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I

A. READ THE TEXT CAREFULLY.



Cultural differences and language barriers

The world is full of different cultures and languages, even within each country. A good example is The United States where there are many different people from around the world who speak so many different languages. This raises an important question: How can people who come from distinct cultures communicate effectively? You see, our culture makes us see, hear and interpret the world we live in a particular way. Thus, it is easy to understand that these various cultural interpretations can lead to serious misinterpretation and confusion.

In some cultures, people are very emotional and outgoing, while in others, they tend to be much more reserved and low profile. What makes people react so differently in the same situations? Once again, the answer is culture. Cultures tend to differ due to religious beliefs, educational systems, government, history and a whole lot of other things. The only way that we can minimise or avoid conflict between cultures is if we *make a conscious effort* to respect and understand each other.

But conflict can also arise from people speaking the same language. The latter is far more subtle and tricky to control, but can be just as serious. For

example, a native speaker of a language might speak really quickly and confuse a foreign speaker who is making a big effort to communicate effectively in the language. The result will not only be stressful but may also easily provoke a terribly confusing or embarrassing situation or even *an ugly argument*.

To make things even more confusing there is the problem of body language. For example, in some cultures it is polite to look straight into someone's eyes when speaking to them. In others, this is considered to be intimidating and so is best avoided!

So, the real question is how can we avoid all this? Well, if this is to be avoided, then each party needs to learn about different cultures as well as to respect them and to be more tolerant and aware of them.

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B.

1. RE-READ THE 1ST AND 2ND PARAGRAPHS AND FIND EVIDENCE IN THE TEXT FOR THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS. (32 marks)

See you

- a. Some countries have different languages and cultures.
- b. Different cultures give you different views of the world.
- c. There is a wide range of factors which contribute to cultural differences.
- d. Being aware of the cultural differences and respecting them can help avoid unpleasant situations.

2. NOW RE-READ THE REST OF THE TEXT AND COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES ACCORDINGLY. (40 marks)

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a. Living in the same country doesn't mean.....

b. Misunderstandings can occur.....

c. You can only minimise cultural conflict.....

d. Concerning body language, what is considered polite in a country.....

3. MATCH THE WORDS ON THE LEFT (IN ITALICS IN THE TEXT) WITH THEIR SYNONYMS/EQUIVALENTS ON THE RIGHT. (24 marks)

1. distinct <i>distinto</i>	a) understand <i>entender</i>
2. interpret <i>interpretar</i>	b) threatening
3. provoke <i>provocar</i>	c) different <i>diferente</i>
4. embarrassing	d) cause
5. intimidating <i>intimidante</i>	e) open-minded
6. tolerant <i>tolerar</i>	f) uncomfortable

II

A. PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS INTO THE CORRECT TENSES YOU HAVE REVISED IN CLASS. (Simple Present/ Present Continuous/ Simple Past/ Past Continuous) (24 marks)

1. Helen never.....**a)** calls..... (call) me after 10 pm but last night, while I ...**b)**..... (do) my homework, she.....**c)**.....(call) me on her cell phone from her Biology classroom at UCLA. I couldn't believe she**d)** (make) a phone call during the class so I**e)**.....(ask) what ...**f)**.....(go) on.

2 Archie and his wife usually ...**g)**.... (stay) home in the evening but today they ...**h)**.... (watch) a soccer match at a friend's house.

III

A.

1. COMPLETE THE GAPS BELOW WITH AN APPROPRIATE WORD IN THE BOX. (24 marks)

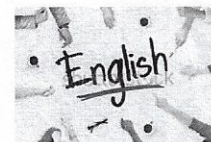
In the past people 1. communicating a new language didn't pay much attention to the cultural aspects of the country in question. Nowadays, however, it is much more 2. common for language courses to specifically look at the 3. cultural aspects of a given country when 4. understand the language. This is especially important when it comes to 5. make in the business world and it can also make things easier for tourists 6. visiting a foreign country. The fact is that it is no longer good enough to learn a language and then simply to 7. learning what is being said directly – it's also important to 8. translate the cultural aspects of a language before we can communicate efficiently with others.

visiting	common	judge	learning	communicating	make
teaching		understand		cultural	translate

IV

A. CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS AND WRITE ABOUT IT. (about 100 words) (56 marks)

1. Write a short article for the school newspaper showing the most effective ways to learn English.



2. In class you have analyzed Kenya's Tale. Imagine and write the conversation between Kenya and her best friend about her feelings.

English is very important ~~language~~ because it is the most widely spoken languages in the world,

class^{es} at universities are taught in English, program like ^{the} Erasmus
utilize english when ~~language~~ the communicate.

~~English is a language by Sciency and technology, because every as plataform to stand writing by English~~

English is also the language the mercantile ~~the~~ work.

Trage do tema!

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