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PART A. Comprehension questions on the text. Read the text and answer all the questions in the space provided on this exam sheet

Nobel Prize for Studying Neanderthal DNA

Monday 3rd October 2022, the Nobel Committee for Physiology or Medicine awarded the prize to Svante Pääbo, a smart Swedish geneticist who determined how to extract and analyze DNA from 40,000-year-old Neanderthal bones – an extremely complex and challenging process.

His decades of research have made it possible for scientists to begin testing differences between today's modern humans and their ancestors.

Born in 1955, Pääbo spent three decades working on the Neanderthal genome, mostly at the Max Planck Institute in Leipzig, Germany. He studied mummies and extinct animals before focusing his efforts on Neanderthals. "I'm driven by curiosity, by asking the questions, 'Where do we come from?' and 'What were the important events in our history that made us who we are?'" Pääbo told Smithsonian magazine in 2006.

The morning of the 3rd of October, Pääbo was finishing a cup of tea when he got a call from Sweden informing him he had been awarded with the Nobel Prize. He was asked whether he ever thought of winning. Pääbo humbly replied that he did not really think that this study would qualify for a Nobel Prize. But award-winning scientific discoveries are apparently in Pääbo's blood. His father, biochemist Sune Bergström, shared the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine in 1982. This was the eighth time that a child of a Nobel laureate also won a Nobel Prize. Pääbo's unexpected win marked the outstanding start of last year's Nobel Prize announcements, which continued throughout the rest of that eventful week with awards in physics, chemistry, literature, economics, and peace. Winners get roughly 900,000€, which come from the money left by the prize's creator, Alfred Nobel, after his death, in order to contribute to science evolution.

Adapted from "Svante Pääbo Won Nobel Prize for Unraveling the Mysteries of Neanderthal DNA," Smithsonianmag.com, October 3, 2022.

- A1.** Find in the text one word that means the same (synonym) as "clever".
- A2.** Find in the text one word that means the opposite (antonym) of "ordinary".
- A3.** Write a summary of the text in 20-25 words.

PART B. Use of English. Choose the correct answer. You must answer all the questions. All answers must be recorded on the OMR answer sheet (0.5 points each)

1. It has been raining for days. It hasn't stopped raining _____
a) Yet b) already c) since
2. Which word means the same as noticeable?
a) Insignificant b) noteworthy c) ordinary



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3. If she _____well in her final exams, she _____a place at university.
a) do/will get b) does/will get c) will do/will get

4. We've bought a new radio for Mike but it is not very good. We'll have to look for_____one.
a) another b) the second c) any

PART C. Write an essay of 150–180 words on ONE of the following subjects. Write your composition directly on the exam sheet provided for this task. When you run out of space, continue writing on the back of the same sheet. If you need extra space, you can ask for one more exam sheet. (5 points):

A. Which inventions do you think have significantly changed the world? Discuss

B. Is Artificial Intelligence helping or hurting society? Write about the advantages and challenges associated with the integration of AI into daily life. Explain your view and provide examples from your own experience.

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