Imagine a building one third of the height of the Mount Everest, built by robots, and containing a whole city. Imagine you can take a lift down 500 floors to school. Imagine you can see the sea a mile below you. Imagine you can never open a window. Imagine ………

Well, if Japanese architects find enough money for their project, in the 21st century you will be able to live in a building like that.

Obayashi Gumi has designed a two kilometer high building, Aeropolis, which will stand in the middle of Tokyo Bay, over 300,000 people will live in it. It will be 500 floor high, and in special lifts it will take just 15 minutes to get from top to bottom. Restaurants, offices, flats, cinemas, schools, hospitals, and post offices will be just a few lifts to stop way. According to the architects, Aeropolis will be “the first city to touch the sky”.

“When we get to the end of the this century, Tokyo will have a population of over 15 million people”, said design manager Mr Shuzimo. “There isn’t enough land in Japan. We are going to start doing tests to find the place to build it. I hope people will like living on the 500th floor.”

Won’t people want to have trees and flowers around them? “We are going to have green floors, where children can play and office workers can eat their lunch break sandwiches” explained Mr Shuzimo. What about fire? “If there is a fire, it will be put out by robots. I hope we’ll get the money we need to build. As soon as we do we will start, this will be the most exciting building in the world.”

“Living in the sky”
Louise Hidalgo.

1- Section one : Reading comprehension : (6pts)
A- 1/ True or false statements
a-Aeropolis will be 500 kilometers high.
b-More than three thousand people will live in it.
c-Lifts will be needed to get to the different floors.

2/Answer the following questions:
a-What kind of text is the passage: predictive or narrative?
b-What do Japanese want to build? Why?
c-How high will it be?
d-Give a title to the text.

3/Ask questions to get the following answers:
a-Fire will be put out by robots.
b-As soon as we get the money.
B - Text exploration: (8pts)

a/ Look at the example then do the same:
   EG: Architects from Japan = Japanese architects.
       Teachers from Poland =
       Actors from Holland =

b/ Cross out the odd words:
   Bank       Black        Know          Kick
   Paint        Tent         Listen          Rent

c/ Classify the following verbs:
   Called        constructed    finished
   Wanted      camped           landed
   Watched    phoned            reserved

d/ Correct the verbs in brackets:
   In the past, people (live) ........1........ in detached houses. Now, they
   (breed)........2........... their children in houses or buildings. In the future the world
   population (grow)...........3........ larger. So higher building
   (construct)...........4........ in order to provide a shelter to everyone.

e/ Complete sentence B so that it means the same as A:
   1 - Fire will be put out by robots.
       Robots..............................
   2 - {There isn’t enough land in Tokyo}, said Mr Shuzimo
       Mr Shuzimo said............................
   3 - If he arrived yesterday I would help him.
       ................tomorrow ......................

II - Section two / Written expression: (6pts)

Choose one of the following topics

Topic one: Use the following expressions to write a composition on the advantages and
             Disadvantages of living in Aeropolis.
             Not need warm clothes in winter : umbrella
             When free few floors down : up at the cinema
             If/ ill : hospital/ A floor above / just there ..................

Topic two: Do you prefer living in a detached house with no neighbours around you, or in a
          high building in a very large city?