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**VARIANTA 1**

**I. Reading comprehension**

**Look at the sentences below about a family trip to see dolphins. Read the text to decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, mark A on your answer sheet. If it is not correct, mark B on your answer sheet. 25 points(10x2,5p)**

- 1 Paul has family connections with the place he first visited in New Zealand.
- 2 Paul and his family chose to go to Kaikoura as part of their tour.
- 3 As soon as Paul arrived in Kaikoura he knew he might see some dolphins there.
- 4 The weather got worse during Paul's boat trip.
- 5 Paul had expected to go swimming closer to land.
- 6 Paul was beginning to feel unhappy about the trip until someone saw the dolphins.
- 7 Paul believed the dolphins were inviting him to join them in the water.
- 8 Paul felt that he had failed to communicate with the dolphins.
- 9 One dolphin copied exactly what Paul did in the water.
- 10 Paul was pleased when the guides finally called them back onto the boat.

**Dolphin Trip**

My family have always been huge fans of New Zealand - my mum comes from the capital - so we saved up and went for a holiday there. We started with a week in the city she grew up in. After that, we toured around for a while before ending up by chance in Kaikoura, a small town on the coast. The first evening it seemed a rather dull place, but the next day I remembered what I'd read about it - that it was often possible to see dolphins and whales there! I'll always think of Kaikoura as the place where I finally achieved my lifelong ambition - to swim with wild dolphins.

My family and I set off on a dolphin trip on a cold, grey day with a number of other people on a small boat. However, the sky soon turned blue, and we raced across the waves in the sunshine until we finally reached the place where we were supposed to go swimming. To my surprise, this was more than 40 km from land. I was quite cold by this time, and really starting to wonder why my family had made me come all the way out there, when suddenly someone shouted 'Dolphins!'.

All I could see were fins everywhere - there were more than a hundred dolphins, all swimming towards our boat! Many of them were jumping around in the water as if they were asking us to come and play. I put on my snorkel and jumped into the sea. Everywhere I looked, all I could see was dolphins, swimming under me and round me. Then I remembered the guide had told us to make sounds in the water to attract them. So I did and actually heard them making similar sounds, as if they were trying to answer me. I even made eye contact with one dolphin, and watched it carefully as I swam round in a circle. Amazingly, the dolphin almost followed me, but then changed its mind, although it kept eye contact with me all the time. It really

made me realise how intelligent and beautiful these creatures are. Then after an hour of swimming the guides called us to get back onto the boat. Although I had enjoyed myself, I was keen to leave the water by then as I was very cold. As I got dry I noticed that everyone on board was smiling and I realised what a very special moment we'd had. I'll never forget that experience, and Kaikoura will always have a special place in my heart.

## II. Use of English (25 points)

1. Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space. For each item, mark the correct letter, A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet. (1x10p=10points)

### San Francisco

Whatever you hope for from a visit to San Francisco in the USA, you won't be disappointed. The hills are just as steep as you imagined they would be, and the Golden Gate Bridge is just as spectacular. It's no (1) ..... then that the city is among the world's (2) ..... tourist destinations. (3) ..... many people live there, San Francisco (4) ..... more like a small town than a city of more than 4 million people. Its (5) ..... on the water, its parks, and its hills all (6) ..... that you can never see further than a few blocks.

One of the most (7) ..... trips is a drive across the Golden Gate Bridge. This is a journey (8) ..... should be saved for a sunny day so that you can (9) ..... the fantastic view, and Golden Gate Park has wonderful gardens, (10) ..... addition to being great for a picnic.

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|---------------|-----------|--------------|------------|
| 1. A guess    | B excuse  | C question   | D surprise |
| 2. A complete | B top     | C proper     | D full     |
| 3. A Although | B Besides | C Unless     | D Despite  |
| 4. A shows    | B fits    | C seems      | D makes    |
| 5. A location | B point   | C landscape  | D scene    |
| 6. A allow    | B mean    | C let        | D intend   |
| 7. A amazed   | B popular | C interested | D positive |
| 8. A who      | B where   | C which      | D what     |
| 9. A admire   | B approve | C accept     | D attract  |
| 10. A in      | B as      | C on         | D by       |

2. There is one mistake in each of the following sentences. Underline each mistake and write the correct word/phrase. (1x10=10 points)

e.g. 0. We have visited this museum yesterday. *visited*

1. The cooker tried to guess the secret ingredient.
2. She lives here for twelve years and she still likes it.
3. It was supposed to be fun, but it's actually quite bored.
4. When father came home, we already ate.
5. Look! The dog wags its tail, so it's not going to bite us.

6. Take this money in case you need them.
7. Susan did the ironing when suddenly the power went off.
8. If I knew her phone number, I would have invited her to the party last weekend.
9. Physics are not as easy as Physical Education.
10. Shetoldmeshewillgoto Spain.

**3. Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. (5 x 1p = 5 p):**

- a) I am sorry I ate so much chocolate.  
I wish .....
- b) He didn't call you because he didn't know your phone number.  
If he .....
- c) The earthquake has destroyed a lot of buildings.  
A lot of buildings .....
- d) If she doesn't study, she won't pass the exam.  
Unless she .....
- e) "My parents will send me some money tomorrow", she said.  
She said .....

**III. Writing**

Your English teacheraskedyoutowrite a story(150-180 words) beginningwiththefollowingsentence:

" I quicklystartedto open the large box."(50 points)

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