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OPTION A: MANNEQUIN CHALLENGE

- 1 Mannequin Challenge has recently become a thing. The trend apparently started with high school kids who may
2 have taken too literally their teacher's supplications to sit still. Now everyone from Adele to Ellen DeGeneres has
3 given it a go.
4 So what exactly is the Mannequin Challenge? The clue is in the name. A group of people freeze in mid-action like
5 mannequins while someone goes around filming them. Then you put a soundtrack on it and stick it online.
6 The Mannequin Challenge is not actually that new; it's just a digital revival of the 19th century fashion for *living*
7 *pictures*, as they were known. These were used to dramatize important moments of history or famous paintings.
8 They were also a bit of after-dinner fun. People used to hang around in their living rooms and recreate famous
9 scenes.
10 But while it may date back to the 19th century, the Mannequin Challenge is also very much of the moment. The
11 fact that just being quiet and still for a moment has been so enthusiastically embraced is a sign that we are all very
12 tired, and we would like a little rest.
13 The Mannequin Challenge isn't the only indicator of a need for less speed. In August, Netflix started to air slow
14 TV. Something of a cultural phenomenon in Norway, slow TV is basically a genre where nothing happens for hours
15 on end. The first episode, a 7.5-hour train ride from Bergen to Oslo, was watched by 45% of Norway's population.
16 There's no background music or narrative. It's just train sounds. And there are several tunnels, so the screen often
17 just goes dark.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. Mannequin challenge...

- (a) was practiced by famous people in historical events. (b) used to be filmed in 19th century homes.
(c) is similar to a kind of entertainment practised more than a century ago. (d) is an unprecedented phenomenon.

2. 19th century living pictures were...

- (a) a professional activity. (b) an educational activity.
(c) a leisure activity. (d) a commercial activity.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. Mannequin Challenge is thought to have originated at schools.

4. Living pictures used to be performed at any time in the day.

5. Slow TV is a TV show about a train ride from Bergen to Oslo.

6. More than half of Norwegians are attracted to slow TV.

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "major" (adjective).

7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "well-known" (adjective).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "to stop moving."

8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "the total number of people living in a place."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:

- 9.1. "She is very good... (preposition) singing." 9.2. "It all depends... (preposition) the weather."

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT OPTION:

10.1 "I am too busy to take a holiday; ..., (too / however / therefore / besides) I don't have the money."

10.2 "Don't go to school if you... (don't / couldn't / will / may not) feel well."

11. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "What is the phone number of the flower shop? You bought the roses in that flower shop."

12. 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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13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "Mary may have changed the flat tyre."

14. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "He visits his uncle every two weeks."

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

What do you think about viral videos? Discuss.

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OPTION B: ZODIAC SIGNS

- 1 If someone you know tells you they are no longer a Scorpio and they are an Ophiuchus now, they are probably not
2 the only one. 86% of us may not be the star sign we thought. Everything you thought you knew about astrology just
3 changed after NASA revealed that there are actually thirteen zodiac signs. After doing some calculations and taking
4 into account that the earth's axis no longer points in the same direction, NASA concluded that the horoscope signs as
5 we know them have completely different date ranges now. So where did we go wrong?
6 Some 3,000 years ago, the Babylonians thought that the changing positions of constellations throughout the year
7 could be linked to certain behaviours or events on Earth. And so they invented the zodiac: the circle of twelve
8 constellations based on the apparent path that the Sun takes across an imagined celestial sphere over the course of
9 the year. In fact, the thirteenth sign is not a new discovery. Even according to the Babylonians' own ancient stories,
10 there were thirteen constellations. It's just that the Babylonians drew up a plan for the signs of the zodiac to correspond
11 with their calendar, which was based on the phases of the Moon and thus only contained twelve months. So they left
12 out poor Ophiuchus, which takes its name from a Greek term meaning 'serpent-bearer' (this sign is commonly
13 represented as a man grasping a snake).
14 Presumably, each person has a different relationship with their sign and horoscope, but as NASA has shown, the
15 Babylonians cheated a bit. Astrology isn't real and can be challenged by its science counterpart, astronomy.

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points)

CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0.5 points each)

1. **The Babylonians invented the zodiac because they thought that...**

- (a) it was scientific. (b) it was helpful for people.
(c) it was interesting. (d) it was related to human conduct.

2. **The Babylonians created a twelve-sign zodiac because...**

- (a) twelve was enough. (b) twelve was the number of harmony.
(c) number twelve matched their calendar. (d) they had twelve gods.

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS. (0.5 points each)

3. **The discovery of Ophiuchus has changed the zodiac signs of many people.**

4. **The earth's axis has never changed its position.**

5. **The thirteenth constellation was discovered by NASA..**

6. **Astrology and astronomy are sciences that make the same predictions.**

7. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

7.1. ONE SYNONYM FOR "old" (adjective).

7.2. ONE SYNONYM FOR "supposedly" (adverb).

8. FIND IN THE TEXT: (0.5 points)

8.1. ONE WORD MEANING "to hold firmly in your hands."

8.2. ONE WORD MEANING "the process of finding out something for the first time."

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; 0.5 points each)

9. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH A CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS:

9.1. "My brother always complains about... (do) his chores."

9.2. "I would like him... (be) more responsible."

10. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE CORRECT WORD:

10.1. "My friend is very keen... (preposition) astronomy."

10.2. "I do not care... (preposition) horoscopes."

11. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO REPORTED SPEECH: "Do you want to come to the cinema with me?" he asked me."

12. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONAL SENTENCE: "If I could choose a profession, ..."

13. TURN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE INTO THE PASSIVE VOICE: "They offered me a good deal."

14. JOIN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING AN APPROPRIATE LINKER (DO NOT USE AND, BUT, OR BECAUSE). MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY. "All beliefs are equally valid. Everybody should respect them."

III * WRITING (3 points)

15. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

Do you think you are a lucky person? Why?