

**FACOLTA' DI STUDI UMANISTICI**  
**PROVA SCRITTA LINGUA INGLESE 2**

**CDL Lingue e Comunicazione; Lingue e Culture per la Mediazione**

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Total Points \_\_\_/40 = \_\_\_/30

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**2nd Year Exam – JANUARY 2018 - ONE HOUR**

Reading comprehension – Open Question -Transformation questions – Verb Forms - Word  
formation exercise

**A YOUNG ACTOR**

The actor Andrew Black was born in Glasgow to an English mother and a Scottish father. He moved to London with his family when he was four. His rise in the world of entertainment has been swift, beginning in theatre school. He got hugely enthusiastic reviews for his theatre work and TV parts before making his film debut. How does he react to getting equally good reviews for his film work, perhaps even an award? “Luckily it’s not something I’ve given much thought to because I’m so busy working on something else and don’t want to be distracted from that,” he says. This is Andrew’s typically understated way of mentioning the fantasy epic which is about to take the cinema world by storm. This next film is a fantasy blockbuster that will hit our screens next year. The first photo of him in his costume was released last week to internet frenzy. “I don’t need anyone else to tell me what a big deal it is because I really loved fantasy novels myself as a kid.”

After all the enthusiasm about his recent work and an award nomination, Andrew is having the biggest year of his life, but it hasn’t gone to his head. “It’s nice if your work is praised, but it’s all very new to me, this,” he says. “I really like working in this profession and exploring all its possibilities. Who knows what the future holds? We could dream about what happens next, but there’s not much point. I’m just enjoying my job and want to do well in it in the future, but that’s kind of everything, really. No big hassles. There’s nothing fascinating about my life, and there’s absolutely no reason why it should change.

Of all the characters in his last film, which is based on a true story about a group of university students from London who start an influential blog, Andrew’s character is the one who emerges as the most likeable, but he insists that the plot is not as straightforward as it might appear. “What’s wonderful about this film is that everyone feels that they are the good guy. I don’t think that anyone in the cast thought that they were playing the villain. It was just a group of human beings that had different opinions. Starting a blog may seem a simple thing if you have never done it, but in fact it’s not at all as simple as people may imagine, and if you do it together with other people it gets to be even harder”.

It’s a typically thoughtful answer from this 27-year-old, who seems to be a bit of a worrier and so he prefers to avoid watching himself on screen. Perhaps he doesn’t care for interviews either, but he is so open and engaging that you wouldn’t know it. He felt a “heightened sense of responsibility” playing a real-life person in his last film, but he had no contact with the person concerned. “These people are living and breathing somewhere – of course that has a great effect on the care with which you approach your work. I kept wondering if he’d come and see the film, and if he’d recognize himself in my performance and perhaps be angered by it.

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**A) Reading Comprehension**

1. When asked about the prospect of winning an award for his film work, Andrew
  - a) admits it's more exciting than other awards he's been up for.
  - b) explains why he prefers not to think too much about it.
  - c) suggests that it's mostly a matter of luck.
  
2. The phrase "hasn't gone to his head" in the second paragraph suggests that Andrew is
  - a) modest about his achievements.
  - b) used to receiving so much praise.
  - c) doubtful whether he will win an award.
  
3. What does Andrew say about his last film?
  - a) There are no clear heroes and villains in it.
  - b) The story is not as simple as it may seem.
  - c) There were often disagreements between the actors.
  
4. What makes the writer think that Andrew is an anxious person?
  - a) He has no wish to watch his own films.
  - b) He obviously doesn't like giving interviews.
  - c) He feels responsible for the character he plays.

Points \_\_\_/6

**B) Choose ONE to answer. Indicate your choice; Question number \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Would you like to work in the world of the cinema?
- 2) What would you do if you won a prize as an actor?

**Write 50-80 words on one of the topics above.**

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Points \_\_\_/4

**GO ON TO EXERCISE C**

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**C) 5 key-word transformation questions**

Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. You must include the word in **bold print** . Do not change the word given. Use **NO MORE** than 5 words including the word given. Contractions (for example - don't- count as two words).

Example: What type of film do you like best?

**FAVOURITE**

What **IS YOUR FAVOURITE** type of film?

1. Andrew had never won an award before.

**FIRST**

It was / the first time Andrew had won an award.

2. "I'll live in Hollywood if I win the prize," said Andrew.

**MOVE**

Andrew said he

would move / to Hollywood if he won the prize.

3. They shot the film last year in Scotland.

**LOCATION**

The film was shot/ on location last year in Scotland.

4. In the film, Andrew was a student.

**PART**

In the film, Andrew played (got/had) / the part of a student.

5. Andrew Black started acting two years ago.

**ONLY**

Andrew has only / been acting for two years.

Points \_\_\_\_\_/10

**GO ON TO EXERCISE D**

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**D) Verb forms** *Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense. When necessary, put the adverb indicated into the correct position.*

1. Andrew said that he \_\_\_\_\_ **wasn't able / wouldn't be able / had not been able** \_\_\_\_\_ ( not to be able) to act as a student because he \_\_\_\_\_ **had never been** \_\_\_\_\_ ( never to be) to university.
  
2. During the filming last month, the actor \_\_\_\_\_ **did not seem** \_\_\_\_\_ (not to seem ) to want \_\_\_\_\_ **to be interviewed** \_\_\_\_\_ ( to interview ) by the press.
  
3. The director \_\_\_\_\_ **has been shooting** \_\_\_\_\_ (to shoot) the fantasy film for three weeks now, and the actors all \_\_\_\_\_ **look** \_\_\_\_\_ ( to look) incredibly tired.
  
4. Last year the actors \_\_\_\_\_ **had to** \_\_\_\_\_ ( have to ) wear period costumes which \_\_\_\_\_ **were made** \_\_\_\_\_ ( to make ) in York.
  
5. The actress \_\_\_\_\_ **would have been** \_\_\_\_\_ ( to be) thrilled if she \_\_\_\_\_ **had won** \_\_\_\_\_ ( to win) the award but sadly she didn't.

Points \_\_\_\_\_/10

**GO ON TO EXERCISE E**

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**2nd Year Exam – SEPTEMBER 2017 - ONE HOUR**

**E) Word formation exercise**

Read the passage and use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits grammatically in the numbered gap. The words are already in order.

**ACTING**

If you want to have a really (1) \_\_\_\_ theatre experience, then the best place to go is without any doubt the Edinburgh festival, which is held there every summer. A (2)\_\_\_\_\_ of the events can be found in the tourist information office in the centre of the city. The variety of performances is really (3) \_\_\_\_ and very few people are ever disappointed.

(1) CREDIBLE

(2) DESCRIBE

(3) IMPRESS

The (4) \_\_\_\_ countryside is also something you will never forget: castles and local dance competitions where the local population really let their hair down.

(4) SURROUND

In the Spey valley, much (5) \_\_\_\_\_ away, you can see the places where whiskey is made and even taste some of the excellent produce. Edinburgh provides an (6) \_\_\_\_\_ location for those actors who don't mind trying to compete in an environment where there are many (7)\_\_\_\_\_ due to the tough competition from so many theatre groups.

(5) FAR

(6) EXCITE

If you are a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in the world of theatre, you can sign up to a course where the basics of acting can be learned and practiced without any 9)\_\_\_\_ . All in all, a trip to the Edinburgh festival is an unforgettable and (10)\_\_\_\_\_ experience.

(7) DIFFICULT

(8) BEGIN

(9) EMBARRASS

(10) SPECTACLE

Write your answers here

1 INCREDIBLE

2 DESCRIPTION

3 IMPRESSIVE

4 SURROUNDING

5 FURTHER

6 EXCITING

7 DIFFICULTIES

8 BEGINNER

9 EMBARRASSMENT

10 SPECTACULAR

Points \_\_\_\_/10

**THIS IS THE END OF THE EXAM**