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INSTRUCTIONS
- Translate the passage overleaf into **Tamil**.
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INFORMATION
- The total mark for this paper is 40.
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கட்டளைகள்
- அடுத்த பக்கத்தில் கொடுத்துள்ள பத்தியை **தமிழில்** மொழிபெயர்க்கவும்.
- கருப்பு அல்லது கரு நீலப் பேனாவைப் பயன்படுத்தவும். அழிக்கும் பேனாவைப் **பயன்படுத்தக்கூடாது**. எழுத்துகளை அழிக்கும் திரவத்தையோ நாடாவையோ **பயன்படுத்தக்கூடாது**.
- உங்களுடைய பெயர், சென்டர் எண், உங்கள் எண் ஆகியவற்றை, இந்தப்பக்கத்தின் மேலேயுள்ள, அதற்கான இடத்தில் எழுதவும்.
- கொடுக்கப்பட்ட இடத்தில் விடை எழுதவும்.
- எந்த பார்க்கோடிலும் **எழுதக்கூடாது**.
- அகராதிகள் **அனுமதிக்கப்படமாட்டாது**.

தகவல்
- இந்தக் கேள்வித்தாளுக்கான மொத்த மதிப்பெண்கள் 40.
- ஒவ்வொரு கேள்விக்கு அல்லது கேள்வியின் பகுதிக்கான மதிப்பெண்கள் அடைப்புக்குறிக்குள் [ ] உள்ளன.

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1 Translate into **Tamil**:

All species on earth have ways of communicating with one another, but humans have the most complex system of communication. Languages are vital for human connection because they allow us to share our thoughts, feelings and opinions. There are seven thousand languages in the world today, but we may lose half of them by the end of the century if they continue to disappear at the current rate. Why does this loss of diversity matter? Language is part of cultural identity and in many cases it reflects a particular landscape, with unique words for animals, plants, weather and water. On islands which rely on the sea for food and income, the inhabitants often use an extensive range of vocabulary to describe the wind, depending on its direction, temperature and speed. We can benefit so much from different ways of describing things. Unless measures are taken soon to slow the decline, we risk losing this invaluable local knowledge, and we will all be poorer as a result. Who knows? The lessons we learn may even give us new ideas about saving the planet. [40]

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