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The New secondary school of Ghamra **Level/2nd year lit & philo**

The second Examination of English

Read the text carefully,then do the following activities:

Man sells British countryside air to China

An English entrepreneur has started a booming business from selling bottled, British countryside air to Chinese consumers. Leo De Watts, 27, struck upon the idea of selling air to China after seeing news footage of pollution and smog in Chinese cities. He guessed there was a market for cleaner air. De Watts launched his company last year in the somewhat imaginatively named industry of "air farming". His team "harvests" air in bottles from various locations across Britain and ships it to China. Even though the air is cheap to collect, De Watts puts a hefty price on **his products**. Chinese lovers of British air have to pay around $115 for a 580 ml bottle of the fresh stuff.

De Watts was born in the British countryside and said he appreciates the quality of the air in rural Britain. He now lives in Hong Kong **where** he sells his fresh air at local street markets. A lot of his merchandise is sold in Chinese cities such as Beijing and Shanghai, where pollution can be particularly bad. He said his Chinese customers can be quite fussy about exactly what kind of air **they** buy. He explained in a promotional video that: "Quite often, a lot of our orders are bespoke. We have clients who request very particular circumstances for their air. Sometimes we'll be at the top of a mountain, and other times at the bottom of a valley." He added: "There's really a market for this. We've just started."

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Ex1/Is the text above: a-A web article. b-A note of apology. c-An application letter.

Ex2/Choose the right answer,write a,b,c or d next to the letter corresponding to the sentence:

1-When did the man start his company? **a**-few years ago. **b**-In 2010. **c**-2 years ago. **d**-in 2015.

2-Where does the entrepreneur live now? **a**-Beijing. **b**-Shanghai. **c**-London. **d**-Hongkong.

3-Who can be fussy about the kind of air they buy? **a**-Entreprenuers **b**-People in rural England. **c**-Chinese consumers. **d**-People with breathing problems.

Ex3/ Say if these statements are (True) or (False) according to the passage:

a-The businessman selling the air is from England.

b-The air costs $115 for a litre bottle.

c-The man was born in the middle of the city of London.

d-Some Chinese consumers ask for mountain air.

Ex4/ What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text:

a-His products(§1). b-Where(§2). c-They(§2).

Ex5/In which paragraph is it mentioned that…though the air is something available & cheap,its cost is so expensive??

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Text exploration:

Ex1/Match words in column (a) with their synonyms in column (b):

words	synonyms
1-Entrepreneur. 2-Locations. 3-Luanched. 4-Collect.	a-Places. b-Started. c-Gather. d-Business person.

Ex2/Complete the following table:

verb	noun	adjective
……	pollution	……
To live	……	……
……	……	recyclable

Ex3/Put the verbs between brackets in their correct forms:

a-If we (to heat) water, it boils.

b-If I (not to be) here, they would kill her.

Ex4/ Classify these words according to the pronunciation of their final/s/:

news – cities – ships – circumstances

/s/	/z/	/iz/

Ex5/ Fill in each gap with only one word from the list,so that the text makes sense:

(ocean – harmful – waste – factories)

Every year, rivers carry a large amount of……(1)…… into the sea. The sea receives lot of chemical from……(2)…… which continue to pour every day tons of chemicals &……(3)…… materials.Geologists are now wondering if the ……(4)……can be used as waste basket for longer??

Written expression: **Choose either topic1 or topic2**

Topic1/Using the following notes, write a short composition about what we should do to protect our environment from pollution:

-Plant trees

- Build factories away from cities

-Reduce the use of energy(oil, fuel, timber)

Topic2/What do you know about noise pollution???...write a short letter to your pen friend in which you explain to him/her its(definition-sources-results……)

Good luck for all

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