ENGLISH WRITING

Time - 90 minutes

June, 2015

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

• Put the barcode in the space CANDIDATE No.
• Carefully go through the test. Should you notice any missing pages or words, report it to your proctor.
• Carefully listen to the instructions given by your proctor and do not start taking the test until you are asked to do so.
• All kinds of aids (e.g. dictionaries, textbooks, mobile phones, etc.) are not allowed to be taken in or used on the premises.
• The proctor will give you an extra sheet of paper where you will find the writing guidelines.
• Use blue or black ink pen only. Texts written in any other ink colour or pencil will be marked with (0) zero points.
• Make sure your language and ortography are correct and easy to understand. Incomprehensible answers and intangible corrections will be marked with zero (0) points.
• Cheating is strictly forbidden. All identical or partially identical texts will be marked with zero (0) points.

Good luck!
For the last thirty years, it (1) ___________________ become trendy for young people (2) _______________ are between secondary school and university to take (3) _______________ year off from studying. Some go on long train (4) _______________ round the USA. Others go further, backpacking or hitchhiking to countries (5) _______________ Vietnam or Sri Lanka. Cheap travel isn’t always comfortable or convenient. The kind of hostels backpackers have to stay at aren’t always ideal and it may be necessary to check for spiders or rats before (6) _______________ the bathroom. But the travellers get to visit fantastic places, meet interesting people and (7) _______________ enormous fun. Of course, school-leavers who have a conscience want to give back to the country they visit, (8) _______________ is why today’s backpackers often take part in a volunteer work. For a fee, travel companies will arrange for students to teach English in poor places. Some people see all this as a (9) _______________ of time. However, anyone taking a gap year needs to think about these matters carefully before they (10) _______________ out.
Write a letter. The instructions are given on a separate piece of paper.
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