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**English Final Exam
Grade 8 / 70 minutes
June 13th, 2017**

2.5 pts (neatness)

Reading Comprehension: (22 pts)

Read the attached text and answer the following questions.

1. Find words in the text that mean the same as: (3 pts)

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2. Are these sentences True or False? Answer by quoting the text. (4 pts)

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Now answer in your OWN words!

3. Based on the text, how can you define futurology? (2 pts)

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5. Based on the text, describe the “Homo Cyberneticus” (or the future man). Include in your answer 3 different “characteristics or skills. (3 pts)

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Grammar and Vocabulary: (25.5 pts)

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2. This delicious chocolate _____ (be) made by a small chocolatier in Switzerland.
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4. When Sarah goes on vacation next month, she _____ (study) German for over two years. She should be able to communicate fairly well while she is in Austria.
5. Lately, things _____ (change) a lot at Coltech, Inc. When we first _____ (start) working here three years ago, the company _____ (have, only) six employees. Since then, we _____ (expand) to include more than 2000 full-time workers.
6. Sarah _____ (climb) the Matterhorn and _____ (sail) around the world by the time she turned twenty-five.
7. A car alarm _____ (ring) somewhere down the street. It's driving me crazy. I wish it would stop! It _____ (ring) for more than twenty minutes.
8. When you arrive in Stockholm tomorrow, call my friend Gustav. He _____ (show) you around the city.

2- Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the words in brackets. (6 pts)

1. The job advertisement stated that every _____ (**apply**) may negotiate the salary and work schedule.
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3. In the early 1900s, an _____ (**archeology**) found dinosaur bones in China.
4. Because of the water _____ (**short**), homeowners are only allowed to water their lawns on certain days.
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3- Circle the correct alternative. (4 pts)

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Final Exam

Fantasy or Reality

For millennia, human beings have looked up at the night sky and asked themselves, "What does it all mean?" One of the oldest recorded answers is provided by astrology: the belief that the stars and planets strongly influence our lives. Nowadays, it's a whole different story! Here's what Hannah Jones has to say about futurology.

I must confess I am obsessed with the future, and I am not the only one. Over the centuries, people have used the stars, cards, crystal balls and even tea-leaves to look into the future. I still read my horoscope every day: "When you get home on Friday, you will receive some very good news", or "At the weekend, after you've done the shopping, you will have a pleasant surprise." I never have a pleasant surprise in the supermarket car park, but who knows? I might!

This weekend, however, we will get a surprise because hundreds of futurologists are meeting at Newcastle University. The conference starts on Thursday and the experts will be discussing the current scientific trends and the impact of technology on the future. The future is now big business. I logged on to websites where some professional futurologists predict the following:

- ✓ The communication technology already exists, so very soon all of us are going to use our voices to give instructions to computers.
- ✓ In the next few years, we will be communicating with our friends around the world using life-sized video images on large screens in our living room. We will find ourselves in a new world of virtual realities.
- ✓ Today, everything aspires to be smart: from the smartphone in your hand - to sometimes the ridiculous (Google Glass, Fitbit for dogs, Lily the selfie drone). Our future will look even smarter: smarter gadgets, smarter computers and smarter cities.
- ✓ By the year 2020, computers will already have become more efficient and powerful than the human brain both in terms of intelligence and the amount of information they can store. Then, we will be linking our brains with "ultra-smart" computers. A new species might have developed: "Homo Cyberneticus".
- ✓ By the year 2030, genetic engineering and nanotechnology will have eradicated diseases and will enable us to live for at least 150 years. Using nanotechnology, tiny insect-like robots may be sent around our bodies to carry out repairs, cure diseases and keep us healthy.
- ✓ By the end of the century, we will have colonized our solar system and will be looking for ways to colonize deep space.

Much more interesting than horoscopes, I am sure you agree! I've decided I'm going to give up astrology and take up futurology. If you can't beat the future, join it!

"We are looking at how to use technological innovation to improve life on the planet," futurologists insist. "Science has led to an incredible potential for growth and development. Maybe one day, who knows, people will be invincible."

Scientist Ray Kurzweil has viewed the development of science and technology with anxiety and suspicion. He's worried there may be dangers for the human race. Well, let's hope in the future our intelligence will be put to good use.

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.....Futurology: forecasting of the future (predictions...) based on present trends in society.

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- Lives surrounded by virtual realities
- Has smart devices

- Lives in smart/ computerized cities
- Is very smart because his/her brain will be connected to computers
- Lives healthier and longer lives might inhabit new planets.

(If copied from the text max. 1pt.)

6. Why is Kurzweil worried about the continuous progress of science and technology? (2 pts)

...Kurzweil fears that the development of technology will **endanger/harm/be risky for** humans because people might have evil purposes. ...(use technology for bad purposes)
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