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Instructions: This paper consists of **FOUR (4)** questions. Answer **ALL** questions in the answer booklet provided.

Question 1 (25 marks)

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

1. Today, tattoos are done by people for a variety of reasons: to identify themselves with a religious or social group, to adorn their bodies, as protective symbols, or to cover skin discolorations. But what is a tattoo? It is a puncture wound that is filled with ink, made by penetrating the skin with a needle and injecting ink into the area, usually creating some sort of design. Tattoos are long-lasting because they are injected deep into the dermis, which is the second, deeper layer of skin, instead of the epidermis, which is the top layer of skin that continues to produce and shed throughout a person's lifetime. Dermis cells are very stable, so the tattoo is practically permanent.
2. It is likely that the word tattoo is related to the Samoan word tatau, which means 'to strike or mark'. Tattoo work can be found on numerous preserved prehistoric specimens even today, livestock can also be tattooed with numbers or marks. Tattoos have become commonplace in most human cultures, and despite some social stigma, tattoos are becoming ubiquitous in the West, with an estimated 25% of the population wearing at least one tattoo by the end of the 20th century.
3. Prehistoric tattoos were probably created by manually scoring the flesh with knives and rubbing in ink, ash, or another dye agent. These tattoos were probably more susceptible to infection, and also less detailed, consisting of mainly lines and dots on various points of the body. The introduction of needles made from bone and wood to the art of tattoo began hundreds of years ago and made for more precision, less infection, and less painful work. Many traditional tattoos today are still hand carved with tools such as animal bone, sharpened bamboo, or steel.

4. A breakthrough occurred when Thomas Edison's invention of the autographic printer in 1876 paved the way for an electric tattoo machine capable of striking the skin hundreds of times in a minute. A tattoo machine is a handheld electric instrument that uses a tube and needle system. A sterilised needle is attached to tubes that contain ink, and using a foot switch to operate the machine, the needle is moved in and out while driving the ink about 3 mm into the skin. Most tattoo artists know how deep to drive the needle into your skin- not going deep enough will produce a ragged tattoo, and going too deep can cause bleeding and intense pain. Getting a tattoo can take several hours, depending on the size and design.
5. The question that most people ask is: will getting a tattoo hurt? Getting a tattoo can hurt, but the level of pain can vary. Because getting a tattoo involves being struck multiple times with a needle, it can feel like getting a bunch of shots or being stung by a hornet multiple times. Some people describe the sensation as tingling. It all depends on your pain threshold, the skill of the tattoo artist, and where exactly on your body you are getting the tattoo, it is not surprising that tattoos done on fleshier areas of the body tend to be less painful.

(Adapted from O-Level English Mock Examination Papers)

1. Why are tattoos long-lasting?

(2 marks)

2. Find the phrase in the paragraph that tells you tattoos could not fade off easily.

(2 marks)

3. 'Tattoo work can be found on numerous preserved prehistoric specimens' (line 11-12). What does this tell you about tattoos?

(2 marks)

4. Why do you think numbers or marks are tattooed on livestock?

(2 marks)

5. In your own words, give **two** reasons why using needles for tattooing is much better than manually scoring with knives.

(3 marks)

6. Why is Thomas Edison's invention of the autographic printer a breakthrough in tattooing?

(2 marks)

7. Explain why is it important for tattoo artists to be skilled in operating a tattoo machine?

(2 marks)

8. Give two reasons to explain why a person who gets a tattoo might find that it will hurt.

(3 marks)

9. In your opinion, what are the problems that might occur by getting a tattoo?

(3 marks)

10. Match the words in the text which in context are similar in meaning to:

- a. Able to make a way through or into something (para 1)
- b. Existing or being everywhere (para 2)
- c. Likely to be influenced or harmed by a particular thing (para 3)
- d. Important discovery (para 4)

(4 marks)

Question 2 (30 marks)

Section A (5 marks)

Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice.

1. The teacher is going to explain the lesson.
2. People in the Middle East speak Arabic.
3. The students have completed the project.
4. Scientists have discovered a cure for the disease.
5. The Malaysian team scored two goals during extra time last night.

Section B (10 marks)

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in the brackets. Write your answer in the answer booklet.

In the quest to lose weight, a trap many of us (1) _____ (fall) into is to opt for the 'low diet', 'diet' or 'light' options of our favourite foods in the supermarket. Not only (2) _____ (be) many of these more expensive than their regular alternatives, but they can also be ineffective. The term 'low fat' must mean that the product (3) _____ (contain) less than 3g of fat per 100g. Research shows that presently, some brands (4) _____ (try) to get around this. Take the example of mayonnaise. Although you can find 'light' and 'extra light' versions in the supermarket, producers (5) _____ (now, add) extra sugar for flavour, thus increasing the calorie content.

Australia and New Zealand warships (6) _____ (find) a Japanese Second World War submarine wreck partially buried in the seabed of a Papua New Guinea harbor while they (7) _____ (work) to clear wartime explosives, Australia's Defence Department said.

Each year, Malaysia records about 40,000 new cases of coronary heart disease. This is huge number and the Health Ministry (8) _____ (strengthen) the cardiac programmes and centres to cater for the needs of the people. The ministry (9) _____ (give) high priority to the prevention, control and management of heart disease in the country. This is a heavy burden for the healthcare system. About 60 per cent of these cases (10) _____ (be) managed at the ministry's coronary care units.

Section C (10 marks)

The following sentences contain ten errors in subject-verb-agreement. Find the errors and correct them.

1. I has a little shadow which go around with me.
2. The dog that bite do not bark.
3. Once a year, Alice buy some diamonds which costs several thousand dollars.
4. My friend, Theresa who have helped in an orphanage all her life, have been awarded the King's medal for 'Service to the Needy'.
5. John, who are my best friend, have helped me a lot.

Section D (5 marks)

Transform the following sentences as directed.

1. An honest man will speak out. He will not be afraid of the consequences
(Into compound)
2. He has three cars. He must get them sold.
(Into Simple)
3. He may punish me. Yet I will trust in him.
(Into Complex)
4. He will succeed. He has worked hard.
(Into Complex)
5. He made a grief mistake. It was done in ignorance.
(Into Compound)

Question 3 (20 marks)

The chart below shows the differences in the kinds of hobbies youths took up in the 1970s compared to the present time. Compare and comment on the changes in the types of activities over the years. Integrate all the information given below. Your report should be at least 150 words.

Hobbies Among Youths

1970s (%)		2000s (%)	
Reading	30	Chatting online	20
Games and Spots	25	Computer Games	20
Art and Crafts	15	Games and Sports	15
Needlework & Gardening	12	Loafing/Snooker	12
Cooking and Baking	10	Travelling	10
Hiking & Adventure	6	Adventure	8
Travelling	2	Movies	8
		Window Shopping	4
		Reading	3

Question 4 (25 marks)

Choose any ONE of the following topics and write an essay of about 250-300 words in length.

1. Describe a day which you wished had never happened.
2. The mass media has a great influence on people, especially the younger generation.

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of mass media.

3. How to impress the Interviewer in a Job interview?

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