

LIRA TOWN COLLEGE

S.4 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT

TIME:

1. Write an original story of what took place during the Christmas of the year 2015.
2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow it.

Mexico City has been labeled the city with the worst air pollution ever recorded. The air over Mexico City exceeded ozone limits set by the World Health Organization on over three hundred days in one year. With twenty million people, Mexico City is the largest in the World and grows larger each day. Open sewers and garbage dumps contribute dust and bacteria to the atmosphere. The city contains about thirty – five thousand factories and 3.6 million vehicles. Most of these are older models that are poorly tuned and, therefore pollute the air with a mixture of hydrocarbons, carbon mono oxide and nitrogen oxides. Estimates are that 80 percent of the air pollution is the result of automobiles.

The high altitude (over 2,000 meters) results in very greater air pollution from automobiles because automobiles engines do not burn fuel efficiently at such high altitudes. Mexico City's location in a valley also allows for conditions suitable for thermal inversions during the winter. Many foreign companies and governments give special "hazard pay" for working in Mexico City because of air pollution. Pedtricians estimate that 85 percent of childhood illness are related to air pollution and say that the only way to improve the health of many of the children is to get them out of the city. The government has responded with a comprehensive program to clean up air in the city. Twenty-five million trees have been planted to help clean the air, and 4,400 hectares of land have been purchased to provide green space for the city.

Public information campaigns encourage people to keep their automobiles tuned to reduce air pollution, lead-free gasoline has been made available and is being used, and catalytic converters are now required on all automobiles manufactured before 1991. Taxis manufactured before 1999 have been banned and by the year 2013, all pre-2004 taxis must be replaced.

Personal automobiles and taxis are prohibited from being driven on streets one day a week. This encourages people to carpool or use public transportation. The government is planning to improve public transportation to it make attractive for people to switch from private automobiles to public transport. Both actions should reduce the number of automobiles releasing pollutants into the air.

A polluting government owned refinery was shut down and power plants and many industries have switched to natural gas, which pollutes less.

These actions have had significant effects on the air. Although ozone in the air continues to be a major problem, as it is in metropolitan monoxide, and sulphur oxide have been brought under control. In order to further improve air quality, increasingly strong restrictions on polluting industries and further restrictions on the use of private automobiles will be necessary. The Mexican government is considering such actions.

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Questions:

- (a) In not more than 65 words, summarize the causes of air pollution in Mexico City.
- (b) In about 110 words, explain the steps taken by government to curb air-pollution in Mexico City.

NB. Out of the two questions (a) and (b) above, answer only the former.

3. Rewrite these sentences without changing the meaning of the original.

- 3.1 He needs a teacher for private coaching. (Rewrite beginning with what.....clause)

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- 3.2 My teacher helped me a lot or I could not have passed to this class. (Begin: Without....)

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- 3.3 His characters remained the same much as he moved to a new school.

(Begin: Although.....)

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- 3.4 There is very little sugar in the tea. (Rewrite using.....any.....)

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- 3.5 Sam would have got a job in the garage but he was rude to the foreman. (Begin: If.....)

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4. Complete the following sentences with the correct prepositions from the list below:
(in, at, of, over, about, for, with, to, on)

- 4.1 He doesn't have a good reason.....his actions.

- 4.2 We object.....the way our complaints were handled.

- 4.3 You are going to take charge.....the new instruments.

- 4.4 Few people have faith.....those self-styled prophets.

- 4.5 Increasingly, parents have little control.....their children's actions.

- 4.6 We have no doubts.....their ability to succeed.

- 4.7 She takes great pridecooking for visitors.

- 4.8 There is a good reason.....their anger towards the managers.

- 4.9 Everyone is entitledthree packets of biscuits.

- 4.10 Who is in favour.....returning next week?

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