

SEGUNDA LINGUA ESTRANXEIRA: INGLÉS

Read the instructions to the questions very carefully and write all your answers in English. Answer **ONLY 4 OF THE 6 QUESTIONS BELOW**. If you answer more than four questions, **only the first four questions will be marked**.

QUESTION 1. READ THE TEXT A AND ANSWER THE THREE QUESTIONS BELOW: (2.5 points)

- 1.1. Write a summary of the text in English, including the most important points, using your own words.** (Approximately 50 words; **0.75 points**).
- 1.2. Indicate whether the following statements are true or false (T/F) according to the text.** Copy that part (and ONLY that part) of the text which justifies your answer. (**1 point**)
- a. Japan's recycling system is very simple.
 - b. Tokyo's streets are dirty.
 - c. Plastic bags containing dog waste are flushed down the toilet.
 - d. You can always get rid of your waste in a convenience store.
- 1.3. Find words or phrases in the text that correspond in meaning to the words and definitions given here. (0.75 points)**
- a. on the contrary
 - b. diminish
 - c. eliminate

TEXT A

Visitors to Japan often wonder where all the bins have gone. In a country with innumerable vending machines there's often nowhere to put one's wrappers or empty bottles.

I was born in Tokyo and have always lived here, so it doesn't come as a surprise to me. There isn't one main reason why our fair city has so few places to dump your trash – rather, it's a culmination of factors. Our stringent recycling system (combustibles, non-combustibles, cans, PET bottles, plastics...) means we would need bins for all different types of waste, and pray that people actually use them properly. Moreover, the different types of waste are collected on different days of the week depending on where you live, plus the waste classification system itself may differ from ward to ward.

Other than that, as in other big cities, a number of bins in public places were removed after the 1995 sarin gas attack on the Tokyo subway to lessen their possible use in terrorist attacks. So for now, if you are out on the streets, do as Tokyoites do and just carry your rubbish with you until you can dispose of it properly at home. Whatever you do, don't drop it on the floor – Tokyoites are proud of the city's litter-free streets.

If you walk your dog in a Japanese city, it gets even more complex. Dog owners have to take dog waste home and flush it down the toilet: A paper bag inside a plastic bag makes that an easier prospect.

If you really, really can't wait to get rid of your trash, try a convenience store, but don't go too crazy. Most stores will have a sign asking you to refrain from dumping your home waste. So to make your life easier, keep it to a minimum, and of course, sort it properly for some extra good tourist points.

QUESTION 2. ANSWER THE TWO BLOCKS OF QUESTIONS: (2.5 points)

2.1. Block 1. Pronunciation: (0.90 points)

- a. In which word are the underlined letters pronounced differently? post, clock, got, box, potter
- b. In which **two** verbs is the "-ed" ending pronounced /ɪd/as in "rounded"? wrapped, placed, asked, targeted, glimpsed, included, pressed, required
- c. In which **two** words is the underlined vowel sound pronounced differently from the rest? give, time, sigh, clandestine, entire, library, fire, thigh
- d. Can you find a word in the text which is a homophone (a word that sounds the same as another) of "waist"?

2.2. Block 2. Complete the second sentence of each pair so that it has the same meaning as the first one. You must use the word or expression in italics. (1.60 points)

- a. They gave her a bunch of flowers.
She...
- b. They found Mary alive. Her sister was the main suspect.
Mary, ...
- c. There weren't many chances of that happening.
...unlikely ...
- d. When did you begin to protect the environment?
How long...

QUESTION 3. READ THE TEXT B AND ANSWER THE THREE QUESTIONS BELOW: (2.5 points)

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- 3.1. Write a summary of the text in English, including the most important points, using your own words.** (approximately 50 words; **0.75 points**).
- 3.2. Indicate whether the following statements are true or false (T/F) according to the text.** Copy that part (and ONLY that part) of the text which justifies your answer. (**1 point**)
- Our modern life is very demanding, it requires immediacy.
 - In order to practise the art of being lazy you need time.
 - Being lazy means doing nothing that is productive or compulsory.
 - You cannot do anything at all if you want to practise the art of being lazy.
- 3.3. Find words or phrases in the text that correspond in meaning to the words and definitions given here:** (**0.75 points**)
- doing our best
 - physical exercise
 - short sleep

TEXT B

All art requires practice, and patience. Art requires the proper setting too. And there is no better setting to perfect the art of being lazy than summer.

Being truly lazy seems a lost art in our time of instant messaging, instant gratification — instant everything. We enjoy so many luxuries, except the luxury of time, which is precisely what the lazy state of being requires.

Summer takes us away from the hustle and bustle and points us toward laziness. To laze about on a summer Sunday means to recharge batteries. To reconnect with other lazy souls. To rest. To think. To meander. To accomplish much, while accomplishing nothing of any great purpose.

And that's the point — to have no apparent point. We spend so much of our working time striving! Summer laziness allows us to deposit our working baggage at the door and really relax.

What's funny to me is the number of people who criticize themselves for being "lazy", yet when asked what they've accomplished today, they can tick off ten or twenty things. They don't see laziness as an art, but as a notion which is anathema to productive living.

But the art of being lazy is just as creative as any other art. While you're being "lazy", you are allowing your fertile mind to grow and bloom. You are creating something new. A new you.

Being lazy is taking a walk — not to get an aerobic workout, but to look at the flowers. Lazy is taking the time to read a book the whole way through — in one sitting. Lazy is a catnap — without caring about the chores awaiting you. Lazy is a two-hour talk with a friend about nothing at all, and everything in the world.

Being lazy means loving yourself enough to let go of the need to impress and achieve, long enough to really and truly relax and recharge.

QUESTION 4. ANSWER THE TWO BLOCKS OF QUESTIONS: (2.5 points)

4.1. Block 1. Pronunciation: (0.90 points)

- Which of the following words does **NOT** have the same vowel sound as the letters underlined in "daughter"?
caught, thought, tourism, brought
- In which **two** words is the underlined letter pronounced /æ/ as in "cat"?
Mary, father, parents, clan, glad, take, care, false
- In which **two** of the following verbs is the past ending pronounced /d/ as in "identified"?
entered, defended, visited, suspected, marked, laughed, cleaned, looked.
- In which word is the underlined letter pronounced like the vowel in "girl"?
give, sir, visit, since

4.2. Block 1: Complete the second sentence of each pair so that it has the same meaning as the first one. You must use the word or expression in italics. (1.60 points)

- Immigration officials won't allow you to come into the country without a visa.
You ...
- They have been living in the States for twenty years.
... ago.
- 1.3 billion people speak Chinese. Chinese is a tonal language.
Chinese...
- It's a pity people don't care about nature.
If only ...

QUESTION 5. WRITE A COMPOSITION ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS: Is your city clean enough? How do you think it can be improved in every aspect? (Approximately 120 words) (2.5 points)

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QUESTION 6. WRITE A COMPOSITION ANSWERING THIS QUESTION: *Are you going to laze around this summer or do you have any specific plans?* (Approximately 120 words) (2.5 points)

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