



YEAR 8 **ENGLISH LISTENING** **TIME: 15 minutes**

Name: _____

Class: _____

LISTENING

15 marks

Ex. 1: Are the following TRUE or FALSE? Tick [✓] the correct box below.

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		TRUE	FALSE
a.	Antarctica is the coldest, driest, windiest place in the north pole.		
b.	The continent of Antarctica is almost three times as large as Australia.		
c.	Most of Antarctica is covered in ice that is about two kilometres thick.		
d.	Antarctica was discovered thousands of years ago.		
e.	People first landed on it in 1895.		

Ex. 2: Underline the correct answer in brackets.

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- a. 'Antarctica' is a word that comes from (Latin, Greek, Italian) and it means 'the opposite of the Arctic or north'.
- b. Although it is very cold, Antarctica is a desert, with hardly any (rain, ice, glaciers) or snow.
- c. The little amount of snow that there is, builds up into huge (beds, covers, sheets) of ice.
- d. When compared to other continents, Antarctica has the (highest, medium, lowest) average height above sea level.
- e. There are (two, three, four) seasons in Antarctica.

Ex. 3: Fill in the gaps with a word used in the passage.

5 marks []

Since Antarctica is close to the (a) _____ pole, in Summer the sun stays in the sky (b) _____ until midsummer when it stays up for 24 hours a day. In (c) _____, the opposite happens so it gets darker, until in (d) _____ it is dark all (e) _____ and the sun does not go up.