filled with air

18 a condition which causes pain in the leg and can be dangerous

19 bigger and rounder than usual

20 uncomfortable due to lack of space

21 becomes full of air by itself

22 pressing sth in your hands

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USE OF ENGLISH (21 points)

Time: 28 min.

Task 1. *Homophones are two or more words that sound the same (have identical pronunciation), but have different spelling and meanings. For items (1-8) fill in the phrases and sentences with the homophones.*

Example: *My son is one year old today. / The football team won two games in a row.*

1 He bought _____ packets of crisps. / I am going _____ the shop. / The girl was _____ tired to work.

2 Would you like a _____ from the garden? / He couldn't find a matching _____ of socks.

3 Our local bakery sells the best whole meal _____ for miles! / In the past, many farmers _____ rabbits for meat and fur.

4 My favourite _____ is cornflakes. / The _____ killer loved watching this on TV!

5 This recipe uses two cups of _____ and 1/4 cup of sugar. / Her husband gave her a nice _____ for her birthday.

6 I had the _____ as a starter and they were delicious! / What do you prefer in a boyfriend – brains or _____?!

7 The recipe says we need to _____ the cheese into the sauce. / The _____ White Shark is a hunter!

8 Did you know that watermelons are a type of large _____ ? / You shouldn't _____ your head in the sand each time there's an argument.

Task 2. For items 9-16, read the text below and correct a grammar or spelling mistake in each line.

The Most Important Day in my Life

9..... The most important day of my life were the day I first went to university,
10..... which was a beatifull modern technology school in my home town. The
11.....reason for why it was important is that in my country not everyone who
12.....is a student can goes to university. In the year when I went to university,
13.....about for in ten students got in. You can imagine how happy I was. Of
14.....course, I needed to pass my exams which every student must took and I
15.....do my best to get high marks. Now I still remember that day, when I
16.....weared my best clothes and felt exited about my future.

Task 3. For items 17-25, complete the second sentence using the word given so that it has the similar meaning to the first sentence. Write between two and five words in each gap.

17 I lost my keys once before this month. **second**

This is the.....my keys this month.

18 I started playing squash six years ago. **for**

I.....six years.

19 I can't wait until I'm old enough to go to a match on my own. **forward**

I'm really..... old enough to go to a match
on my own.

20 Accidents are often caused by careless driving. **results**

Careless driving.....accidents.

21 Don't you wish you could travel into space? **able**

Wouldn't you love.....into space?

22 I'm afraid you are too young to go down the waterslide. **old**

I'm afraid you.....to go down the waterslide.

23 Shakespeare probably wrote this play in 1587. **written**

This play Shakespeare in 1587.

24 I have never read a better book than this one. **ever**

This is theread.

25 "Could you open the door for me, please?" said Simon. **me**

Simon.....the door for him.

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WRITING (7 points)

Time: 20 minutes

Read about Westmore College. Choose one course for yourself. Then write an inquiry letter to Westmore College (to Ms Bradford) asking for more information about your course. Ask 5 questions. Write 110-130 words. Use the phrases below:

Please could you tell me...

I would like to know.....

I wonder if.....

Westmore College is set in beautiful gardens and offers 52 comfortably furnished bedrooms in the main house. There is a licensed bar, a gym, two all-weather tennis courts, an ice-rink and in the summer a heated outdoor swimming pool. If you are looking for a perfect present consider purchasing Westmore College Gift Vouchers.

Short courses

- Art
- Computer programming
- Creative writing
- Film making
- Ice skating and ice hockey
- Metalworking
- Music photography
- Rock climbing
- Sculpture
- Tennis