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ENGLISH LANGUAGE III

ANSWER SHEET

Part 1 - Reading Comprehension

Question A: The Age of the Big Music Festival is Passing

1. Find the **word or expression** in the text which best fits the following meanings and write it on the line provided here.

A. take the lead (paragraph two)

B. mixed (paragraph three)

C. fame (paragraph four)

D. top grade (paragraph five)

4p

2. In the case of each of the following statements, indicate whether it is **True (T)**, **False (F)** or **Not Stated (NS)**.

A. Festivals are benefitting from the participation of new bands.

B. Festivals will become more diverse.

C. Rock bands are no longer producing albums.

D. People don't want big festivals like Glastonbury anymore.

4p

3. What is the **main function** of each of the following paragraphs? (**Circle one letter**)

Paragraph One

- A. to give the writer's opinion
- B. to describe the Glastonbury festival
- C. to introduce a rock expert's view
- D. to complain about the lack of British bands

Paragraph Two

- A. to explain how bands are not good enough for festivals
- B. to describe the current situation with festivals
- C. to describe the Hay Festival of Literature and Art
- D. to explain the purpose of festivals

Paragraph Three

- A. to tell us about summer festivals
- B. to tell us about the diversity of festivals
- C. to tell us how festivals are going to change
- D. to tell us about the problem with toilets at festivals

Paragraph Four

- A. to explain how rock bands have changed
- B. to explain why people listen to music now
- C. to explain that albums are no longer popular
- D. to explain how young people are patient

Paragraph Five

- A. to explain how good Coldplay are
- B. to explain why big festivals will disappear
- C. to explain how good Glastonbury was ten years ago
- D. to encourage people to go to festivals

10p

4. What is the **general purpose** of this text? (**Circle one letter**)

- A. to make the reader understand the attraction of festivals
- B. to show that big festivals are constantly changing
- C. to explain that festivals need to move with the times
- D. to comment on the lack of choice of festivals

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Question B:

Naming and Shaming is the Way to Silence Noisy Travellers

1. Complete the **gaps** in the following summary of the text with the words below:

post it attract believes expected noisy

The writer _____ it is very difficult to ensure good behaviour on public transport. A friend of his mother's once chucked someone's phone out of a train window when he became annoyed at a man's _____ conversation.

The writer tells also of his experience with the disruptive behaviour of a young boy on a train. The boy was trying to _____ the attention of one of his two female companions. The writer was shocked because he would have _____ better behaviour from a boy attending a fee-paying school. He became so annoyed with the boy that he typed his conversation and said he was going to _____ on Facebook. Sometimes he believes that new technologies are useful to allow us to shame those who behave badly.

5p

2. Find the **word or expression** in the text which best fits the following meanings and write it on the lines provided here

A. threw (paragraph one)

B. people who travel distances to work every day (paragraph two)

C. under-privileged (paragraph three)

D. amazed (paragraph four)

E. wrongdoers (paragraph five)

5p

3. In the case of each of the following statements, indicate whether it is **True (T)**, **False (F)** or **Not Stated (NS)**.

- A. The writer was travelling to London.
- B. The writer filmed the incident on his mobile phone.
- C. The boy was the most annoying of the group of young people.
- D. The boy went to a faith school.

4p

4. What is the **main function** of paragraph two? (**Circle one letter**)

- A. to talk about the power of public shame
- B. to explain how the writer was on a train
- C. to describe one boy's behaviour
- D. to describe the writer's travelling companions

2p

5. **Quote** one expression from the text which shows that the writer was shocked by the inconsiderate behaviour of the boy.

2p

6. The writer believes that (**Circle one letter**)

- A. new technologies may encourage bad behaviour in public.
- B. facebook is the most useful of the new technologies.
- C. mobile phones should not be allowed on trains.
- D. new technologies are shameful.

2p