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Class _____

Date _____

CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH: ADVANCED WRITING PRACTICE TEST

TIME

You have 1 hour 30 minutes to complete the test.

INSTRUCTIONS

Read the instructions for each part of the paper carefully.

Answer the question in Part 1 and one question from Part 2.

INFORMATION

There are two parts to this test.

Part 1 has one question.

Part 2 has three questions. You must answer one of these questions.

Each question in the test carries equal marks.

WRITING – PART 1

You must answer this question. Write your answer in 220–260 words in an appropriate style.

1 Your class has been discussing the impact of cars on cities. You have made the notes below:

How cars impact cities

- noise and air pollution
- safety
- the creation of suburban areas

Some opinions expressed in the class discussion:

'There is a link between low life expectancy and car pollution.'

'There are fewer places where children can play safely.'

'It is no longer necessary for people to live close to their workplaces.'

Write an essay discussing two of the impacts in your notes. You should explain which is the most significant impact of cars on cities, giving reasons in support of your answer.

You may, if you wish, make use of the opinions expressed in the class discussion, but you should use your own words as far as possible.

WRITING – PART 2

Write an answer to one of the questions 2–4 in this part. Write your answer in 220–260 words in an appropriate style.

- 2 You have read an article in a fashion magazine urging young people to buy fashionable clothes for the summer. The article includes photographs of unrealistically thin models, and focuses on encouraging young people to change their body shape in order to gain their friends' respect. You feel the article is too negative towards people who fall outside a particular kind of ideal, and decide to write a letter to the editor explaining your opinion.

Write your **letter**.

- 3 There are plans to renovate a number of major roads in the town where you are a student so that cars can move more quickly. You feel that the roads should also include safe bicycle lanes, to offer an alternative to people who don't want to use cars. You decide to write a proposal for the town council, explaining why you think cycle paths should be created, how they could work alongside car lanes, and saying how the bicycle lanes could benefit local people.

Write your **proposal**.

- 4 A blog, focusing on media and culture, has asked you to write a review of a book or film you have experienced recently. Summarise your feelings towards it and discuss what kind of people it is likely to appeal to, and which aspects of the book or film you would recommend to other people. You should also suggest at least one way in which you feel the book or film could have been better.

Write your **review**.