ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

LANGUAGE TEST

MARKS: 50

2007

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Answer all the questions
2. Draw a margin on the right hand side of the page
3. Write neatly

COMPREHENSION

Read the following extract from the article “Stalked” in the Reader’s Digest of January 2003, and answer the questions that follow:

***Stalked***

*Her act of kindness set off a deadly obsession*

**By Peter Pearl**

Right to the end, Alan Chmurny insisted he had only been trying to be friends with Marta Bradley. He swore, over the course of the four long years he stood accused of a series of escalating crimes, that he had never stalked his colleague.

In fact, he said, it was she who had come on to him. His generosity, his openness, his quirky sense of humour had been horribly misinterpreted, Indeed, Chmurny was so persuasive that he, too, came to believe the altered truth.

Alan Chmurmy was a brilliant organic chemist who had accumulated some 15 patents in his own name. He and his wife, Gwen, also a chemist, had been married for 35 years and lived a seemingly normal and succesful life on a beautiful wooded acre in Frederick, Maryland.

Throughout his life, Chmurny consistently impressed people with his intellect and demeanour. He had worked in high-level jobs for Pfizer and W.R. Grace before landing at Oceanix Biosciences Corp. In Hanover, Maryland. That’s where he met Marta Bradley.

At 28, she was almost the same age as Chmurny’s daughter. An accomplished classical musician, Marta played bass for local symphony orchestras but needed a steady job with benefits, so she took an administrative position at Oceanix.

Upbeat, energetic, curvaceous, Marta came across as a cheerleader. Her husband, Scot, was a jazz trumpeter. They’d been married nearly five years, living in a small place with their two dogs, and planning on a family.

Oceanix’s 35 employees were generally a close-knit group. Marta and Jean Lancaster, a lab manager, often talked and gossiped with Chmurny.

“At first, he was the kind of person you could joke around with,” Marta said. Over time, though, Chmurny became depressed and began sharing his problems, which seemed ever-mounting. He played heavily on Bradley’s sympathies when doctors told him he had stomach cancer and then again when he became convinced his wife cheating on him. But within weeks, Chmurny was suddenly ecstatic. His doctors, he said, had been wrong about the cancer. What’s more, he’d met a wonderful young woman named Debbie, and he was in love. Shortly afterwards, a snapshot of a smiling Marta Bradley at the office Christmas party went missing from the bulletin board. For some reason, she decided to ask Chmurny if he knew what happened to it. He hesitated, then said, “Yeah, I was going to get it and show Debbie, but it wasn’t there.”

**QUESTIONS COMPREHENSION**

1. What do you do if you stalk a person?

obsession, follow

(1)

2. Who is the stalker in this story?

Alan Chmurny

(1)

3. Who is the stalked in this story?

Marta Bradley

(1)

4. Where did Alan and Marta meet each other?

They worked together

(1)

5. What lie did Chmurny come to believe himself?

Marta was stalking him. Marta came on to Chmurny.

(1)

6. What is the name of the town where Chmurny and his wife lived?

Frederick

(1)

7. “Chmurny consistently impressed people with his intellect and demeanor.” What do you think is the meaning of “demeanor”.

Behaviour and attitude towards others.

(1)

8. TRUE or FALSE. Marta Bradley had an attractive body. Quote one word to prove your answer.

True "curvaceous"

True "cheerleader"

(2)

9. Give two reasons why Marta would not have been interested in Chmurny.

She is married

Chmurny is married

Chmurny is too old

(2)

10. What may have given Chmurny the impression that Marta liked him?

She gossiped with him

She laughed at his jokes

She listened to his problems

(1)

11. Who do you think is Debbie and what happened to the snapshot?

Imaginary girlfriend or she is Marta

Chmurny took it

(2)

/15/SUMMARY

Look at the passage Stalked

2.1 List three things that makes Chmurny not look like a stalker. Use 15 words. Write down the number of words you have used.

 He is a chemist

 He is married

 He has a family

 He is successful (words 13)

2.2 List two things that make Chmurny look like a stalker. Use 10 words.

 He is depressed

 He shares his problems with Marta

 He took Marta's picture (13 words)

2.3 Mention all the places Chmurny worked before.

Pfizer, W.R. Grace, Oceanix Biosciences Corp.

2.4 Name the two musical instruments played by marta and her husband.

Bass, jazz trumpet

(10)

LANGUAGE

3.1 Rewrite the following sentence into direct speech. Alan Chmurny insisted he had only been trying to be friends with Marta Bradley.

Begin with the following words: Alan Chmurny insisted: “ \_\_\_\_\_\_”

Alan Chmurny insisted: "I have/had only been trying to be friends with Marta Bradley."

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3.2 Write down the correct form of the verb.

Martha couldn’t put her finger on why, but she (3.2.1 has had) a feeling Chmurny (3.2.2 be take had taken) the photograph. More disturbing, she (3.2.3 feel felt) a fleeting sense that there (3.2.4 is was) no Debbie, that Chmurny (3.2.5 be make had made) her up.

Then in June 1996, Chmurny (3.2.6 call called) Marta at the office. “ He told me he (3.2.7 isn’t wasn't) coming to work. He (3.2.8 say said), ‘Debbie (3.2.9 be kill was killed) last night in a car accident.’ He (3.2.10 be bawl was bawling) on the phone.”

(10)

3.3 Try to fill in the appropriate words in the following passage so that it will make sense.

When his cancer returned (3.3.1 \_\_\_with\_\_) a vengeance, Chmurny told Martha he had to go (3.3.2\_\_\_to\_) the Mayo Clinic (3.3.3\_\_for\_\_\_) a special test. He said: “I may never see you (3.3.4\_\_again\_\_\_\_). You’ve been (3.3.5\_\_like\_\_\_) a daughter to me. I want you to have something.” He handed (3.3.6\_\_her\_\_) a dazzling pair (3.3.7\_of\_\_\_) diamond earrings.

“I can’t accept (3.3.8\_\_it\_\_\_),” Marta said. But he insisted.

“And please don’t tell anyone (3.3.9\_about\_\_\_) the cancer,” he said. “I (3.3.10\_was\_\_) not even telling my wife or my daughter.”

(10)

3.4 Write down a synonym for the word “return”. Not in the passage.

revert, recur, recrude

(1)

3.5 Write down an antonym for the word “insist”. Not in the passage.

insistently.

waver, concede

(1)

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