ST EDWARD’S SCHOOL
OXFORD

SHELL AND FOURTH FORM EXAMINATION

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

Entry: 2017

Time: 1 hour

Candidate Name:

Shell / Fourth Form entry (delete as appropriate)
Section 1

Grammar (10 marks)

A. Complete the sentences. Use the verb in brackets.

Example: There WAS a concert at the town hall last night (be).

1. I love …………… to the cinema (go)

2. I ………………………in Oxford since I was born (live)

3. When he got home he found that someone ………………….. into his house while he was out. (break)

4. There you are! I……………………………..for you all morning. (look)

5. When my alarm went off this morning, I ………………………….. (dream) about my last summer holidays.

6. By the time I get home I ………………………..out for eighteen hours (be)

7. John ………………………………… a new watch by his parents for his birthday (give)

8. Where………………………………..in Italy last summer (you/stay)?

9. Look at that black cloud. I think it………………………….. any minute now. (Rain)

10. If you …………………………..(run) you will catch the bus.
B. Complete the sentences with one word

11. I usually travel ............... train.

12. My friend often ................. mistakes with her homework.

13. My brother, ............... lives in Paris, is coming to stay this weekend.

14. A. ................. you like a coffee?

    B: No thank you, I’m not thirsty.

15. The exam was longer ............. we expected.

16. They have known each other ........... they started school.

17. ............... pen is that? Is it yours?

18. I live ........ 101 Banbury Road

19. How ........... wine is there in the bottle?

20. How many miles is ...... to Manchester from here?
Section 2

Reading Comprehension (20 marks)

Read the text and answer the questions.

Clever Animals

Animals communicate with each other in many different ways – through noise, body movement and behaviour. But can we teach animals other ways to communicate with us? Koko, a lowland gorilla, is famous because she has been taught a new way to communicate. She was born in San Francisco Zoo in 1971 and when she was still a baby she began to learn American Sign Language – a language developed for deaf people. Her teacher was Penny Patterson, who was a young student of psychology at Stanford University. Penny thought that her project would take about four years to complete, but now, over three decades later, Penny is still Koko’s teacher, and Koko has learnt more than 1,000 signs. Koko can recognise pictures in books and can make the signs to explain what they are. She can also understand a lot of spoken language and then reply to it using sign language. She can even make up her own signs. When she saw a duck for the first time, Koko signed ‘water’ ‘bird’.

When Koko was 12 years old, Penny asked her what she wanted for her birthday and Koko signed ‘cat’. At first, Penny gave her a toy cat, but Koko didn’t want it. Finally, Penny brought three kittens to Koko and Koko chose one of the kittens as her pet. Koko named the kitten ‘All Ball’ and she played with it and showed great affection towards it. She used to sign ‘Koko love Ball’ and she carried him around on her back and played games with him. Even though the cat sometimes scratched Koko, she never lost her temper and was always gentle and caring towards him.

Koko now lives at the Gorilla Foundation in California, but a special reserve is being built for her and other gorillas at the Maui Ape Preserve in Hawaii. She will never be able to live in the wild, because she has always relied on humans for food. Sadly, lowland gorillas are now an endangered species, because their habitat – the thick forests of central and west Africa – are being destroyed. Koko has now become the ambassador of an international campaign to save lowland gorillas. People all over the world know about Koko and want to help protect the endangered gorillas.
Use your own words and full sentences to answer the questions:

1. Who usually uses American Sign Language?

2. What was Penny Patterson studying at Stanford University?

3. Can Koko speak?

4. Can Koko understand when people speak?

5. What present did Penny first give Koko for her 12th birthday?

6. How did Koko behave with her pet?

7. Where will Koko live in the future?

8. Why do you think the forests are being destroyed?

9. What is an ambassador?

10. Why do you think Koko is a good ambassador for the campaign to save lowland gorillas?
Air pollution is a big problem these days, especially in cities. Explain what you think the reasons are for the problem and make some suggestions for improving air quality in cities.

(You may want to consider things like transport, industry, sources of energy, new technology, information/education.)

Write about 150 words.