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**English ab initio – Standard level – Paper 2 – Reading comprehension**  
**Anglais ab initio – Niveau moyen – Épreuve 2 – Compréhension écrite**  
**Inglés ab initio – Nivel Medio – Prueba 2 – Comprensión de lectura**

Tuesday 10 November 2020 (morning)  
Mardi 10 novembre 2020 (matin)  
Martes 10 de noviembre de 2020 (mañana)

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- Write your session number in the boxes above.
- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer all questions. Each question is allocated **[1 mark]** unless otherwise stated.
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- La puntuación máxima para esta prueba de examen es **[40 puntos]**.



**Text A — Shambhu: a newspaper editor finds a way to give street children a voice**

Choose the correct answer (paragraphs **1–2**).

1. At the beginning of each day Shambhu...

- A. has a cleaning job.
- B. goes to school.
- C. eats with his family.
- D. works as a reporter.

2. Shambhu needs money...

- A. to pay for his education.
- B. to help street children.
- C. to buy a car to go to work.
- D. to buy food for his family.

3. Shambhu realized he was interested in journalism...

- A. when he started working for *Balaknama*.
- B. when he was studying at the learning center.
- C. when he read an article about street children.
- D. when he learned to speak Hindi.



Find the words that complete the following sentences. Answer using the words as they appear in paragraphs 2-4.

4. In the learning center, Shambhu was taught...

.....

5. *Balaknama* wants people to know more about...

.....

6. Before Shambhu could write his own stories, other reporters...

.....

7. Shambhu sometimes finds it difficult to choose...

.....

8. Reporters get money for...

.....



Choose an appropriate word from the list that completes each gap in the following text (paragraphs **3-5**).

Shambhu is the editor of *Balaknama*, a newspaper produced by street children. **[ - 9 - ]** many of these children do not know how to read or write, they can find interesting stories. They can **[ - 10 - ]** deliver and sell the newspapers. Shambhu hopes **[ - 11 - ]** the children will learn to read and write **[ - 12 - ]** this has helped him to change his life.

- |                       |                          |              |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 9. <b>[ - 9 - ]</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | A. also      |
| 10. <b>[ - 10 - ]</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | B. although  |
| 11. <b>[ - 11 - ]</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | C. and       |
| 12. <b>[ - 12 - ]</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | D. because   |
|                       |                          | E. but       |
|                       |                          | F. that      |
|                       |                          | G. therefore |
|                       |                          | H. too       |

Choose the correct answer (paragraphs **5-6**).

13. In the future, Shambhu wants to...

- |                          |                                |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | A. continue his studies.       |
|                          | B. work in a restaurant.       |
|                          | C. sell vegetables.            |
|                          | D. still work for a newspaper. |

14. In the title of the article, "to give street children a voice" means...

- |                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | A. to teach street children how to be healthy.     |
|                          | B. to encourage street children to work together.  |
|                          | C. to help street children express their opinions. |
|                          | D. to explain to street children how to find work. |



**Text B — Trees for Travellers**

The following statements are either true or false. Tick [✓] the correct option, then justify it using words as they appear in the text. Both parts are required for [1 mark] (lines 1–9).

**15.** Kaikōura is no longer famous for its amazing scenery.

<input type="checkbox"/> True	Justification: .....
<input type="checkbox"/> False	.....

**16.** Vegetation used to grow everywhere in Kaikōura.

<input type="checkbox"/> True	Justification: .....
<input type="checkbox"/> False	.....

**17.** People rapidly destroyed the vegetation in Kaikōura.

<input type="checkbox"/> True	Justification: .....
<input type="checkbox"/> False	.....

**18.** There are other schemes like *Trees for Travellers* in Kaikōura.

<input type="checkbox"/> True	Justification: .....
<input type="checkbox"/> False	.....

**19.** The native trees are planted by the customers.

<input type="checkbox"/> True	Justification: .....
<input type="checkbox"/> False	.....



Choose an appropriate question from the list that completes each gap in the text.

20. [- 20 -]

21. [- 21 -]

22. [- 22 -]

23. [- 23 -]

- A. How do you look after the trees?
- B. Which animals kill trees?
- C. Can I choose where my tree will grow?
- D. How many trees are planted each year?
- E. What happens if my tree dies?
- F. What kind of trees do you plant?
- G. When will my tree be planted?
- H. Who plants the trees?

What do the following words mean in the text? Choose the appropriate words from the list.

24. season (line 12)

25. location (line 15)

26. wood (line 16)

27. terrain (line 17)

- A. small forest
- B. plant
- C. park
- D. weather
- E. grass
- F. position
- G. ground
- H. period



**Text C — A student talks about her experience of homeschooling**

Answer the following questions (lines 1–13).

28. Why do some students not get enough attention at school?

.....

29. Which phrase in the text means to work “at your own speed”?

.....

30. Give **one** example of a “very restricting schedule” (line 10).

.....

31. What is the advantage of being able to study when you want?

.....

32. Choose the **five** true statements (lines 14–26).

[5]

A. Homeschoolers do not use textbooks.

B. Homeschoolers learn by doing the activity.

C. Hands-on learning is suitable for large classes.

D. Homeschoolers have no friends.

E. Homeschoolers can make friends in activities outside school.

F. Homeschoolers must take responsibility for their learning.

G. A teacher comes once a year to teach the homeschoolers.

H. If a homeschooled student fails a second year, he or she must return to regular school.

I. Homeschooled students are happy to return to regular schooling.

J. Homeschooling has good and bad experiences.





To whom or to what do the underlined words refer? Answer using the words as they appear in the text.

33. ...they have done... (line 22)

.....

34. ...to do a lot more of it... (line 23)

.....

35. ...wants that... (line 25)

.....

36. ...it is an amazing experience... (line 25)

.....

