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**OPTION A:**

**100 Candles**

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2 time. Today, around 10,000 people in the UK are centenarians, or people aged one hundred years or older. A future  
3 monarch will be very busy penning birthday congratulations because the prediction is that by 2050, there will be a  
4 quarter of a million centenarians.
- 5 We know there are certain places in the world where many people already live to one hundred and beyond.  
6 They retain good health into very old age with lower rates of heart disease, cancer and dementia. Some famous  
7 examples include Okinawa and Sicily.
- 8 Why does this happen, and how can we increase our chances of a long and healthy life? Dr Lynne Corner,  
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CHOOSE AND WRITE THE CORRECT OPTION (A, B, C or D). (0,5 points each)

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- (a) about the scientists at Newcastle University. (b) about the right genes.  
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ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT (0,5 points each)

3. **In the future more people will reach the age of 100.**

4. **We can live a long life if we have the right genes.**

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**II \* USE OF ENGLISH (4 points; questions 7-12, 0.25 points each; 13-17, 0.5 points each)**

7. FIND IN THE TEXT THE OPPOSITE FOR "low".

8. GIVE AN ADJECTIVE WITH THE SAME ROOT AS "prediction" (noun).

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11. FIND IN THE TEXT THE WORD WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: "**possessed by genetic transmission**"

12. WHICH WORD DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME MEANING?: **feature / trait / characteristic/ habit**

13. REWRITE THE SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: **The Queen sends birthday telegrams to many people. Many people...**

14. JOIN THE SENTENCES USING A RELATIVE. MAKE CHANGES IF NECESSARY.

**The new shop sells fruit and vegetables. It opened last week.**

15. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS: **Her speech made me.....(cry).**

16. REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED

**Nobody arrived in time since the flight was delayed. Because of...**

17. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: **There are about 10,000 centenarians in the UK.**

**III \* PRODUCTION (3 points)**

18. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE TOPIC PROPOSED. YOU MUST FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT:

**What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of living up to 100 years of age?**

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