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ENGLISH EXAMINATION Name:

LEVEL B 1

SECTION 1 READING (25 POINTS)

- **Read the text. Choose the correct answers.**

The most dangerous journey

A. How do you feel about car journeys? Do you get a bit bored, ask the driver how long it's going to take, and then fall asleep? Or do you get extremely anxious? This is exactly how I felt last month, when I took a trip down the most dangerous road in the world.

B. The North Yungas road in Bolivia goes from La Paz, which is a very large city to the town of Coroico in the mountain region of the Amazon rainforest. The road is about 69 km long, but in that short distance, it goes down from about 4,650 m high to 1,200 m. Although it is only about three metres wide and there are no guard rails, cars travel in both directions. The views are amazing, but between two and three hundred travellers are killed every year when they drive off the side of this road. In Spanish it is called El Camino de los Muertos – the Road of the Dead.

C. When I went to visit my friend Jacqueline in La Paz, I had no idea how dangerous the North Yungas road was. I was very excited about the trip to the Amazon rainforest that she wanted to take me on. When we got on the bus, Jacqueline let me sit by the window to get the best view. I didn't feel suspicious at all.

D. It was only when the journey started that I began to feel frightened. The bus drove right to the edge of the road many times, and when I looked over, I could see the forest about 600 m below us. We drove on quickly through thick cloud – how do you know where you're going when you can't see? I held on to Jacqueline's hand. Then we drove under a waterfall that was slowly washing the road away. I was shocked!

E. When we met another car coming the other way, we drove so close to the edge of the road that a wheel seemed to go off the edge. This happened several times and I started thinking that we might not reach our final destination. When we finally got to Coroico, I felt so relieved. I let go of Jacqueline's hand and saw that it was red. I was a bit embarrassed, but so happy that we were not on that road any more.

In which paragraph does the writer tell us ...

1. how many people die on the road? ___
2. about feelings people have when they travel? ___
3. about an injury that she had? ___
4. about dangerous weather? ___
5. that someone wanted her to see the sights? ___
6. how expensive the trip was? ___
7. that she thought she might die? __.

SECTION 2 WRITING (25 POINTS)

Read the story below and complete the gaps with the linking words given.

after, at last, before, by the time, immediately, in the end, just then,
later, luckily, somehow, suddenly, when, while

It was a beautiful day in the spring and the sun was shining. The night [1] ……, my cousin Sam, my boyfriend Tom and I had decided to go canoeing. We had arranged to meet up at 8:00 o'clock. I was a bit late and [2] ……..., Sam and Tom were already waiting.

We got everything ready and set off. We had canoed a few miles [3] …… we noticed that the sky was very cloudy. [4] …….. It started to rain heavily. We carried on and 20 minutes [5]…… we came to some rapids. I was absolutely terrified. [6] …….., Sam shouted: 'look over there! It's Tom's helmet!' [7] …… that, we saw his canoe floating down the river.

We got out of the river and walked back to look for Tom. there was no sign of him anywhere, so we decided to get help. [8] …… I had my mobile phone and I rang the emergency services. Then we heard cries from some bushes. [9] …… we ran towards them and saw Tom lying on the ground. His canoe had turned over and he had hit a rock. [10] …….. he had managed to swim to the bank.

Tom was weak and had hurt his leg, so we kept him warm and waited for help to arrive. [11] ……., we saw some people coming towards us. They took us to the local hospital and checked Tom's injuries. He was OK and that evening they let him out. [12] ……, our parents came to collect us. [13] ……. we were going home, we talked about how lucky Tom had been. We all felt very happy to be back.

SECTION 3 LISTENING (25 POINTS)

Listen to four people talking about events in the past. Match the speakers (1–4) with the statements (A–E). There is one extra statement.

A. Speaker ___ was embarrassed about taking a break.

B. Speaker ___ was anxious about talking to someone.

C. Speaker ___ was relieved to find out the truth.

D. Speaker ___ was ashamed about telling a lie.

E. Speaker ___ was proud of winning an award

SECTION 4 SPEAKING (25 POINTS)

- **Read the statements below. Decide if you agree or disagree with them. Give reasons for your opinions.**

1. The government should have more control over newspapers, TV and the Internet.
2. The press shouldn't write about the lives of famous people.

Answer Key

READING (25 points)

1 B
2 A
3 –
4 D
5 C
6 –
7 E

WRITING (25 points)

1. before
2. by the time
3. when
4. just then
5. later
6. suddenly
7. after
8. luckily
9. immediately
10. somehow
11. at last
12. in the end
13. while

LISTENING (25 points)

A. –

B. 4

C. 2

D. 1

E. 3