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Prova Scritta di Inglese C1

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You have ONE hour

You may use a monolingual dictionary

Answer ONE of the essay questions below in 200 – 250 words

1. You have purchased an item (a book, DVD, computer game, or app) from an online shop (e.g. Amazon.com) and have decided to leave an online review. In your review indicate exactly what you purchased, how many stars you'd give it and your evaluation of the item as well as the service you received from the online shop.
2. "Americans only want to have guns because they live in a society which is built on fear." Discuss this statement in an article for your university newspaper, which focuses on the problem of gun control in the USA.
3. Write a blogpost for other university students describing a memorable place you have been to, on an exchange or to study. You should also give advice for others wishing to go to this place.
4. Write a story about a mysterious object that your main character or characters found in their attic, when clearing up. The final words of the story are:

"... and that was when I finally realised what it meant."
5. Comment on this quotation by Mark Twain: "I have never let my schooling interfere with my education".
6. *Answer this question with reference to:
44, Scotland Street by Alexander McCall Smith or *A Casual Vacancy* by J.K. Rowling.

Describe one of the most interesting ideas or themes in this novel and explain why this interests you. You should write this for a university blog post.

* Candidates should read ONE of these texts independently and be prepared to answer a general question on The Set Books for 2015-2016 are:

a. Hugh Miles: Playing Cards in Cairo.

b. Mark Haddon: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night.

c. J.K. Rowling: A Casual Vacancy.

d. Rosamund Stone Zanders and Benjamin Zanders: The Art of Possibility

e. Jon Krakauer: Into the Wild

To get an idea of the type of work being done and writing required candidates can consult this page on the Hartledistancelearning wiki:

<http://hartledistancelearning.wikispaces.com/C1+Extensive+Reading>