



**THE INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE OLYMPIAD  
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LEVEL B2  
SUGGESTED ANSWER KEY**

**USE OF ENGLISH (40 points)**

**I. Read the paragraph below and do the tasks that follow. (10 points)**

**A. Answer the following questions, according to the text. (4 points)**

1. "... the amount of actual harm most humans do unto others is astonishingly small."
2. "Stranded in a foreign town, you are much more likely to receive help than be harmed by those around you".
3. "...by helping them to fetch out-of-reach objects or opening cabinets for them. They do this irrespective of any reward from adults... and very likely with no concern for such things as reciprocation and reputation".
4. "...our behaviour [...] becomes increasingly conditioned on both internal and environmental circumstances"; "...with time, we begin to take others' intentions into account when judging their and our own actions".

**B. Choose the right synonym. (3 points)**

1. b; 2. c; 3. a.

**C. Rephrase the following sentences so as to preserve the meaning. (3 points)**

1. They do this even **if / though/when they are not rewarded** by adults.
2. The more complex our cognitive capacities grow, **the more conditioned our behaviour** becomes.
3. Only when judging their actions, **do we begin to take** others' intentions into account.

**II. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in each gap. (10 points)**

1. COASTAL/COASTLINE; 2. DESTRUCTION; 3. INLAND; 4. CREATION; 5. SUBSTANTIAL; 6. SCIENTISTS;  
7. MASSIVE; 8. WILDLIFE; 9. ENDANGERED; 10. BOUND

**III. Five sentences have been removed from the text below. Read the text and use the sentences A – G to fill in the gaps in the text. There are TWO sentences you do not need. (5 x 2p = 10 points)**

1. C; 2. E; 3. F; 4. G; 5. A

**IV. Fill in the blanks with one word only. (10 points)**

1. for; 2. more; 3. such; 4. which; 5. it; 6. as; 7. be/prove; 8. only; 9. while; 10. much