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OPTION A:

100 Candles

- 1 Receiving a birthday telegram from the Queen is a special event, but it is becoming more common all the
2 time. Today, around 10,000 people in the UK are centenarians, or people aged one hundred years or older. A future
3 monarch will be very busy penning birthday congratulations because the prediction is that by 2050, there will be a
4 quarter of a million centenarians.
5 We know there are certain places in the world where many people already live to one hundred and beyond.
6 They retain good health into very old age with lower rates of heart disease, cancer and dementia. Some famous
7 examples include Okinawa and Sicily.
8 Why does this happen, and how can we increase our chances of a long and healthy life? Dr Lynne Corner,
9 a researcher in ageing at Newcastle University has informed about the latest clues that scientists have found.
10 First of all, it may help to have the right genes. But the potential to live a long life is a complicated mix of
11 genes and other factors that keep us healthier. We can't control our inherited traits, but we can all still benefit from
12 adopting some of the habits and lifestyles for a healthy older age. For example, it helps to follow the so-called
13 Mediterranean diet, which is high in fruit and vegetables. It is low in fat and salt, and includes only modest amounts
14 of meat. In the places mentioned above, everyone also stays active, even in very old age. They walk, dance and tend
15 gardens, with daily exercise outdoors in the fresh air. And it also helps to live in very sociable communities, where
16 families and friendship are an important part of everyday life.

I * COMPREHENSION (This section consists of six items combining 'True/False' and/or 'Multiple Choice' questions) (3 points)
CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0,5 points each)

1. The Queen sends birthday telegrams ...

- (a) to people in Okinawa and Sicily. (b) to people under the age of one hundred years.
(c) to centenarians. (d) to a quarter of a million people.

2. Dr Lynne Corner has informed ...

- (a) about the scientists at Newcastle University. (b) about the right genes.
(c) about new discoveries by scientists in her field. (d) about her research on ageing.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT (0,5 points each)

3. In the future more people will reach the age of 100.

4. We can live a long life if we have the right genes.

5. The Mediterranean diet includes a considerable amount of meat.

6. The text says that social isolation may lead to a longer life.

II * USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)

7. FIND IN THE TEXT THE OPPOSITE FOR "low".

8. GIVE AN ADJECTIVE WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "prediction" (noun).

9. FIND IN THE TEXT ONE SYNONYM FOR "care for" (verb).

10. CHOOSE THE CORRECT PREPOSITION "My grandad was pleased..... his birthday cake" with/ for/ about/ of".

11. FIND IN THE TEXT THE WORD WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "possessed by genetic transmission"

12. WHICH WORD DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME MEANING?: feature / trait / characteristic/ habit

13. REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: The Queen sends birthday telegrams to many people. Many people...

14. JOIN THE SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY.

The new shop sells fruit and vegetables. It opened last week.

15. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS: Her speech made me.....(cry).

16. REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED

Nobody arrived in time since the flight was delayed. Because of...

17. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: There are about 10,000 centenarians in the UK.

III * PRODUCTION (3 points)

18. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. YOU MUST FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of living up to 100 years of age?

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OPTION B

St Valentine's Day

- 1 Valentine's Day originates from the ancient Roman fertility festival of Lupercalia. During the festival, young
2 men would draw the names of women from a box, and each couple would be paired until the following year's
3 celebration. Often they would fall in love and marry.
4 At around 270 AD Rome was facing battles and civil uprising. The men were not keen to join the army.
5 Emperor Claudius II believed that the men did not want to leave their loved ones and summarily canceled all
6 marriages and engagements. Two priests, Valentine and Marius, disobeyed the decree and secretly performed
7 marriage ceremonies. Valentine was caught on February 14th and dragged to jail. Later in the day he was clubbed to
8 death and beheaded. It is said that, before his execution, Valentine himself had fallen in love with the jailer's
9 daughter. He signed his final note to her, "*From your Valentine.*"
10 The fertility festival was celebrated until 496 AD when Pope Gelasius replaced it with a similar celebration.
11 For patron saint of the celebration he chose the *lovers'* saint, St Valentine. He also moved the date of the celebration
12 from the 15th of February to the date of St Valentine's death, February 14th. Through the centuries, Valentine's Day
13 came to be remembered more as the festival of love than as a religious day. In 1969 it was dropped from the Roman
14 Catholic calendar as a designated feast day.
15 Esther Howland, the woman who produced the first commercial American Valentine's Day cards in the 1840s,
16 sold \$5,000 in cards her first year of business. Today, over 1 billion Valentine's cards are sent in the US – second in
17 number only to Christmas cards.

I * COMPREHENSION (This section consists of six items combining 'True/False' and/or 'Multiple Choice' questions) (3 points)
CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0,5 points each)

- During Lupercalia ...:** (a) young men and women were paired. (b) young men and women had their names put in a box.
(c) young men and women fell in love. (d) men's names were drawn from a box.
- Why did Emperor Claudius II cancel all marriages and engagements?**
(a) Because he wanted men to stay with their loved ones. (b) Because Lupercalia caused street riots.
(c) Because he needed men for his army. (d) Because he was against Lupercalia.
- Why was Valentine dragged to jail?**
(a) Because he was a Roman priest. (b) Because he performed marriage ceremonies.
(c) Because he fell in love with the jailer's daughter. (d) Because he disobeyed the emperor.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT (0,5 points each)

- Valentine died in love.**
- St. Valentine's Day is no longer a Roman Catholic festivity today.**
- Nowadays there are more Valentine's cards than Christmas cards sold in the US.**
- II * USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)**
- FIND IN THE TEXT ONE WORD THAT HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "an official decision or order made by a leader or government"
- FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT OPTION: **Let me finish the book. I want to find.....what happens in the end. for/ up/ out/ in**
- GIVE A SYNONYM FOR "jail" (noun) AS IT IS USED IN THE TEXT (LINE 7).
- GIVE A NOUN WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "draw" (verb).
- WHICH WORD IS NOT AN ADJECTIVE?: **lucky/ friendly/ likely/ quickly**
- WHICH WORD DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME MEANING?: **grant/ give/ borrow/ lend**
- FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS: **They should (pay) before they left.**
- GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: **Lupercalia was celebrated every year.**
- REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: **They were not warned about the risks. Nobody.....**

- USE THE WORDS IN THE BOXES TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL SENTENCE. USE ALL AND ONLY THE WORDS IN THE BOXES WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR FORM:

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- COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: **If today was my birthday...**

III * PRODUCTION (3 points)

- WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. YOU MUST FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:
Describe your favourite festivities of the year and explain why you like them.