

OPINION ESSAY: MOVING OUT FROM HOME

“Human beings are the only creatures on earth that allow their children to come back home.” (Bill Cosby)

Write an **essay** (350 – 400 w) presenting your opinion on the best age to move out from home. Make sure you:

- comment on the quote
- present your views on the benefits/drawbacks of living in the home you have grown up in
- express your opinion whether moving out is an important step to become an adult

TOPIC 1: BEAUTY

1.1.

You decide to take part in your local community center's annual writing competition which has the photograph on the right as its impulse. Write an **article** (about 300 w) in which you include:

- some of the ideals beauty magazines communicate
- your own definition of beauty
- possible intentions the 'author' of the statement on the canvas might have had



1.2.

New shop opening soon. Staff wanted.

VAIN is a hair salon, an art gallery, a boutique and a community space committed to the expression of personal style.

If you put beauty on top of everything and are sick and tired of the dull world around you, pop in and change your life.

Having just graduated from high school, you are looking for an interesting way to bridge the time between now and the start of your courses at university. On your quest, the job advert above catches your eye and you decide to write a **letter of application** (about 200 w) in which you explain:

- why you are the ideal person for the job
- your attitude towards beauty and personal style
- which department of VAIN you would like to work in and why

TOPIC 2: TRAVEL AND TOURISM

2.1.

Asking a local is the best way to find out genuine inside information on your holiday destination. With that in mind we're looking for young writers to compile Travel Bug's native guides – packed with tips and inside information that only a local could ever know.

Looking for a summer job as a journalist, you have just come across this statement from an online travel magazine. Write an **article** titled "A Native's Guide to Vienna" (about 300 w) for Travel Bug. Make sure you:

- give some inside advice on accommodation
- mention a favourite Austrian restaurant to eat out
- compile a "24-hour-guide" to Vienna's sights



2.2.

closed for renovation!!

3-star hotel and residence Oasis, Alghero, Sardinia:

All 'Holiday Options' hotel rooms are air-conditioned and overlook the swimming pool. We have purposely not contracted the less attractive and cheaper rooms overlooking the car park. The hotel rooms are suitable for up to 3 adults.

room too small

not true!!!

room was overlooking car park

PLUS: noise from disco

You and your parents have just returned from a disastrous trip to Hotel Oasis. Write a **letter of complaint** (about 200 w) to the British tour operator 'Holiday Options' in which you ask for a refund of your money.

Make sure your letter also includes the problems pointed out above!

LISTENING: MULTIPLE CHOICE

You will hear people talking in eight different situations. Tick the best answer A, B or C.

(1) In a theatre box office you hear this conversation. What does the man want to do?

- A buy extra tickets for a different day
- B get a refund on his friend's ticket
- C exchange his ticket

(2) You hear someone talking on the radio. What is the programme about?

- A saving the environment
- B using energy
- C studying natural history

(3) You hear someone talking on the telephone. Who is she talking to?

- A her colleague
- B her secretary
- C her new client

(4) You hear someone talking in a café. What is the speaker doing?

- A disagreeing with a point of view
- B recommending something
- C blaming someone for a mistake

(5) You listen to two people talking. What are they talking about?

- A a film
- B a DVD
- C a live concert

(6) You hear someone talking about his plans for the future.

What does he intend to do?

- A go to university
- B change his job
- C travel abroad

(7) You hear two people talking in a café. What is the relationship of the man to the woman?

- A husband
- B boss
- C colleague

(8) You hear a guide talking to a group of tourists. Where are they?

- A in a museum
- B in an amusement park
- C in a library

SENTENCE COMPLETION: ANIMAL FAIR IN INDIA

You will hear a radio report about a trip to an animal fair in India.
For questions 9–18, complete the sentences.

On the way to the fair, the speaker saw a woman wearing bracelets made of
..... (9)

The fair lasts for almost (10) each year.

At the fair, there are people who specialize in checking the elephants'
..... (11)

Traditionally, the elephants stand in a special area near to the (12)

Behind the elephants there is a very large (13) which is used by a
theatre.

The speaker bought some perfectly cooked (14) for her lunch.

Expensive items made out of (15) can be bought at the fair.

The speaker found that large numbers of (16) were being sold
at the back of the fairground.

It is traditional at an Indian (17) for the man to ride a white horse.

Some young horse dealers put on a display of (18) at the fair.

MULTIPLE MATCHING: RECENT MISTAKES

You will hear five different people talking about a mistake they recently made. For questions 19–23 choose from the list (A–F) the type of mistake that each person made. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.

- A ignoring someone's advice
- B failing to inform someone about something
- C mistaking someone's identity
- D arriving somewhere too early
- E getting a particular date wrong
- F losing something important

(19) Speaker 1:

(20) Speaker 2:

(21) Speaker 3:

(22) Speaker 4:

(23) Speaker 5:

TRUE/FALSE: AN INTERVIEW WITH ACTOR WILL DENNIS

You will hear a radio interview with a film actor called Will Dennis.
For questions 24–30, decide whether the statements below are TRUE or FALSE.
Write T for TRUE and F for FALSE.

(24) Will became an actor because he admired someone who acted.

(25) He lost his first job in a film because he caused the filming to be interrupted.

(26) Will felt shocked when he was fired.

(27) Watching his own films is embarrassing for him.

(28) He enjoys acting out his fantasies.

(29) He decided to do most stunts himself because they weren't too risky.

(30) He refused to do a stunt that might have made an injury worse.

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Multiple choice:

People talking in 8 different situations (from: New First Certificate Gold Exam Maximiser CD 2, track 6)

Sentence completion: Animal Fair in India

(from: FCE Handbook for teachers from Dec 2008. Test 2, track 6)

Multiple matching: Recent mistakes

(from: FCE Handbook for teachers from Dec 2008. Test 1, track 3)

True/False: An interview with will Dennis

(adapted from: FCE Handbook for teachers from Dec 2008. Test 2, track 8)

Länge insgesamt: 37:29 min (2x vorgespielt)