

KEY

Part I – Reading [14 points]

Answer questions 1-7 by choosing the best answer A,B,C or D.

- 1 What reasons did Kate have for beginning parachuting?
A She wanted to transform her life. 1 **B**
B It was something she had always wanted to do.
C She had married the owner of the club.
D She wanted to show her child what she could do.
- 2 How are things different from when she started jumping?
A She got married. 2 **A**
B She never feels nervous anymore.
C She has made almost 100 jumps.
D She is now the most experienced jumper at the club.
- 3 When you start parachuting
A you jump together with the instructor. 3 **B**
B you are not allowed to open your own parachute.
C you jump with the parachute already open.
D you are linked to the ground.
- 4 What does Kate say about the feelings involved in jumping?
A If there is an instructor, you won't be nervous. 4 **C**
B You never lose the fear of falling.
C You get nervous before jumping out.
D You are only nervous the first time you jump.
- 5 How has parachuting changed Kate's working life?
A She has lost her job. 5 **D**
B She has given up her job.
C She now jumps for a living.
D She manages the parachute club.
- 6 "juggling" (line 24) means
A combining. 6 **A**
B organising.
C replacing.
D resigning.
- 7 How does Kate spend Saturdays?
A Looking after her family. 7 **D**
B Doing housework.
C Organising the club's social life.
D Pursuing her hobby.

Part II – Use of English [16 points]

Read the following text and choose the best letter A, B, C or D for each space.

Could you live without it?

In a (1)**D**..... survey about 20 per cent of the people admitted that even if they (2).....**B**..... offered a million pounds, they wouldn't give away (3)**D**..... televisions.

(4)**A**..... average adults have 35 hours of leisure time a week and for many (5)**C**..... TV is their only pastime. Some people claim that they hardly watch (6)**C**..... TV, but others confess that their set is on all day. By the way, when (7)**C**..... your last TV-free evening at home?

The survey also (8)**B**..... that a number of parents are convinced that today's children know much more about the world (9)**D**..... older generations ever did. This might just be some parents' excuse for misusing TV as a cheap babysitter.

(10)**B**..... , I still remember the surprise I had when visiting my cousin Anna for the first time after she (11)**D**..... to Lugano. Her then four-year-old daughter had (12).....**B**..... German simply by watching TV, although her parents only (13)**D**..... Italian at home. What about you? How much would you have to (14)**C**..... in order to give up your TV? To be honest, I (15)**C**..... never (16)**A**..... about it until I read this survey.

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| 1) A currently | B recently | C shortly | D recent |
| 2) A are | B were | C was | D would be |
| 3) A her | B its | C theirs | D their |
| 4) A On | B In | C By | D At |
| 5) A to watch | B to look | C watching | D looking |
| 6) A some | B many | C any | D the |
| 7) A has been | B have been | C was | D were |
| 8) A show | B shows | C showing | D shown |
| 9) A as | B then | C like | D than |
| 10) A Therefore | B However | C So | D And |
| 11) A moves | B has moved | C moved | D had moved |
| 12) A spoken | B aquired | C teached | D taught |
| 13) A speaked | B speaks | C told | D spoke |
| 14) A need | B offer | C be offered | D be needing |
| 15) A did | B do | C had | D have |
| 16) A thought | B think | C thinked | D thinking |

Writing Task 2008

Suggested Marking Scheme

	Criteria (marked on a basis of 0-5 points)	Points
1	Task achievement (distance, hours, price, equipment, extra costs)	0-5
2	Conventions, style (Dear Sir or Madam; Yours faithfully; paragraphing; formal or semi-formal letter)	0-5
3	Vocabulary: range and correctness	0-5
4	Grammar: range and correctness	0-5
1-4	Total (max)	20