

## I. LISTENING 25 points

### 1. A. Listen to the conversation between Linda and her colleague, Heather, for travel advice and answer the following questions. (Just write down the information required) 12.5p (x2.5)

1. Why does Linda want to travel to London?

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2. Why didn't Heather drive to London last year?

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3. What was the reason of the flight delays last year?

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4. According to Heather, how long does the *Caledonian Sleeper* take to get to London?

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5. Which is the departure city of the *Caledonian Sleeper* in this audio?

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### 1. B. Listen again and complete the sentences with the word(s) you hear. 12.5 p (x1.25)

1. Heather: *Flying was* <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ *and there were* <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ *delays.*

2. Heather: *You can* <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ *the traffic* <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ *in the city and* <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ *on the motorway.*

3. Heather: *It's not exactly a* <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ *service but it's easy and* <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.

4. Heather: *It's a very low stress* <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ *of transport. I'd* <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ *it to anyone."*

## II. READING 25 P

### Visit Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka has seduced travellers for centuries. Marco Polo described it as the finest island of its size in the world, while successive waves of Indian, Arab and European traders and adventurers flocked to its palm-fringed shores, attracted by reports of rare spices, precious stones and magnificent elephants.

Located just above the Equator amid the balmy waters of the Indian ocean, the island's legendary reputation for natural beauty and plenty has inspired an almost magical regard even in those who have never visited the place. Romantic geographers compared its outline to a teardrop falling from the tip of India or to the shape of a pearl.

Sri Lanka packs an extraordinary variety of places to visit withing its modest physical dimensions, and few islands of comparable size can boast a natural environment of such beauty and diversity. Lapped by the Indian Ocean, the coast is fringed with idyllic - and often refreshingly undeveloped - beaches, while the interior boasts a compelling variety of landscapes ranging from wildlife-rich lowland jungles, home to extensive populations of elephants, leopards and rare endemic bird species, to the misty heights of the hill country with their tea plantations.

The island does not lack in man-made atractions either. Sri Lanka boasts more than two thousand years of recorded history, and the remarkable achievements of the early Sinhalese civilization can still be seen in the sequence of ruined cities and great religious monuments that litter the northern plains.

### **1 Answer the following questions according to what the text says. Write full sentences. (x2) 10p**

- A. Who were captivated by Sri Lanka's elephants, spices and precious stones?
- B. What is Sri Lanka like?
- C. What does its form resemble?
- D. What geographycal features can you find there?
- E. Where is there enough evidence of the Sinhalese civilization?

### **2 Find a word in the text that means the same as the words below: (x 2) 15p**

- a. came in their masses .....
- b. mild, pleasant .....
- c. prosperity, abundance .....
- d. speak proudly .....
- e. surrounded .....
- f. odd, strange .....

- g. be deficient .....
- h. large areas of flat land with few trees .....

### III. WRITING 25 P

**Writing task: Write your COVER LETTER applying for the job. (100-120 words)**

You have seen a job advertisement on the Internet and have decided to apply for the job. Read the advertisement and then write a letter of application.

<b>“TROPICANA HOTEL”, Miami</b>		<b>HOTEL RECEPTIONIST and CHEF wanted</b>	Ad. Ref. 234 interjob.com
<b>Minimum age:</b> 22		<b>Languages:</b> English essential; others desirable.	
<b>Academic qualifications</b> related to the field of hospitality.		<b>CV requested</b>	
<b>Work experience:</b> Suitable for someone with experience on the front desk/restaurants.			
<b>We are looking for applicants</b>		... with excellent communication skills.	
		... who have the right to work in the USA.	
<b>Full-time or just weekends</b>	<b>Immediate incorporation</b>	<b>Salary negotiable</b>	
<b>Please apply in writing to:</b> Ms Andrea Eames ( eames@gmail.com )			

**Tips to follow:**

Do say which job you are applying for and where and when you saw it advertised.  
letters.

Do organise your application so that you mention each of the areas in the advertisement.

Don't forget to mention why you think you are suitable.

Do begin and end your letter as you would other formal

Don't make mistakes with time expressions and tenses.

Do say when and how you can be contacted.