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Part 1
Use of English

Task 1

For questions 1-13, read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each gap.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

Internet words form the language of 2moro

Traditional spellings could be killed off by the internet within 1 _____ decades, a language expert has claimed. The advent of blogs and chat rooms meant that for the first time in centuries 2 _____ words were widely distributed without 3 _____ or proofread, said Professor David Crystal, of the University of Wales. As a result, writers could spell words differently and their versions could 4 _____ common usage and become 5 _____ by children. Within a few decades, the spellings 6 _____ by many internet users could replace the current, more complex versions, he said. Current spellings 7 _____ in the 18th century with the advent of dictionaries. It could mean that internet slang - such as "2moro" instead of "tomorrow" or "thx" for "thanks" - may enter into mainstream publications.

Professor Crystal said many spellings 8 _____ no relation to meaning or pronunciation. "The vast majority of spelling rules in English are irrelevant," he said. "They don't stop you 9 _____ the word in question. "If I spell the word rhubarb without an 'h', you have no trouble 10 _____ it. Why do we spell it with an 'h'? Because some guy in the 16th century said it was good to put an 'h' in to remind us of the history of the word."

Professor Crystal said that before the internet, nobody could write something in print without an editor or a proofreader 11 _____ it. But now simplified and phonetically spelt words were likely to enter the vocabulary. "There's been a huge movement over hundreds of years to simplify English spelling, because it is complex for historical reasons." "What you consider 12 _____ atrocious now may be standard in 50 years," he said. Professor Crystal told the 20th anniversary conference of the International English Language Testing System that the internet would not lead to a complete breakdown in spelling rules. "All that will happen is that one set of conventions will replace another set of conventions," he said.

He said schools should not abandon 13 _____ of traditional spelling. "Kids have got to realise that in this day and age, standard English spelling is an absolute criterion of an educated background," he said. "You're not going to get certain types of jobs if you don't spell well. The point is that they haven't been taught well. "Teachers don't know how to teach spelling because they haven't done the appropriate linguistics ... The blame is being put on the kids, but most of the kids I know who have got poor spelling regret the fact."

1. A. a few B. few C. little D. a little
2. A. the printed B. the printing C. printed D. printing

3. A. edited B. been edited C. having been edited D. have been edited
4. A. enter B. enter into C. be entered D. to be entered
5. A. taken B. admitted C. brought D. accepted
6. A. favoured B. favour C. favouring D. to favour
7. A. standardize B. standardized C. standardizing D. were standardized
8. A. born B. borne C. bore D. beared
9. A. understand B. to understand C. understood D. understanding
10. A. understand B. of understanding C. understanding D. to understand
11. A. checking B. being checked C. check D. checked
12. A. to be B. being C. been D. be
13. A. teaching B. the teaching C. teacher D. being taught

Task 2

For questions 14-22, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

Example 0: PLANETARY

Rich exoplanet system discovered

<p>Astronomers have discovered a 0 _____ system containing at least five planets that orbit a star called HD 10180, which is much like our own Sun. The star is 127 light years away, in the 14 _____ constellation of Hydrus. The researchers used the 15 _____ Observatory to monitor light 16 _____ from the system and identify and 17 _____ the planets. They say this is the "richest" system of exoplanets - planets outside our own Solar System - ever found. The 18 _____ could provide insight into the 19 _____ of our own Solar System</p> <p>"The 20 _____ of the system of planets around HD 10180 with its many characteristic features marks the way forward towards gathering the 21 _____ that will put our own 22 _____ into cosmic context," Dr. Martin Dominik, an astronomer from the UK's University of St Andrews, told BBC News.</p>	<p>PLANET</p> <p>SOUTH EUROPE</p> <p>EMIT CHARACTER</p> <p>DISCOVER FORM</p> <p>RICH</p> <p>INFORM EXIST</p>
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Task 3

For questions 23-39, complete the following sample report by putting a preposition in each space.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

- A The current market **23** _____ home-health-care services is **24** _____ \$2.6 billion. **25**_____ 2013, the market will be \$5.2 billion.
- B Nokia Growth Partners is the leading global growth stage venture firm focused **26** _____ mobile technology, services and media. We invest **27** _____ companies, firms, and people that are changing the face **28** _____ mobility, communications, and the internet. Nokia Growth Partners works closely **29** _____ the promising companies adding value through deep domain expertise and network in the mobility market combined **30** _____ many years of venture investment and operating experience.
- C At the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), the Obama administration is seeking a funding increase **31** _____ 25 percent, to \$2 billion, **32** _____ the continued safety and surety of the nuclear weapons stockpile. That would ensure funds for the agency to reach full production **33** _____ the refurbished Navy W-76 Trident submarine warhead, to refurbish the B-61 bomb, and to study options for maintaining the W-78, the warhead in the Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile.
- D In 2004, governments **34** _____ North America and Western Europe invested the highest shares **35** _____ national resources **36**_____ education: 5.6% of GDP. The region is followed **37** _____ the Arab States (4.9%) and sub-Saharan Africa (4.5%). The regions of Latin America and the Caribbean as well as Central and Eastern Europe are close **38** _____ the world average, with 4.4% and 4.2% respectively. By far the lowest level of public spending is found in Central Asia and in East Asia and the Pacific – both of which report only 2.8% of GDP. However, the figure for East Asia and the Pacific should be interpreted with caution as the average is based **39** _____ an estimate for China for 1999.

Task 4

For questions 40-50, choose a word or phrase from the box opposite for each space in the text below. There is one extra phrase which you do not need to use.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

<p>Research-based writing in American institutions, both educational and corporate, is filled with rules that writers, particularly beginners, aren't aware of or don't know how to follow. Many of these rules have to do with research and proper citation. Gaining a familiarity of these rules, 40 _____, is critically important, as inadvertent mistakes can lead to charges of plagiarism, 41 _____ is the uncredited use (both intentional and unintentional) of somebody else's words or ideas. 42 _____ some</p>	<p>therefore</p> <p>generally speaking</p> <p>however</p>
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<p>cultures may not insist so heavily on documenting sources of words, ideas, images, sounds, etc., American culture does. 43 _____, a charge of plagiarism can have severe consequences, 44 _____ expulsion from a university or loss of a job, 45 _____ a writer's loss of credibility and professional standing.</p> <p>There are some actions that can almost unquestionably be labeled plagiarism. Some of these, 46 _____, include buying, stealing, or borrowing a paper (including, 47 _____, copying an entire paper or article from the Web); hiring someone to write your paper for you; and copying large sections of text from a source without quotation marks or proper citation.</p> <p>48 _____ there are actions that are usually in more of a gray area. Some of these include using the words of a source too closely when paraphrasing (where quotation marks should have been used) or building on someone's ideas without citing their spoken or written work.</p> <p>49 _____, you can regard something as common knowledge if you find the same information undocumented in at least five credible sources.</p> <p>50 _____, it might be common knowledge if you think the information you're presenting is something your readers will already know, or something that a person could easily find in general reference sources. But when in doubt, cite; if the citation turns out to be unnecessary, your teacher or editor will tell you.</p>	<p>while</p> <p>not to mention</p> <p>which</p> <p>but then</p> <p>for example</p> <p>to sum up</p> <p>including</p> <p>additionally</p> <p>of course</p>
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Task 5

You are going to read a news article about robot teachers. Six paragraphs have been removed from the article. Choose from the paragraphs A-G the one which fits each gap (51-56). There is one extra paragraph which you do not need to use. Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

Robot teachers invade South Korean classrooms

By **Susannah Palk**

It's a typical classroom scene: Students working at their desks as the teacher calls out instructions. But, unlike your average teacher, this one is made of plastic and computer circuits. This isn't a sci-fi movie; it's an English language class taught by Engkey, a robot teacher, in the coastal city of Masan in South Korea. Included into a pilot program launched by the South Korean government, students in two elementary schools in the city are being taught English by robot teachers.

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IMun-Taek Choi is a senior research engineer at the Korea Institute of Science and Technology, the government-funded research institute that developed the Engkey. He told CNN that government evaluation has shown that "the educational robot system indeed helps increase students' interest and self-motivation in studying English and improves their English skills." Thirty-six Engkeys are due to be implemented in 18 elementary schools across the Korean city of Daegu by the end of this year, according to KIST.

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Besides being popular with children, the telepresence robot also helps address South Korea's shortage of qualified native-English speaking teachers, Choi said.

Using telepresence robots can be beneficial to students, according to Tucker Balch, associate professor of interactive computing at the Georgia Institute of Technology. "This type of technology can bring many types of teaching that would otherwise be unavailable into more classrooms," he said.

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Robots haven't replaced human teachers in South Korean classrooms. Instead, they currently serve more as assistants.

Another version of the Engkey, which doesn't connect students to a human, uses voice recognition technology to help students practice their English pronunciation and dialogue.

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"Due to the limitations on the current robotic technologies, robots cannot completely supplant human teachers in the educational field," said Choi. And there are doubts about whether they will ever be capable of doing that.

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But if children are looked after by robots for too long, in almost exclusive care, it would give them attachment disorders. Sharkey told CNN: "There is no understanding in robots, there is just processing."

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"Teaching is probably the most challenging role for artificial intelligence.

It is a creative role and to teach well you really have to understand the person you're teaching. It requires a real fundamental leap in ability before we can get there."

- A** The Engkey is linked to and controlled remotely by a human teacher outside the classroom, whose face appears on the screen of the robot. The robot links students to teachers located as far away as Australia.
- B** Robotic technology is still developing and it'll be a long time -- if ever -- before robots are capable of leading a classroom on their own, Balch said.

- C** In high-tech South Korea, robots serve a variety of educational purposes and the government is pressing ahead with plans to expand its robot learning, or "R-learning," program.
- D** Robots aren't bad as add-ons in the classroom, says Noel Sharkey, a professor of artificial intelligence and robotics at the University of Sheffield in England. As long as there's a teacher involved, children can find them interesting and it can inspire their learning, he said.
- E** But the Engkey isn't the only type of robot being used in schools. Pre-school teachers in the city of Daejeon have received a helping hand (or wheel), thanks to iRobi and a robot dog named Genibo. iRobi marks students' attendance and uses a face recognition program to ask children about their mood. Genibo, originally invented to be a pet robot, was redesigned to teach dance and gymnastics moves.
- F** Robots are a cost-effective way to help teachers when relatively simple and repetitive training is required, Choi said. "We do not intend to substitute real teachers with robots," he said. "Rather it is important for us to develop robot systems that provide satisfiable assistance to teachers." For now, teachers don't have to be worried about being replaced in the classroom.
- G** "It may be better to have a telepresence robot from a highly skilled teacher than to have just an average teacher in the classroom," Balch added.

Task 6

For questions 57-70, match the first part of each short dialogue with the second part (A-P).

There are 2 extra replies which you do not need to use.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

57	What's your all-time favourite?	A	No, you needn't.
58	Must I take off my coat?	B	Yes. I think he is expecting me.
59	You don't look so good. What's up?	C	I think it may be a good idea to rent a bus.
60	Could you give me a wake-up call for tomorrow morning at 6:15?	D	Not really. I'm just browsing.
61	I have a reservation for tonight.	E	I really like classical music.
62	Excuse me, what is this amount for?	F	I'm afraid I can't make it. I have a prior engagement. Could we make it some other day?
63	Have you got an appointment with the Personnel Manager?	G	Certainly. How much do you want to invest?
64	May I speak to Mr. Smith, Finance Manager, please?	H	This is the charge for using the internet.
65	What's your suggestion?	I	I'm Vice-Manager of the Marketing Department..

66	What do you do for a living?	J	Sure. Anything else?
67	What position do you hold in the company?	K	I'm a self-employed individual.
68	I'm phoning to ask you if you would like to have dinner with me tomorrow evening.	L	I major in English and minor in Economics.
69	I'd like to see your managing director, Mr. Long.	M	I have a backache.
70	What's your educational background?	N	Have you got an appointment with him?
		O	Hold the line. I'll put you through.
		P	What name is the booking for?

Part 2 Sociocultural Aspect

Task 1

For questions 1-5, match a newly coined English word or phrase with its definition and use this new word in a sentence below. There is one word you do not need to use in the sentence.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

digitally excluded
daycations
coffee guilt
cyberphobia
digital nomads
textism

1. people who use technology, especially a laptop and a wireless network, to work remotely from anywhere in the world _____
2. description of someone who doesn't have or can't afford home Internet access and is therefore unable to do things like online banking or shopping _____
3. vacations, usually involving leaving town, which last only a day _____
4. the language used in sms messages, characterized by the use of abbreviations, single letters and symbols _____

5. fear of using or dealing with technology _____
6. the shame one feels arriving late to a meeting, carrying a purchased cup of coffee that reveals why one was late _____
1. _____ can cause panic attacks and keep people apart from loved ones and business associates.
2. Instead of spending lots of dough on far-away travel, my friends and I have decided to try and fill our summer with _____.
3. _____ and English can coexist; the former can actually help the latter.
4. The story also talked about how _____ mostly gather in coffee shops and other places where wireless access is available.
5. Andrea was five minutes late for her meeting, having stopped for a latte, and her _____ was evident as she sipped from her drink while trying to catch up with the discussion.

Task 2

For questions 6-10, select the words that might sound British to Americans and give their equivalents in American English. Follow the alphabetic order of words while filling in the table.

Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

Aerial, apartment, appetizer, aubergine, bathrobe, biscuit, bun, chips, condominium, cookbook, facilities, fortnight, movie, parka, railroad, to rent, restroom, trousers

	British English	American English
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Task 3

For questions 11-15, read the definitions and identify American culture-loaded words. Transfer your answers to the answer sheet.

11. A temperature scale which was commonly used in English-speaking countries up until the 1970s and nowadays it is maintained only in the United States.

12. A stringed musical instrument, played by plucking. It was brought to America by African slaves and is used a lot in folk and bluegrass music.

13. A usually paved area adjoining a house, used for outdoor dining and recreation.

14. A small tree with sharp dark green leaves and red berries, or the leaves and berries of this tree used as a decoration at Christmas.

15. A popular way to get rid of unwanted stuff or when moving; a sale of used furniture, clothes etc from people's houses.
