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**OPTION A**

**ACCESS TO UNIVERSITY IN GREAT BRITAIN**

Applications to higher education courses in the United Kingdom are managed by the Universities & Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). Students submit a single application via UCAS's website with a list of up to five courses for which they are applying, in the order of preference. There are three application deadlines for different courses: October of the previous year, and January and March of the year when the applicant wishes to start university.

Once this application is processed, the universities and colleges will consider it: each has their own criteria and their own ways of working, so students can expect to hear from them at different times. Some courses require particular qualifications, others require an admissions test. Universities and colleges might send an invitation, which asks the applicant to attend an interview or audition, or to provide a portfolio of work, an essay or other piece of work.

After the student has attended the interview or sent the piece of work, the university or college may make a conditional offer –in case he or she is still in high school: this means that certain conditions, usually good marks in final exams, must be met. Universities and colleges might have other additional requirements, like financial or medical conditions.

**QUESTIONS**

**1. Answer the following questions according to the instructions (3 points as a whole).**

**a. Answer the following question using your own words (10 to 20 words) (1 point).**

a.1. What is UCAS ?

**b. Say if the following statements are *true* or *false*. Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (1 point as a whole: 0.5 each).**

b.1. All the universities and colleges in the United Kingdom ask the same requirements from applicants.

b.2. Students may apply to higher education before they finish high school.

**c. Choose a, b or c in each question below. Only one choice is correct (1 point as a whole: 0.5 each).**

c.1. Students organize the list of the courses they apply for:

a) alphabetically; b) placing their first choice on the top; c) in the order of difficulty.

c.2. A university or college will cancel their conditional offer:

a) if the student does not attend an interview; b) if the student does not finally meet certain conditions; c) if the student does not provide an essay.

**2. Complete the following tasks according to the instructions (2 points as a whole: 0.5 each).**

a) Put into the passive: "*Certain universities require applicants to take an admissions test*".

b) Fill in with the correct tense: "*Unless you (submit)..... your application before next Monday, you (can not start)..... university in autumn.*"

c) Transform into reported speech: "*A conditional offer from a college means that certain conditions must be met.*" Begin with: "*Our Head Teacher explained that...*"

d) Combine into one sentence containing a relative clause: "*Oxford and Cambridge are the most prestigious universities in Great Britain. Application deadlines for them are the earliest.*"

**3. Find words in the text with the following meaning (a and b) and synonyms for each of the words below (c, d and e) (1 as a whole: 0.2 each).**

a) dates before which something must be done b) concerning money

c) preceding d) evaluate e) composition

**4. Write about the following topic using between 90-120 words (0-4 points).**

Access to university in Spain and in Great Britain: which one do you prefer? Why?

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**OPTION B**

**REALITY TELEVISION**

Reality television is a genre of television programming which, it is claimed, presents unscripted dramatic or humorous situations, documents actual events, and features ordinary people rather than professional actors. It could be described as a form of artificial or "heightened" documentary. Although the genre has existed in some form or another since the early years of television, the current explosion of popularity dates from around 2000.

Reality television covers a wide range of television programming formats, from game or quiz shows to surveillance or voyeurism. Part of reality television's appeal is due to its ability to place ordinary people in extraordinary situations. Reality television also has the potential to turn its participants into national celebrities.

Some commentators have said that the name "reality television" is an inaccurate description for several styles of program included in the genre. In competition-based programs such as Big Brother and Survivor, and other special-living-environment shows like The Real World, the producers design the format of the show and control the day-to-day activities and the environment, creating a completely fabricated world in which the competition plays out. Producers specifically select the participants, and use carefully designed scenarios, challenges, events, and settings to encourage particular behaviours and conflicts.

**QUESTIONS**

**1. Answer the following questions according to the instructions (3 points as a whole).**

**a. Answer the following question using your own words (10 to 20 words) (1 point).**

a.1. According to the text, what is the main appeal of reality television?

**b. Say if the following statements are *true* or *false*. Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (1 point as a whole: 0.5 each).**

b.1. Reality television shows are performed by professional actors.

b.2. Everything that happens in reality shows is artificial.

**c. Choose a, b or c in each question below. Only one choice is correct (1 point as a whole: 0.5 each).**

c.1. Television reality:

a) covers a limited variety of programmes; b) covers a broad range of programmes; c) only presents dramatic situations.

c.2. The producers:

a) have no control upon the programmes; b) only select the participants; c) have the command of everything.

**2. Complete the following tasks according to the instructions (2 points as a whole: 0.5 each).**

a) Write a question for which the underlined word is the answer: "The genre has existed since the early years of television."

b) Put into the passive: "Reality television covers many television programming formats."

c) Transform into reported speech: "The producers design the format of the show and control the day-to-day activities and the environment." Begin with: *Some commentators said ...*

d) Complete the following sentence: "If reality television had not the potential to turn its participants into national celebrities...."

**3. Find words in the text with the following meaning (a and b) and synonyms for each of the words below (c, d and e) (1 as a whole: 0.2 each).**

a) the ways in which something is arranged or presented b) the quality of being attractive or interesting

c) exceptional d) create e) spectacle

**4. Write about the following topic using between 90-120 words (0-4 points).**

Would you like to participate in a reality show? Why?