

PART A - CHOICE ITEMS

ACTIVITY 1

Read the text and choose the best answers (A, B, or C) for items 1a-6a.

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A film lover's blog

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My 2021-2022 films




Hi everyone. Sorry I haven't been posting for a while. Just back from my summer break and decided it's about time I caught up with you all. I'll be doing a food post soon with lots of delicious tapas recipes. Spain was fantastic. Loved every minute. Watch this space!

So, the focus of this post is as the title suggests. Who doesn't enjoy watching films whether it's at the cinema or streaming online at home? For me it's one of my favourite ways of relaxing and chilling out. I've probably mentioned that before. I usually see at least one film a week although I rarely go to the cinema more than once or twice a month. It's not the cost that stops me. I guess it's just the convenience of being able to sit on my sofa curled up with my laptop.

Without a doubt one of my favourite films of late 2021 was **Spiderman: No Way Home**. I just can't resist this superhero. So much cooler than Batman or Thor. Also, up there with some of my favourite films was **Licorice Pizza**. Crazy film, a fast moving, coming of age story, set in California in the 1970s. As you know I'm a big fan of retro films. However, I think the one that I was most impressed with, probably my film of the year, was **Belfast**. I think it deserved to be rated much more highly by critics.



Belfast is an autobiographical film directed by Kenneth Branagh. It is in black and white, which helps the viewer get a realistic picture of this city in Northern Ireland and life in the late 1960s. This was the time when the troubles between the Catholics and Protestants were at their height. Often the action is quite slow and focused on the childhood home and local streets of Buddy, the young boy at the centre of the plot. The music is nostalgic and memorable. There's a sad innocence associated with Buddy and his life. Well-worth a watch if you get the opportunity.



ATTENTION

- Try to answer all the questions.
- Mark your answers on Answer Sheet 1 (ΑΠΑΝΤΗΤΙΚΟ ΕΝΤΥΠΟ 1).
- Provide ONE answer for each item.
- You have **85 minutes** to complete this part of the exam.

- 1a. The main purpose of this text is to
 - A. criticise films.
 - B. share news.
 - C. advertise places.
- 2a. The writer doesn't go to the cinema often because
 - A. watching at home is easier.
 - B. tickets are too expensive.
 - C. of the lack of good films.
- 3a. The film the writer liked best was
 - A. Licorice Pizza.
 - B. Belfast.
 - C. Spiderman: No Way Home.
- 4a. Spiderman is the writer's favourite
 - A. protagonist.
 - B. hero.
 - C. movie character.
- 5a. Belfast is a black-and-white film to help the viewer
 - A. spot important details.
 - B. get a feel of place and time.
 - C. travel in the future.
- 6a. Buddy, the young boy in the film Belfast, is
 - A. a film writer.
 - B. a street fighter.
 - C. the protagonist.

ACTIVITY 2

Read the text and choose the best word (A-H) to fill in items 7a-12a. Use each word only once. There are two words you do not need.

A.	realise	B.	burn	C.	make	D.	improve
E.	keep	F.	walk	G.	suggest	H.	join

STAY FIT! Try out a new type of exercise

It is extremely important to exercise regularly. Experts **7a** _____ that teenagers should all be doing at least 60 minutes of exercise on a daily basis to maintain good health and fitness.

Roller skating

Roller skating is an excellent way to **8a** _____ your strength, balance, and stability. It exercises the muscles of your legs and hips. What's more it can be fun too. Lots of gyms are now running roller skating classes. Why not **9a** _____ one!

Brisk walking

Sometimes people don't **10a** _____ just how valuable it is for you to get outside and walk. It's best to try and walk quite quickly. It helps you build stamina and keep your heart healthy. A brisk ten-minute daily walk will **11a** _____ you fit.

Swimming

You may not know this, but swimming is one of the best all-round exercise activities there is. It helps you build your muscles and to maintain a healthy weight. You can **12a** _____ off a lot of calories by swimming regularly.



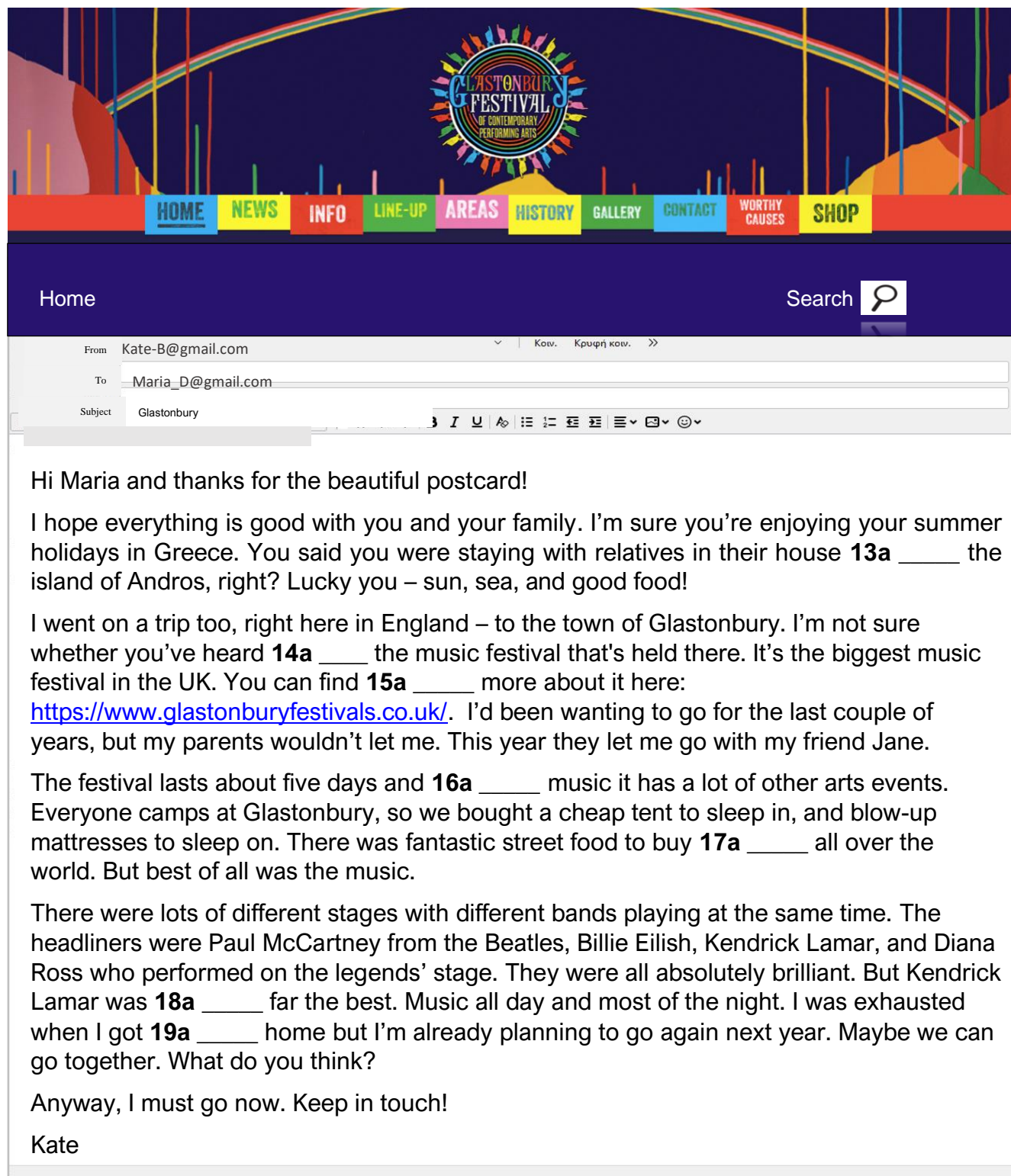




ACTIVITY 3

Read the text and fill in gaps 13a-19a with the best option (A-H). Use each option only once. There is one option you do not need.

A.	out	B.	besides	C.	back	D.	about
E.	by	F.	up	G.	on	H.	from



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From Kate-B@gmail.com To Maria_D@gmail.com Subject Glastonbury

Hi Maria and thanks for the beautiful postcard!

I hope everything is good with you and your family. I'm sure you're enjoying your summer holidays in Greece. You said you were staying with relatives in their house **13a** _____ the island of Andros, right? Lucky you – sun, sea, and good food!

I went on a trip too, right here in England – to the town of Glastonbury. I'm not sure whether you've heard **14a** _____ the music festival that's held there. It's the biggest music festival in the UK. You can find **15a** _____ more about it here: <https://www.glastonburyfestivals.co.uk/>. I'd been wanting to go for the last couple of years, but my parents wouldn't let me. This year they let me go with my friend Jane.

The festival lasts about five days and **16a** _____ music it has a lot of other arts events. Everyone camps at Glastonbury, so we bought a cheap tent to sleep in, and blow-up mattresses to sleep on. There was fantastic street food to buy **17a** _____ all over the world. But best of all was the music.

There were lots of different stages with different bands playing at the same time. The headliners were Paul McCartney from the Beatles, Billie Eilish, Kendrick Lamar, and Diana Ross who performed on the legends' stage. They were all absolutely brilliant. But Kendrick Lamar was **18a** _____ far the best. Music all day and most of the night. I was exhausted when I got **19a** _____ home but I'm already planning to go again next year. Maybe we can go together. What do you think?

Anyway, I must go now. Keep in touch!

Kate

ACTIVITY 4

Read the article below and decide if statements 20a-25a are True (A), False (B) or Not Stated (C).

STATEMENTS		A	B	C
		TRUE	FALSE	NOT STATED
The writer suggests that...				
20a	...many young people have run away to join a circus.			
21a	...Nell fulfilled her dream of joining a circus.			
22a	...Nell got married to Totti Gifford before joining the circus.			
23a	...Giffords Circus has received global recognition.			
24a	...Giffords Circus does not use caged animals in its shows.			
25a	...the future of Giffords circus is at risk.			

A very special circus

How many of us have dreamed at one point in our lives of running away to join the circus? To experience a life on the road, travelling from town-to-town entertaining young and old alike with the magic of the circus. Such a romantic dream! But sometimes dreams do come true.

This was the dream of Nell Gifford, a girl who grew up in rural Oxfordshire in the UK. When she was 18, she did run away to join the circus and travelled all over the world working in a variety of well-known circuses, learning the skills. And she never forgot her childhood dream either. She eventually returned to the UK and set up Giffords Circus with her husband Toti Gifford.

It is a touring circus that epitomises the very best about the art form - incredible human skill, and a respect for all of its performers. With handmade costumes, passionate performers and vintage vehicles, Giffords Circus has delighted and entertained over a million people since it started in 2000. It tours during the summer months in the Cotswolds and a park in London. The circus enjoys an international reputation, attracting some of the very best performers from around the world.

This is no ordinary circus. Gone are the animals kept in cages. The only animals in Giffords Circus are horses, dogs and chickens. The focus is on the magic and wonder of the circus entertainers. Gypsy violinists, tap dancers, tight-rope walkers, trapeze artists, stunt riders, opera singers, magicians, illusionists, gymnasts – all have inhabited Giffords Circus, and travelled with the Giffords family.

The theme of Giffords Circus in 2022 has been the sights and sounds of rural Mexico. Each year there is a new theme. Sadly, Nell is no longer part of the circus because, tragically, she died from cancer in 2019. Her husband and family continue with the circus, celebrating her life and everything she sought to achieve. The future is looking bright.

Read the text below and choose the best answer (A, B or C) for items 26a-31a (next page).

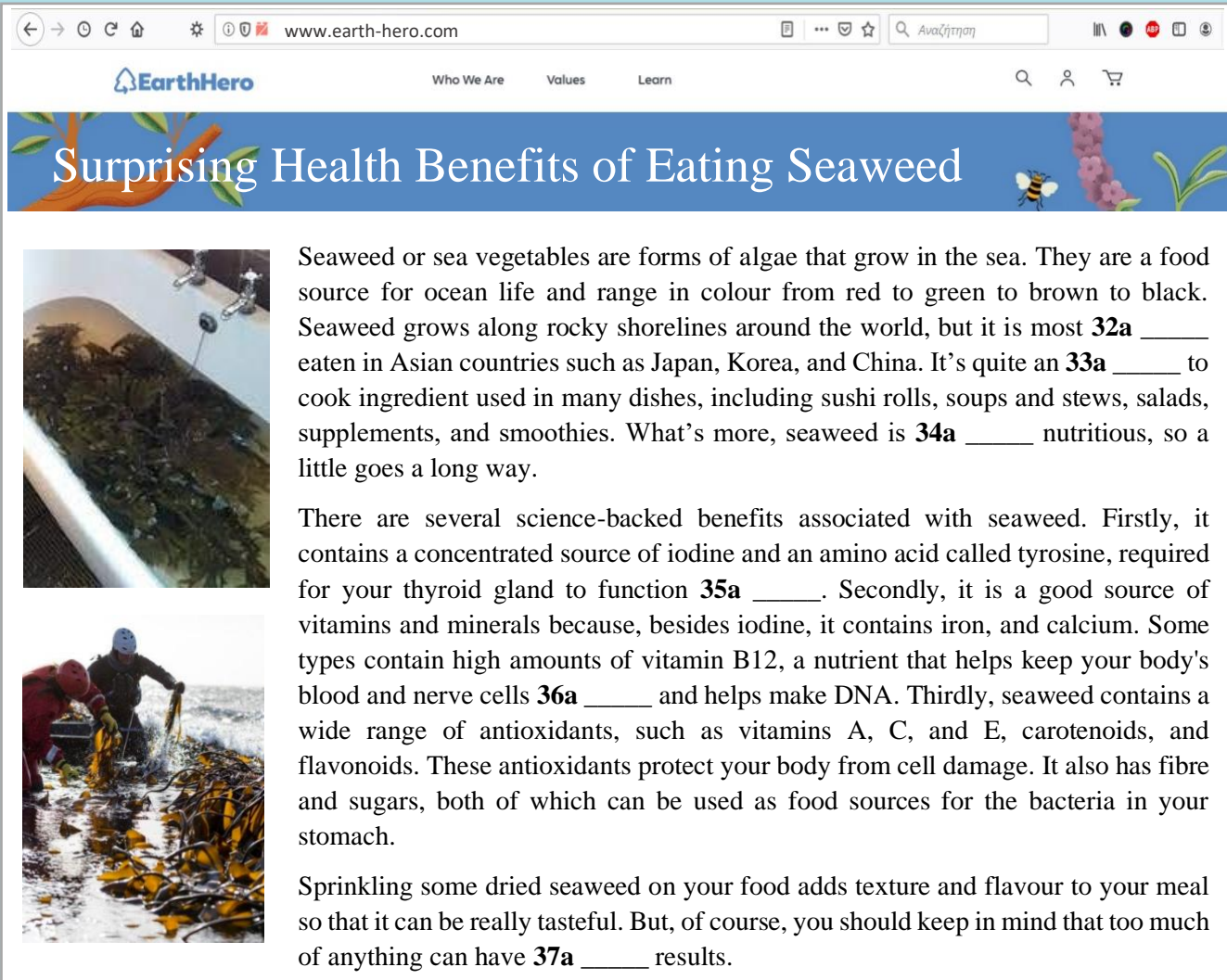


- 26a. The main purpose of the text is to
 A praise saffron. B promote Kozani. C question the value of saffron.
- 27a. According to the text, saffron is harvested
 A with brand new machines. B by botanic experts. C by experienced local workers.
- 28a. The text suggests that saffron
 A is the most popular spice in the world. B is used alongside other famous spices. C is valued because of its various qualities.
- 29a. According to the text, saffron is used to
 A colour clothing. B make food last longer. C dye white meat.
- 30a. According to the text, saffron was originally cultivated in
 A Spain. B Greece. C India.
- 31a. The writer concludes by suggesting that Homer referred to the
 A origins of saffron. B taste of saffron. C colour of saffron.

ACTIVITY 6

Read the text and fill in gaps 32a-37a with the best option (A-H). Use each option only once. There are two options you do not need.

A. healthy	B. properly	C. easy	D. highly
E. opposite	F. commonly	G. permanently	H. strongly



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL www.earth-hero.com. The page title is 'Surprising Health Benefits of Eating Seaweed'. The article text discusses the health benefits of seaweed, mentioning its use in various dishes and its nutritional value. The text includes gaps for a reading comprehension exercise.

Seaweed or sea vegetables are forms of algae that grow in the sea. They are a food source for ocean life and range in colour from red to green to brown to black. Seaweed grows along rocky shorelines around the world, but it is most **32a** _____ eaten in Asian countries such as Japan, Korea, and China. It's quite an **33a** _____ to cook ingredient used in many dishes, including sushi rolls, soups and stews, salads, supplements, and smoothies. What's more, seaweed is **34a** _____ nutritious, so a little goes a long way.

There are several science-backed benefits associated with seaweed. Firstly, it contains a concentrated source of iodine and an amino acid called tyrosine, required for your thyroid gland to function **35a** _____. Secondly, it is a good source of vitamins and minerals because, besides iodine, it contains iron, and calcium. Some types contain high amounts of vitamin B12, a nutrient that helps keep your body's blood and nerve cells **36a** _____ and helps make DNA. Thirdly, seaweed contains a wide range of antioxidants, such as vitamins A, C, and E, carotenoids, and flavonoids. These antioxidants protect your body from cell damage. It also has fibre and sugars, both of which can be used as food sources for the bacteria in your stomach.

Sprinkling some dried seaweed on your food adds texture and flavour to your meal so that it can be really tasteful. But, of course, you should keep in mind that too much of anything can have **37a** _____ results.

ACTIVITY 7

Who is most likely to be interested in which app? Read texts 38a-42a below, and match them with options A-F. There is one option you do not need.

- A A person interested in data analysis in the field of health.
- B A person interested in reading picture books rather than long printed books.
- C A person interested in the movement of natural objects in space.
- D A person interested in developing new software.
- E A person interested in protecting personal information.
- F A person interested in developing short funny moving images online.

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Six apps you may not have heard of, but you may like

There are many excellent apps that are not necessarily well-known but are waiting to be discovered and downloaded onto our mobile devices. These six apps offer a variety of experiences that may be of interest to a wide range of people.

38a Stellarium Mobile Sky Map

This app is perfect for anyone who wants to explore the wonders of the sky at night. The Stellarium Mobile Sky Map app helps you explore the night sky to learn about stars, constellations, and planets with just a swipe and a tap. You can even navigate the stars using a GPS feature by simply waving your phone in different directions. You can download the Stellarium Mobile Sky Map app for free on Android devices and for a one-time fee on iOS devices.

39a AppLock

AppLock is one of the best iPhone apps available for teenagers who want to protect their privacy on their smartphones. Protecting privacy is really important! The great news is that it works perfectly on Android phones too. The app helps you to lock files, documents, apps, pictures and videos and even Wi-Fi on your phone. You can also make a password to keep everything secure and protected. Only share what you want to share.

40a DreamLab

DreamLab helps support cancer research. You're probably wondering how this works. DreamLab allows your phone to help conduct the research while you sleep at night. The app uses your phone's processing power to process calculations for a cancer research project. This global research can bring the world closer to better cancer treatments and maybe one day a cure. The best thing is that it's all done when your phone is charging while you sleep. Once the app completes its calculations, the data goes to the Garvan Institute of Medical Research in Australia. DreamLab is free to use and to download on both Android and iOS devices.

41a Comics

With this app you can preview, purchase, read, and store your favourite comic books and graphic novels on your mobile device. The Comics app has a vast collection of comic books, graphic novels, and manga, including titles from Marvel Comics, DC Comics, IDW, Image Comics, and Dark Horse. Other features of the Comics app include storing your purchased comics on an SD card allowing offline reading. The Comics app charges varying prices per book.

42a PicsArt Animator

Create your own brief animations. PicsArt Animator is a fun, creative app that lets you make short, online videos, animations, and GIFs on your mobile device. It offers short, helpful tutorials that allow you to use numerous creation tools, including frame-by-frame animations and editing, drawing and sketching tools, and the ability to record voiceovers.

ACTIVITY 8

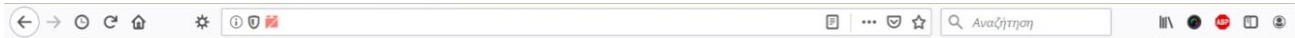
8.1 Read quickly the text below (and on the next page) and choose the best answer for items 43a-44a.

43a. Lava narrates her personal journey

- A from birth to adulthood. B to artistic success. C from homeland to England.

44a. Lava seems to be

- A unhappy with her studies. B proud of herself. C ashamed of her culture.



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My journey as a refugee

My name is Lava. I am 18 years old. I go to college in England and I live in a town called Witney, in West Oxfordshire. I study Creative Art and Design which includes photography, art textiles and graphics. I live with my parents, three brothers and one sister. I've just completed my final project at college, representing my journey. I'd like to share it with you.

I was born in Afrin, part of Aleppo in Syria. I am Kurdish and very proud of my culture. I left Syria during the war and travelled with my family through Turkey to the UK. The journey was a long one! I arrived in the UK in 2016 as a refugee. When we arrived, we only spoke a little English, but now we can all speak it well. I also speak Kurdish, Arabic and Turkish.

My journey was difficult. I had to leave my grandparents behind and my house, which has been bombed and no longer exists. Also, I left behind happy childhood memories of living in Aleppo with my family and a beautiful garden in which we grew fruit and vegetables. More than anything, it was hard to leave the safety of our Kurdish community in Syria. In my homeland, the most important source of income was from working with olive trees. The olive tree is the symbol of Afrin. As a result of Afrin's Mediterranean climate, it was known through the centuries for its wonderful olives. Sadly, not anymore. Maybe one day things will change...

My family and I fled to Turkey where we lived with another family from Syria. An old Kurdish proverb says that the Kurds have 'No friends but the mountains', and for much of their history, Kurds have found refuge in the surrounding mountains where they feel protected against threats from those who want to harm us. In Turkey, we were refugees and had to hide aspects of our Kurdish culture – our music, our language because it was not welcome. We learnt Turkish and lived quietly alongside other refugees. Some aspects of our culture are similar to Turkish ones, yet different at the same time.

It took us three years to arrive in the UK. The journey wasn't easy and living in the UK hasn't been that easy either, but I think I have learned just how important it is to be proud of your own culture. I have a passionate desire to share it with people I meet so they can understand more about the Kurdish people. One of the things I have been doing recently is learning to play the uzun sap – a long-necked stringed musical instrument from my homeland that my father knows how to play. Of course, I realise that it is important for us to remember and cherish our own traditions, such as food and music, and our own language, but at the same time it is important to accept new cultures and learn new languages as well.

8.2 Read the text and decide if statements 45a-50a below are True (A), False (B) or Not stated (C).

I decided my final college project should be about my journey and my life experience. It consists of seven three dimensional boxes I made. Seven boxes for the seven members of my family. They represent my experience as a refugee from Syria to the UK.

The pieces focus on the Kurdish culture which is extremely important to me. When creating the work that I included in my project I sometimes felt distressed because it brought back painful memories. But I am passionate about my Kurdish culture and really want to share it with everyone.

The colours for my final project were very important too, as every single colour is significant. The main colours in my project are red, white, yellow, and green because they represent the Kurdish flag. Red symbolizes the blood of the martyrs who have perished in the continued struggle for the Kurdish peoples' freedom. Yellow represents the sources of life and light of the people. The sun is an ancient symbol, and the twenty-one sunbeams represent March 21, which is the celebration of the arrival of spring and New Year in Kurdish culture. White represents peace and equality, and green expresses the natural beauty and landscapes of Kurdistan. Green is also a symbol of life and vitality for the people of the region. Part of my final piece is about living in an ever-changing and evolving environment.



Our cultural traditions are a collection of norms and customs that have served to bind a community together. We rely on traditions to provide us with comfort in what we are afraid to know or may never know because we are often afraid of questioning our ways of thinking and living. Perhaps we can bring aspects of our own culture to any new culture we are experiencing and learn and accept new cultures too. I am proud of what I have achieved in my life and more recently at school and college in the UK. I am now a UK citizen and will be returning to college after the summer holidays. I am hopeful about the future and want to go to university one day. I hope you have learned a little bit about me, my culture, and the journey I have been on.

STATEMENTS		A	B	C
		TRUE	FALSE	NOT STATED
45a	Lava expresses fond childhood memories of living in Aleppo.			
46a	Lava explains that olives are an excellent source of income to people who have remained in Aleppo.			
47a	Lava is keen on making people aware of the Kurdish culture and its many traditions such as food and music.			
48a	The Kurdish flag was first introduced in 1921.			
49a	Lava suggests that when you move to a new country you must leave behind your own traditions and focus only on those of the new country.			
50a	Lava is planning to continue her studies in the UK.			

PART B - SHORT ANSWERS

ACTIVITY 1

Find a synonym (one or two words) for the items underlined (1b-5b) in the text below.



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The worst drought in Europe in 500 years

High temperatures and dry weather have affected (1b) nearly half of Europe in recent weeks, drying up bodies of water, damaging crops, sparking wildfires, and more. July was the worst month on record for France with no rain, and the hottest month in Spain since 1961. Many countries (2b) across Europe including Portugal, Italy, France, Spain, Germany, Greece, the Czech Republic, and Serbia have been hit by a series of strong heatwaves this summer.

Rivers and lakes have dried up. The receding water levels have also revealed some (3b) buried treasures. Sunken villages and ships have been seen for the first time in many years. Low levels of the river Tiber in Rome have revealed the ruins of an ancient bridge which may have been built by the Emperor Nero around 50AD.

Firefighters have been working throughout the summer in countries across the continent to put out (4b) raging forest fires. In July in France alone an estimated total of more than 51,000 acres were burnt by the wildfires in the Gironde in Southwestern France causing a total of 36,750 people to be evacuated from their homes and businesses.

On 9 August, a senior European Commission researcher said it seems to be Europe's worst year of drought in 500 years. However, the drought is not only a European but a global (5b) concern. The United Nations says that drought frequency and duration has increased by nearly a third globally since 2000. The climate crisis is fuelling this, according to the 2022 *Drought in Numbers Report*. It says more than 2.3 billion people around the world are currently facing water worries.

ACTIVITY 2

Fill in gaps 6b-10b with the most appropriate word or words, so that the text makes sense.



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Who is the youth of today?

Today, on International Youth Day, we honour young people – their visions and their choices. We celebrate “Youth Engagement for Global Action” – a slogan that seeks to highlight the ways young people engage at the local, national and global levels. Global challenges, like the coronavirus pandemic or climate change, as well as local issues, will have an **6b** _____ on the future. It is time to see the extent to which these challenges will affect the youngest population who will have to come up with solutions.

We reached out to several Cuban youngsters, to **7b** _____ about their visions, their roles in society as individuals and as members of society. They were asked two questions, to which they had to respond. What do you think is the role of young people these days? What are you doing from your position to help young people?

Here are some of their responses.

*“Young people represent the future of our country. We are one of society’s main agents of change and progress. We have a great effect on economic development too. At this stage of our lives, we are building our social relationships and developing a personality that defines us as a generation. What we do, when we **8b** _____ adults, impacts on how we think and act today”* says Magdany Acosta Gallardo, 18 years old.

*“Young people are the cornerstone of every society and represent a generational renewal. This is something that has been said so many times, but the reality is that young people are the ones who are in charge of their own legacy. This is why it’s important for me as an actress to inspire young people through my acting. I also feel it is tremendously important for me to **9b** _____ my life experiences with the young people who listen to me because I serve as a role model. This way, I’m passing on knowledge that other young people can reuse”* says Roxana Broche, 25 years old.

*“At our age, our role in the world is to **10b** _____ some important goals for our society and eventually become responsible adults, committed to our time. There are young people who are leaders already – trying to wake up the world to participate in the battle against global warming. We have proven that we can offer a better future and that we are willing to fight against all odds to achieve that.”* Luis Daniel del Riego Carralero, 16 years old.

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