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STUDENT PAPER

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Write all your answers on the separate answer sheet.

PART I · READING COMPREHENSION

30 marks

Passage A · First Palestinian Male Ballet Dancer Battles Prejudices

20 marks

Read the passage carefully. Answer Questions 1-8 in complete sentences and in your own words where appropriate.

[1] As the young ballet dancer stretches backwards, lifting his leg over the barre and rising onto demi-pointe, beads of sweat appear on his forehead. The two-hour routine takes place daily in a south London practice studio surrounded by mirrors. The practice is so demanding that it would break the will, not to mention the physical strength, of anyone less passionate about dance.

[2] It is not just the gruelling requirements of ballet that this young dancer has to contend with, but also entrenched cultural prejudices. As the only classically trained male Palestinian dancer, 21-year-old Ayman Safiah has faced huge opposition from within his own community. “My desire to study classical ballet was simply beyond the understanding of my classmates,” he explains. “They only knew that it was something women enjoyed. It was completely alien to them.”

[3] An Arab citizen of Israel, Ayman was born in Kafr Yassif in the Galilee, a cultural town from which well-known artists and writers such as Mahmoud Darwish have reached the international stage. Relations between Arabs and Jews in the town are cordial, and it has retained most of the land it held before 1948. Safiah recognises that he is fortunate to come from a liberal family open to new ideas. “My parents knew that ballet was going to be a large part of my life from early on,” he says. “Even my grandfather accepted my career choice, even though he did not fully understand what it entailed.”

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[4] It has not been an easy road from being a student at the Rabeah Murkus Dance Studio, Israel's first Arab dance studio, located in his hometown, to graduating from the Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance in Richmond, where he studied for three years. "I was the only male student in the ballet class at the local cultural centre in Kafr Yassif," Safiah says. "I was spotted by Rabeah Murkus, the first female Palestinian ballet dancer, who took me under her wing and helped me find funding to come and study in London." Initial funding came from the Clore Duffield Foundation.

[5] Opposition from some of his Arab compatriots is based on religion. "They say that performing ballet is against Islam," Safiah explains. "They say that for a man to wear tights and dance topless on stage is 'haram', or 'forbidden'." Safiah was able to shrug off being ridiculed when he went to buy tights and ballet shoes in his local area. But after graduating from the Rambert School, he faced a new obstacle. "When Yehudit Arnon founded the Kibbutz Dance School Gaaton, where I studied, the idea was to bring Arabs and Jews together," Safiah explains. "But now that the founder is no longer in charge, that ethos has changed and the school is reluctant to accept Palestinians." The dance school denied the accusation, telling the BBC that acceptance into the company was based strictly on professional and artistic standards, regardless of religion, race or sex, and that auditions were open to everyone.

[6] When the Israel Ballet, the only company in Israel performing the great classical ballets, toured the United States, protesters pointed out that the company had no Palestinian dancers. Safiah is unwilling to enter this debate. "The arts in Israel are more segregated than before, but I am not interested in that sort of environment. I do not like politics having a role in the arts. I just want to dance." Visa requirements, however, may force him to return to Israel.

[7] "Even if I have to go back and spend a year in one of the major Israeli dance companies, I am sure my future lies here in London," he adds. "I have already got offers from companies such as Matthew Bourne's." Having participated in the short film A Bigger Space for Dancing, which was projected at the Royal Academy's David Hockney show A Bigger Picture, Safiah feels that his personal success is also enabling other Palestinian boys who want to become ballet dancers. "When I last went back home, I paid a visit to the cultural centre in my town, where I was the only boy taking classical ballet," he recalls. "I was really surprised to see that there were quite a few boys in the class – eight or nine. They thanked me and said that they were grateful to me for showing them the way and opening the door."

Adapted from Sylvia Smith, BBC World News, 10 August 2012.

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Questions 1-8

1. In paragraph 2, what does *it* refer to in the phrase *They only knew that it was something women enjoyed*?
2. Why did Safiah's classmates oppose his interest in ballet?
3. What does the writer mean by *It has not been an easy road* in paragraph 4?
4. What two concerns does Safiah have about the state of the arts in Israel? (2 marks)
5. How has the Kibbutz Dance School changed since Safiah studied there?
6. What accusation did protesters make about the Israel Ballet?
7. Which two things that Safiah has to do in performances have angered some Muslims? (2 marks)
8. What effect does Safiah think his success is having on young Palestinian boys?

Questions 9-13 · True (T) or False (F)

9. Safiah's family is unsupportive of his career choice.
10. Safiah thinks his long-term future will be in London.
11. Rabeah Murkus personally paid all of Safiah's study costs in London.
12. Safiah wants politics to play a greater role in the arts.
13. The Kibbutz Dance School denies that it excludes Palestinians.

Questions 14-18 · Summary completion

Fill each blank with ONE word only. The words may or may not appear in the passage.

Ayman Safiah is Palestine's only 14 _____ ballet dancer. He grew up in Israel but came to ballet school in 15 _____. He has faced opposition from some people in his homeland who think ballet is something only 16 _____ do, but he has pursued his chosen career with the support of his 17 _____. He now hopes he can inspire other young Palestinian boys to take up 18 _____.

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Passage B · World's Smallest Flying Robot Takes Off

10 marks

Read the article carefully, then answer Questions 19-26.

[1] Scientists in the US have created a robot the size of a fly that can perform the agile manoeuvres of the common insect. This "robo-fly", built from carbon fibre, weighs a fraction of a gram and has super-fast electronic "muscles" to power its wings. Its Harvard University developers say tiny robots like theirs may eventually be used in rescue operations. It could, for example, navigate through tiny spaces in collapsed buildings.

[2] The robot was made by Dr Kevin Ma from Harvard University and his team, led by Dr Robert Wood. It also has the fly-like agility that allows insects to evade even the swiftest human efforts to swat them. This comes largely from very precise wing movements. By constantly adjusting the lift and thrust acting on its body at an incredibly high speed, the insect's – and the robot's – wings enable it to hover or perform sudden evasive manoeuvres. Just like a real fly, the robot's thin, flexible wings beat approximately 120 times every second. The researchers achieved this wing speed with a special substance called piezoelectric material, which contracts every time a voltage is applied to it. By rapidly switching the voltage on and off, the scientists made this material behave just like the tiny muscles that make a fly's wings beat so fast. "We get it to contract and relax, like biological muscle," said Dr Ma.

[3] The main goal of the research was to understand how insect flight works rather than to build a useful robot. Dr Ma added that there could be many uses for such a diminutive flying vehicle. "We could envision these robots being used for search-and-rescue operations to search for human survivors under collapsed buildings or in other hazardous environments," he said. "They could be used for environmental monitoring, to be dispersed into a habitat to sense trace chemicals or other factors." Dr Ma even suggested that the robots could behave like real insects and assist with crop pollination, supporting agriculture in the way that struggling honeybee populations do.

[4] The current robo-fly is tethered to a small, off-board power source, but Dr Ma says the next step will be to miniaturise the other pieces of technology needed to create a fully wireless flying robot. "It will be a few more years before full integration is possible," he said. Until then, the project remains captivating because of its similarity to natural insects. It demonstrates how far human engineering ingenuity has reached in mimicking natural systems.

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[5] Dr Jon Dyhr, a biologist from the University of Washington who also studies insect flight, called these flying robots “impressive feats of engineering”. He explained that the physics of flight at such small scales is relatively poorly understood, which makes designing small flying systems very difficult. He added that biological systems provided critical insights into designing artificial flyers.

Adapted from Victoria Gill, BBC News, 2 May 2013.

Questions 19-23 · Multiple choice

Write the letter of the best answer only.

19. What was the scientists’ main goal in building the robot?

A. To help in search-and-rescue operations.
B. To monitor the environment.
C. To understand more about insect flight.
D. To assist with crop pollination.

20. In paragraph 2, what does *it* refer to in the phrase *a voltage is applied to it*?

A. The robo-fly.
B. The piezoelectric material.
C. Biological muscle.
D. A real fly.

21. In paragraph 2, what does the word precise mean?

A. Perfect.
B. Fast.
C. Life-like.
D. Exact.

22. What is the main purpose of the article?

A. To entertain.
B. To persuade.
C. To review.
D. To inform.

23. Why does Dr Jon Dyhr think the robots are particularly impressive?

A. The physics of flight at very small scales is difficult to understand.
B. They can already make the world better in many ways.
C. Their wings can move very fast.
D. They can fly both up and down.

Questions 24-26 · Short answers

Answer in complete sentences and in your own words.

24. Give three potential practical uses for the robo-fly mentioned in the article. (3 marks)

25. What must be done before the robot can become fully wireless?

26. How might the robo-fly be useful after an earthquake?

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PART II · LANGUAGE USE

37 marks

A. Vocabulary

15 marks

Choose from the words or expressions in the box. You may need to change the form of a word.

suspect	tedious	nostalgia	tooth-and-nail	contain	reluctant
abundant	irony	conspicuous	consequence	need	vivid
participate	consume	curious	lenient	persuade	endure

1. The teacher became more _____ with her marking when she found out what Jeffrey had been through.
2. While Barry was enthralled by the new film, his sister found it _____ and was glad when it was over.
3. She found reading through her old journal extremely _____.
4. Elsie was prepared to fight _____ to secure her place at a prestigious university.
5. Because of his food allergy, Ben could not eat anything that _____ nuts.
6. It became _____ clear that nothing was going to dissuade Molly from doing the right thing.
7. It was _____ that, for such a tall person, his name was Mr Small.
8. Everything about Jon was _____. He dressed flamboyantly and made a scene wherever he went.
9. As a _____ of not revising, Bethany failed her exams.
10. After her suitcase was stolen, Clare was in desperate _____ of some new clothes.
11. Barbara thanked Anthony for his _____ in the school fair.
12. The _____ of fossil fuels is contributing to global warming.
13. Sometimes an unhealthy level of _____ can lead you into dangerous situations.
14. Her _____ were first aroused when she found a large amount of money hidden under her friend's bed.
15. It was impossible to _____ Harry to do something he did not want to do.

B. Multiple-choice cloze

12 marks

Choose the best answer for each blank.

Most people are born with the natural ability to tell stories, but only a rare few have the determination to become professional authors, and even fewer have the joy of seeing their novels top the 1 _____ of bestselling books. Some of the world's most famous crime writers have achieved the 2 _____ success of all. Who can 3 _____ the appeal of famous detectives such as Sherlock Holmes, Miss Marple or Hercule Poirot? Even if you have not read the 4 _____ books, you will have seen them in films or on television. If you have an ambition to become the 5 _____ Agatha Christie, what should you do? The best starting 6 _____ is to read many examples of crime fiction written by good authors. You will need a notebook to carry around with you or, 7 _____ better, some

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loose 8 _____ of paper that you can 9 _____ notes on and then file in a folder. After all, the most everyday situation – for example, watching a woman get 10 _____ a train – may give you the 11 _____ for your first bestseller. Like any good recipe, you have to know the main 12 _____ of a successful novel. These are an original story, strong characters and a memorable setting.

1	A queue	B list	C row	D line
2	A largest	B greatest	C highest	D prime
3	A refuses	B insist	C deny	D hide
4	A first	B initial	C early	D original
5	A following	B next	C subsequent	D late
6	A spot	B tip	C point	D mark
7	A even	B quite	C very	D so
8	A strips	B layers	C sheets	D piece
9	A complete	B do	C fill	D scribble
10	A out	B down	C off	D from
11	A notion	B guess	C invention	D idea
12	A parts	B ingredients	C pieces	D sections

C. Word forms

10 marks

Fill each blank with the correct form of the word in brackets. You may need to add a prefix.

1. Mary was very _____ (judge) of people who smoked.
2. He looked on with great _____ (passive) even though the teacher was shouting loudly at him.
3. It is a _____ (concept) to think that Africa is a country.
4. The firework display was truly _____ (spectacle), and everyone applauded.
5. He was a very musical and _____ (poetry) individual.
6. James asked for his mother's _____ (permit) before he went on holiday with his friends.
7. The comedian was absolutely _____ (hilarity) last night.
8. Scientists are still searching for _____ (prove) that there is life on Mars.
9. We really enjoyed the _____ (perform) of the Shakespeare play last night.
10. They felt that it would be _____ (point) to continue, given that all the evidence suggested they would not succeed.

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PART III · PROOFREADING 14 marks

Each numbered line contains ONE error. Write your correction on the answer sheet.

- Wrong word: write the wrong word, then an arrow, then the correct word. Example: quickly → quick
- Missing word: write INSERT, then the missing word, then where it goes. Example: INSERT the before museum
- Extra word: write DELETE, then the extra word. Example: DELETE very

Banksy

1	Banksy, a street artist whose identity remains unknown, is believed to been born in Bristol, England, around 1974.
2	He shot to famous for his provocative stencilled pieces in the late 1990s.
3	Banksy began his career as a graffiti artists in the early 1990s, in a Bristol graffiti gang.
4	Although his early work was largely freehand, he used stencils on occasion. In the late 1990s, he began using stencils predominant.
5	His work became more widely recognize around Bristol and in London as his signature style developed.
6	Banksy's artwork is characterised by striking images, often combined with slogans. His work often engages politic themes.
7	His work satirically critiques war, capitalism, hypocrisy and greedy.

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Banksy · continued

8	Common subjects includes rats, apes, police officers, members of the royal family and children.
9	Many of his pieces have been sold at auction for million of pounds.
10	One celebrated piece, which featured a live elephant painted with a Victorian wallpaper pattern, sparked controversy among animal rites activists.
11	Banksy's work on the West Bank barrier, between Israel and Palestine, received significent media attention in 2005.
12	He is also known for his use of copyrighted material and subverse of classical images.
13	Banksy's worldwide fame has transformed his artwork from acts of vandalism to a sought-after high-art pieces.
14	Interest in Banksy escalated with the release of the 2010 documentary Exit Threw the Gift Shop. The film premiered at the Sundance Film Festival and was nominated for an Academy Award.

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