

TEST 2

Name _____ No. _____ Class _____
 Date ____ / ____ / ____ Mark _____ Teacher _____

B - Written comprehension

60 marks

1. Would you consider the possibility of studying abroad? Why?/Why not? Write 30-40 words.

10 marks

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Read the following text.

Pros and cons of studying abroad

For most students, studying abroad is a rewarding experience that **they** are happy to have undertaken. However, for others, the experience is **one** that they wish had been different in some way or even regret completely. Understanding the implication of studying abroad is an important part of making the best choice of where and how to
 5 study in another country – or even whether to leave one's own country.

Students who earn a degree overseas need to be aware of potential differences in how **their** degree will be valued in their home country and elsewhere. Unfortunately, there is no worldwide standard for higher education degrees and so their evaluation is not easy. European degrees have recently been standardized but elsewhere around the
 10 world degrees can vary in length, content and quality.

In general, studying abroad is highly valued by employers. Experience studying abroad is assumed to have benefitted the student in ways that will make them a more valuable employee than someone who hasn't. Such students are assumed to have qualities such as self-motivation, maturity, confidence and open-mindedness as well as
 15 language skills, cultural awareness or experience working with people from different parts of the world.

Studying abroad can be a life-changing experience that impacts on a student's life in many positive ways. Increased maturity, independence, self-reliance and openness to new experiences are some of the positive outcomes many students experience. Students
 20 often make long-lasting friendships and become more aware of their own values and culture and accept better those people **whose** values and lifestyles differ from their own.

For some students however, studying abroad can be a challenging experience. Some students have great difficulty adapting to a new environment where everything, from the food to the language and the style of instruction may be different from what they
 25 are used to. Students **who** choose to study abroad independently, especially at a school with few pupils from their home country, may have the most difficulty.

<http://www.braintrack.com/study-abroad/articles/study-abroad-pros-cons> (abridged and adapted, accessed in December 2012)

2. Say what the following words refer to in the text.

10 marks (5x2 marks)

- a. they (l. 1)
- b. one (l. 2)
- c. their (l. 7)
- d. whose (l. 21)
- e. who (l. 25)



3. Choose the best option to complete the sentences about the text.

10 marks (5x2 marks)

3.1 For most students studying abroad is a experience.

- a. rewarding
- b. rewarded
- c. reward

3.2 However, for some students it is a experience.

- a. regret
- b. regrettable
- c. regrets

3.3 It is important for students to decide they really want to go abroad.

- a. however
- b. nevertheless
- c. whether

3.4 The degree abroad might not be valued the same way everywhere.

- a. bought
- b. paid
- c. obtained

3.5 Accepting people's differences one of the most important skills acquired as a foreign student.

- a. can't be
- b. can be
- c. are

4. Answer the following questions about the text using your own words. 30 marks (3x10 marks)

4.1 What is the difference between European degrees and degrees taken in other parts of the world?

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4.2 Why is studying abroad generally highly valued by employers?

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4.3 Refer 3 positive and 3 negative aspects of studying abroad.

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C - Language

50 marks

1. Rewrite the following sentences without changing their meaning. 15 marks (3x5 marks)

a. European Union has standardised European degrees.

European degrees

b. Degrees will be valued differently by people in different countries.

People

c. Studying abroad is highly valued by employers.

Employers

2. Find the incorrect relative pronouns/determiners in the following text and correct them.

12 marks (4x3 marks)

Studying abroad is a challenging experience who many students are eager to embrace. Those whose friends have decided to join them are more likely to be successful in this adventure than those which thought that going alone could be an interesting perspective. Statistically, students whose decide to go without their peers find the experience more frustrating than those who peers go with them.

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3. Complete the missing parts of the reported speech.

15 marks (5x3 marks)

“My experience as a foreign student was quite enriching. I felt I was part of a multicultural reality as most of my classmates were from different nations.”

John **a.** Mary that **b.** experience as a foreign student **c.** quite enriching. **d.** felt he had been part of a multicultural reality as most of **e.** classmates were from different nations.

4. Write the appropriate verb forms of the verbs in brackets.

8 marks (4x2 marks)

Next school year, I think my brother **a.** (**apply**) for a scholarship in a foreign university. He **b.** (**never/live**) away from home and my mother **c.** (**be**) really concerned about this as he always **d.** (**arrive**) late for school.

D - Written production

50 marks

There are many teenagers who go to a foreign country to study, either for a short period of time or for a longer one. In 120-160 words, write a text presenting the advantages and the disadvantages of studying abroad.

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