



OPTION B

PART 1: ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

'Competence-Based Learning paves the way for students to be more competent citizens, capable of facing the challenges of adult life.'

Illustrate your opinion with an example applied to an ESL class.

PART 2: LANGUAGE TEST

Task 1. Cloze text (1 point)

For questions 1 – 10, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.

Stranger Things review, season 4:

It's formulaic, but who's complaining when the formula is this fabulous?

1 _____ shows evolve over their long runs; others clutch to what made them hits in the first place. *Stranger Things'* flashy fourth season mostly does the latter, churning through Eighties pop-cultural references at a pace that makes me worry there'll be nothing in the tank for its final, fifth chapter. Gone is the neon of the shopping mall and Jane Fonda's workout tapes, replaced by *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, film strips, snail mail, microfiche and Satanic panic. 2 _____ is the Eighties of dying technology and Reaganism's dark, moralising underbelly.

The series picks up about a year after the Battle of Starcourt Mall, season three's bloody finale, *line 8* and there's not a single member of the gang who isn't struggling for a toehold. Mike and Dustin – Finn Wolfhard looking suddenly very grown-up and Gaten Matarazzo continuing to own every scene with 3 _____ preternatural timing – have relinquished the possibility of a glow-up and reluctantly settled into seats at Hawkins High cafeteria's Dungeons & Dragons table. Lucas (Caleb McLaughlin) is riding the bench of the varsity basketball team in a clumsy bid 4 _____



popularity by association, while Max (Sadie Sink), withdrawn after her brother's grisly end, completely ignores him. Robin and Steve (Maya Hawke and Joe Keery) have traded their part-time gigs at the demolished ice cream shop for new dead-end jobs at the video store. At least
line 16 their endearing bickering is intact.

5 _____ the world of *Stranger Things* no longer ends at Hawkins' city limits. Mourning the death of police chief Jim Hopper (David Harbour), Joyce (Winona Ryder) relocates her family to California, far from the Hawkins hell-mouth. Unfortunately, sunshine doesn't agree with them. Without Nancy's (Natalia Dyer) studious example, Jonathan (Charlie Heaton) rebrands as a pothead, and Will (Noah Schnapp) turns so reclusive he may as **6** _____ still be in the Upside Down. And no one is more tortured than Eleven (Millie Bobby Brown) – bullied, lonely, and limping along without her telekinetic powers.

The tight-knit gang with a hankering for adventure is strained and traumatised. Instead of the new season's demon – which critics are **7** _____ strict instructions not to tell you anything about – threatening their geeky bonhomie, it reunites them.

It's bizarre that Netflix is so protective of the identity of the latest big baddie. **8** _____ series creators the Duffer Brothers have consistently understood is that the size and shape of a demon isn't the source of its terror – though bigger and with more limbs always helps. With every instalment, the series comes up with freshly terrifying, but deceptively simple landscapes. Take something recognisable, **9** _____ a tree or a house, and cast it against a nightmarishly vast red sky. Underline it with a heavy synth that pulses like a heartbeat, and you've got a moment more petrifying than any monster.

10 _____ the pressure Netflix is under, the streamer needs *Stranger Things* season four to be a hit. It's already been revealed via trailers that Hopper isn't actually dead, which feels like a lame way to help the show along. And really, they needn't be bothered. If you liked *Stranger Things* before, you'll like it again this time around. Formulaic TV works when the formula is this good.

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Task 2. Multiple choice (1 point; 0.25 each)

For questions 11– 14, read the text in Task 1 and decide which answer (A, B or C) best fits each gap. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

11 In the first paragraph, the author...

- A acquaints the reader with the period and context of the series
- B praises how well the 1980s are shown in season four
- C focuses on how the series depict much of the period and context it's based on

12 The word 'bickering' in line 16 is closest in meaning to...

- A chatter
- B jabber
- C babble

13 The use of the word 'toehold' in line 8...

- A is a metonymy; 'toehold' refers to a part of the characters' feet
- B is a metaphor; referring to a small place where a person's foot can be lodged to support them
- C is a simile; emphasising the extreme condition in which the characters are involved in

14 The review is mostly...

- A favourable; it praises the good use of a constant set of genre and style motifs
- B mixed; it equally balances positive elements and negative ones
- C negative; it sharply criticises the fact that critics weren't allowed to talk about the season's antagonist

Task 3. Linguistic Analysis (1.25 points)

15 Analyse the following sentence from the text **syntactically**. Use either boxes or a diagram tree: (0.5 points)

The series creators have consistently understood that the size and shape of a demon isn't the source of its terror.



Transcribe the following words **phonetically** using IPA. Only standard American English and standard British English will be accepted. (0.6 points)

16 Reaganism

18 studious

20 bonhomie

17 withdrawn

19 petrifying

21 preternatural

22 Analyse the following word **morphologically**: *nightmarishly* (0.15 points)

Task 4. Rephrasing (1.5 points - 0.3 each)

For questions 23—27, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and eight words, including the word given.

23 The theatrical play has really lasted too long.

DRAGGING

The theatrical play is really _____

24 Thomas eagerly wants to play chess with his cousin.

KEEN

Thomas _____ his
cousin.

25 She can't bear her brother any more.

PUT

She can't _____ her brother any more.

26 The policemen did everything they could to help the victim.

POWER

The policemen _____ to help the victim.

27 You must not open the window during the hurricane strike.

SHOULD

Under no circumstances, _____



Task 5. Polysemy (1.25 points; 0.25 each)

For questions 28 – 32 fill the following gaps with one word that suits all three sentences A, B and C. The fitting word is the same for all three sentences.

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A The post-pandemic inflation is _____ that it's affecting every single corner of the world.

B _____ heat is rare in this part of Scotland.

C I can't entirely disagree with the new manager's ideas as _____, but I can only rebuke her for her tone and manners.

29

A The accident was a real wake up _____ for Andy; he hasn't drunk ever again.

B Large numbers of Ukrainians, many women amongst them, answered the _____ to arms and signed up as soldiers.

C I'm all for this proposal, but it's your _____.

30

A Start saving money every month and you'll start to be _____ off.

B What signs there are of recovery are patchy at _____.

C Students tend to put their _____ foot forward as the final grades close in.

31

A It isn't _____ why Paula changed her mind at the last minute.

B We should reschedule the field trip to next week, when a _____, blue sky is forecasted.

C Please, _____ out the fridge before check-out.

32

A No _____ measures will be taken to curb such debt crisis.

B C. Tangana remained in the top _____ of the charts for more than 30 weeks.

C The dinner would be more romantic in _____-light.