

SECTION I. THE ASSESSMENT OF COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (30 points)

Read the text and do the tasks below the text.

Saving Languages

1 Did you know that every fourteen days one of the world's 7000 languages dies out? Throughout human history, languages have disappeared because of natural disasters and wars, but nowadays the most common reason is globalization. This is happening all over the world. In South Africa, for example, young people are choosing to use English instead of their traditional languages because they need
5 English to study in higher education.

About 60% of the world's population speak one of the twenty most common languages, and the number of speakers of world languages such as English and Spanish is increasing fast. Would we really lose anything if the small languages died out completely? The answer would be 'yes'. When a language dies out, we lose the culture and the history of a people that may be thousands of years old. We also
10 lose the knowledge of the people who speak the language. Speakers of the Kallawaya language in Bolivia have words for medicinal plants in their part of the rainforest, which doctors in the world have never heard of, and speakers of the Yupik language of Alaska have ninety-nine words for ice, a fact that shows that they have a unique understanding of their world. Our planet would lose that understanding if these languages disappeared.

15 If you wanted to make your language more interesting for young people, what would you do? Professor K. David Harrison, who has travelled the world to look for the last speakers of disappearing languages, believes that using social media, YouTube, text messaging and other digital technologies is one way of saving disappearing languages. In North America, for example, young Native Americans go online and chat to other teenagers in languages like Cherokee or Navajo, or they teach their
20 language online to people of all races all over the world.

Another exciting project is to create talking dictionaries. Professor Harrison has just produced eight talking dictionaries, which contain more than 32,000 words in eight endangered languages. There are also audio recordings of native speakers pronouncing words and sentences, and some photographs of cultural objects.

25 In the next 100 years, the number of languages will decrease, but we don't have to lose as many as some people think. Using modern technology can save small languages, and we mustn't lose the culture, history and knowledge that these languages *contain*.

No	Item	Score	
1.	Answer the following questions according to the text. (Total: 8 points) a) According to the text, what is today's most common reason for language disappearance? _____ _____ _____	A 0 1 2	A 0 1 2
	b) According to the text, why do young people in South Africa prefer to speak English? _____ _____ _____	A 0 1 2	A 0 1 2
	c) According to the text, what are the two most common languages in the world at the moment? _____ _____ _____	A 0 1 2	A 0 1 2
2.	Circle the correct answer according to the text. (Total: 4 points) 1. Based on the text, speakers of the Kallawaya language in Bolivia have words for medicinal plants in their part of the rainforest, a. which are famous all over the world. b. which are used by all the doctors in the world. c. which are not known to the doctors in the world. d. which Bolivian doctors have never heard of.	A 0 2	A 0 2
	2. The word <i>contain</i> in line 27 is closest in meaning to a. include b. die out. c. learn. d. lose.	A 0 2	A 0 2
3.	Based on the text, write if the sentences are <i>True</i> or <i>False</i>. Justify your choice. (Total: 6 points) a) Professor K. David Harrison has been searching for the last speakers of disappearing languages. _____ because _____ _____ _____ b) Talking dictionaries is one of the ways to save disappearing languages. _____ because _____ _____ _____	A 0 1 3 A 0 1 3	A 0 1 3 A 0 1 3
4.	Find in the text the synonyms for the words given below. (Total: 4 points) a) ordinary - _____ b) picture - _____	A 0 2 4	A 0 2 4
5.	Give another title to the text. (Total: 2 points) _____ _____	A 0 1 2	A 0 1 2

6.	Explain the message of the text in 30-40 words. (Total: 8 points)	A	A
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SECTION II. THE ASSESSMENT OF LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE (20 points)

Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the word or with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

No	Item	Score	
1-10	<p>I had a wonderful experience last weekend. Once _____ (<i>a/the/-</i>) month I spend a weekend away with two friends. We usually sleep in our tents, but sometimes when we _____ (<i>to feel</i>) like having a real rest, we book a room in a hotel.</p> <p>However, on Thursday evening, I suggested _____ (<i>to go</i>) on a “mystery weekend” and my friends agreed at once. On Saturday we got into my _____ (<i>fathers’/fathers/father’s</i>) car, which I had borrowed from him for the weekend. No one knew how long _____ (<i>would the drive take/ the drive would take/ will take the drive</i>). I was the only one who knew where we _____ (<i>to go</i>) at that time.</p> <p>If I had told my friends about it in advance, they _____ (<i>not to be surprised</i>). Where do you think I _____ (<i>to take</i>) them on that day? To the Bond Marina Hotel, on the bank of the River Dart, where a boat was ready to take us all _____ (<i>in/on/by</i>) a trip up the river.</p> <p>It was such a lovely day that we decided to stay on deck. When we got home on Sunday, everybody wanted to go on _____ (<i>another /other /others</i>) “mystery weekend”.</p>	A	A
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SECTION III. THE ASSESSMENT OF CULTURAL AND PRAGMATIC COMPETENCES
(20 points)

Write a 70-80 word coherent text responding to the situation below.

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1.	Your school would like to start a new foreign language festival. Suggest a writer or poet from an English-speaking country that the festival could be named after. Explain your choice.	0	0
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SECTION IV. THE ASSESSMENT OF PRAGMATIC AND CIVIC COMPETENCES

(30 points)

Write a 180-200-word coherent text expressing your attitude on the given topic.

1.	Some people find their friends' advice helpful in difficult situations; others think it is better to make decisions on their own. Which do you prefer? Justify your opinion. Present two examples. Use the following plan: · introduction; · body; · conclusion.	0	0
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