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ENGLISH PAPER D

Please read the following before you start the test :-

1. Do not begin the test until you are told to do so.
2. This is a multiple choice test so you need to mark your answers on the separate answer sheets, not in this booklet.
3. Mark your answers clearly on the answer sheets using a pencil. In the column that has the same number as the question, draw a firm line clearly through the rectangle next to your answer. Do not cross out any answers – if you want to change an answer, rub it out completely and put in your new answer. Make sure that you keep your place on the answer sheet.
4. Try and answer as many questions as you can. If you cannot answer a question, do not waste time on it but go on to the next question. If you are unsure of an answer, choose the one which you think is best.
5. You can do any rough working out in this booklet.
6. Work as quickly and as carefully as you can.
7. You will have 50 minutes to complete the test.



Arctic 30

The following passage is a copy of a letter sent by Alex Harris, one of the Greenpeace Arctic 30, to her supporters after her release from prison.

Alex was one of the Greenpeace workers on the ship 'Arctic Sunrise' who were arrested by the Russian security forces during peaceful protests against oil drilling in the Arctic.

I trembled as I walked through the grounds of Murmansk Prison on 26 September.

Inmates watched me and the arrival of the other 29 notorious new prisoners through their cell windows. It was pitch black outside, but the prison was alive. Alive with the sounds of barking dogs, prison alarms and prisoners shouting through their barred windows.

- 5 A guard handed me a plastic mug, a tin steel bowl, a spoon, a folded up mattress and a sheet. That's all I had, that and a toothbrush and a book in my pocket, when the guards closed the steel, green door on me. The sound of the slamming door echoed throughout the corridor. I was alone and afraid.

- As days in prison passed, I became stronger. As weeks passed, I became hopeful. In prison they take away your freedom, your dignity and your family, but they can't take away hope. That's the one thing
10 they couldn't touch and I wouldn't let them.

- I saw my lawyer twice a week. During those visits he would pass on news; news that helped me understand how big our case was. He may have been pretty bleak about the Russian legal system, but he was always positive about the international attention and support we were receiving. After our visits, I would have a skip to my step and I looked forward to passing these bits of gold dust onto my friends. It
15 felt good to pass on hope. It also felt good that we were not alone.

I couldn't sleep the night before my bail hearing. I was too excited. I had spent the previous night feeling incredibly sad after hearing that Colin had been sentenced to an extra three months in prison. Now I was in awe and dumbstruck as I watched the recent turn of events on the news; my friends, one by one, receiving bail.

- 20 I went to court feeling pretty hopeful that morning and I waited impatiently as the verdict was finally translated. I had received bail. I laughed in delight and the courtroom, full of reporters and Greenpeace volunteers, erupted in applause. Moments later, I was jumping up and down, hugging my friends, Faiza and Anne, inside a dark, smoky holding cell.

- Since leaving Russia, I have been reunited with my family. Seeing them for the first time since prison, at
25 St Pancras Station, was very emotional. We hugged, laughed, cried and hugged some more. I have enjoyed the simple, but incredibly precious, pleasures in life, such as taking a walk in the countryside, having a drink with friends and seeing the stars twinkle at night. Now life feels quite strange. It's definitely quieter as we're not the focus of so much media attention and the stress of facing seven years in prison has been alleviated.

- 30 Thirty of us were locked up following a peaceful protest against the world's first oil platform to drill in the icy waters of the Arctic. Those 64 days in a prison cell were undoubtedly the hardest days of my life, but I have never felt as proud as I did then.

I took action on 'Arctic Sunrise' because I don't want a melting Arctic, oil spills in ice and an unliveable planet to be my legacy for my children. I felt the luckiest person on Earth when I stepped on board the
35 'Arctic Sunrise' back in September because I had been given an opportunity to do something that mattered.

Now, I feel even luckier. Your support means my 29 friends and I are free; your support also means my time in prison wasn't spent in vain.

Thank you for standing up for me and for the Arctic.

Alex - one of the Arctic 30.

1. Why was Alex arrested?

- A. She was drilling for oil in the Arctic
- B. She was a member of the Russian security forces
- C. She was protesting against oil drilling
- D. She was arrested for writing letters from prison
- E. She was a member of Greenpeace

2. How many new prisoners in total arrived at Murmansk prison on 26 September?

- A. 26
- B. 29
- C. 30
- D. 31
- E. 32

3. In what way was the prison 'alive'?

- A. It contained prisoners who were alive
- B. It was pitch black
- C. The prison moved from place to place
- D. It was alive with noises
- E. The prison was haunted

4. How many other prisoners shared the cell with Alex?

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3
- E. 4

5. As the weeks in prison passed, how did Alex feel?

- A. Alone and afraid
- B. Strong
- C. Free
- D. Hopeful
- E. Dignified

6. Why do you think that after she saw her lawyer Alex had a 'skip to my step' (line 14)?

- A. Her lawyer thought that Alex would soon be free
- B. She was given gold dust by her lawyer
- C. Her lawyer was pretty bleak about the Russian legal system
- D. She skipped to make herself feel better
- E. Alex felt more hopeful when she heard about the international attention and support

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7. Why was Alex so excited the night before her bail hearing?

- A. Colin had been sentenced to an extra three months in prison
- B. She was hopeful that, like her friends, she would be given bail
- C. She had been given a fold up mattress and a sheet
- D. She couldn't sleep
- E. She had been given a mobile phone to use

8. How does the passage suggest that Alex knew that many of her friends had been given bail?

- A. She was told by her lawyer
- B. She was told by her friends
- C. She saw it on the news
- D. She read it in the newspaper
- E. She heard it on the radio

9. Where was Alex taken to immediately after she heard that she had been given bail?

- A. To meet her friends and family
- B. She was immediately set free
- C. She was taken to see the reporters in the court
- D. She was taken to a holding cell
- E. She was taken to meet the Greenpeace volunteers

10. How does the passage suggest that Alex felt after being told that she had been granted bail?

- A. Very pleased and excited
- B. Very relieved
- C. Very confused
- D. Very energetic
- E. Very hopeful

11. Which of the following do you think Alex would NOT describe as one of the simple pleasures of life?

- A. Having a drink with friends
- B. Having the attention of the media
- C. Taking a walk
- D. Seeing the stars twinkle at night
- E. Seeing the countryside

12. How does Alex say life has changed since she left prison in Russia?

- A. It is busier
- B. It is more fun
- C. It is noisier
- D. It is quieter
- E. It is more emotional

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13. How long did Alex stay in a Russian prison?

- A. About five weeks
- B. About six weeks
- C. About seven weeks
- D. About eight weeks
- E. About nine weeks

14. When Alex received bail, what did the Greenpeace volunteers do?

- A. They laughed
- B. They cried
- C. They exploded
- D. They clapped
- E. They hugged her

15. What was the 'Arctic Sunrise' which is mentioned in line 33?

- A. The rising of the early morning sun in the Arctic
- B. An oil drilling platform in the Arctic
- C. The name of the Greenpeace ship
- D. The name of the prison Alex was taken to
- E. The name given to melting ice in the Arctic

16. Which word is closest in meaning to 'notorious' (line 2)?

- A. infamous
- B. unpopular
- C. dangerous
- D. peaceful
- E. emotional

17. Alex's lawyer is said to have been 'pretty bleak about the Russian legal system' (line 12). What is meant by this?

- A. He thought the system was a beautiful one
- B. He thought the system was very large
- C. He thought that the system was not very good
- D. He thought that the system was open and honest
- E. He thought that the courts in Russia were very cold

18. Which word is closest in meaning to 'alleviated' (line 29)?

- A. joined
- B. raised
- C. rewarded
- D. encouraged
- E. lessened

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19. Why do you think that Alex felt 'proud' about the time that she spent in prison (line 32)?

- A. She was a bad person and deserved to be in prison
- B. She enjoyed her time in prison
- C. She made lots of good friends in prison
- D. She felt that she went to prison for a good cause
- E. She was not in prison for very long

20. Alex says that her time in prison 'wasn't spent in vain' (line 38). What does she mean by this?

- A. She could not pay for any luxuries whilst in prison
- B. Her time in prison was very enjoyable
- C. Her time in prison drew attention to the protest
- D. She knew she did not want to go to prison again
- E. She did not go to prison in the town of Vain

21. What type of words are the following?

trembled (line 1) barking (line 3) shouting (line 4) understand (line 12) watched (line 18)

- A. nouns
- B. adjectives
- C. prepositions
- D. verbs
- E. adverbs

22. Which of these words is being used as an adjective in the passage?

- A. prison (line 3)
- B. green (line 6)
- C. hopeful (line 8)
- D. Colin (line 17)
- E. the (line 28)

23. Which word is closest in meaning to 'precious' (line 26)?

- A. simple
- B. incredible
- C. valuable
- D. useful
- E. unexpected

24. Which of the following is used as a proper noun in the passage?

- A. Alive (line 3)
- B. During (line 11)
- C. Since (line 24)
- D. Arctic (line 31)
- E. Your (line 37)

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In each of the following questions, choose the word which completes the sentence so that it makes sense. Mark the letter on your answer sheet.

25. Height is _____ with a ruler.

- A. calculated B. averaged C. measured D. median E. encouraged

26. My car was repaired by a _____.

- A. plumber B. mechanic C. carpenter D. dentist E. draughtsman

27. For the six people living in one room, conditions were very _____.

- A. creative B. carefree C. centralised D. cramped E. courageous

28. The high tides caused a lot of _____ of the cliff face.

- A. erasing B. enduring C. entering D. erosion E. engineering

29. The recording studio was carefully insulated so that it did not emit _____ noise.

- A. excessive B. musician C. conductive D. combined E. excellent

30. Every winter a _____ tree loses its leaves.

- A. discovered B. deciduous C. difficult D. decorated E. despondent

31. During the Second World War basic _____ such as bread and milk were in short supply.

- A. convoluted B. concentric C. characters D. commodities E. crockery

32. Runners in the Manchester Marathon suffered because of the excessive _____.

- A. humanity B. humours C. hurdle D. humbugs E. humidity

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In this passage, there are some spelling mistakes. On each numbered line, there is either one mistake or no mistake. Find the group of words with a mistake in it and mark its letter on your answer sheet. If there is no mistake mark N.

33. The rainstorm had ended and the grey missed and clouds had been swept away in the

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34. knight by the wind. The wind itself had ceased and a brilliant, deep blue sky arched high

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35. over the moors. Never, never had Mary dreamed of a sky being so blue. In India, skys were

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36. hot and blazing; this was of a deep cool blue which was almost sparkeling like the waters

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37. of some lovely lake and here and there, way up high, in the arched blueness floated small

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38. clouds of snow-white flees. The far-reaching world of the moor itself looked softly blue instead

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39. of a gloomy, purple- blak or awful dreary grey. "Aye," said Martha with a cheerful grin. "The

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40. storm's over for a bit. It does this at this thyme of the year. That's because the springtime's

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41. on it's way. It is still quite a long way off but you can be sure that it is coming.

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In this passage, there are some mistakes in the use of **capital letters** and **punctuation**. On each numbered line, there is either **one** mistake or **no** mistake. Find the group of words with a mistake in it and mark its letter on your answer sheet. If there is no mistake mark **N**.

42. The house was three miles from the Station but, before the dusty hired wagon had rattled

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43. along for ten minutes, the children began to put their head's out of the carriage window and

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44. say, "Arent we nearly there?" Every time they passed a house, which was not very often,

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45. they all said, "Oh, is this it? But it never was, till they reached the very top of the hill,

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46. just past the chalk quarry and before you come to the gravel-pit. Then there it was; a

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47. white house which had a green garden And an orchard beyond. Suddenly, mother said,

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48. "here we are!" Everyone got their legs kicked or their feet were trodden on in the scramble

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49. to get out that very minute, but no-one seemed to mind. Mother was in no hurry to get out,

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50. curiously enough, but the children were wiser for once. the house was in the country - freedom!

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