

Skills test 1A

Reading

- 1 d
2 2 f 3 g 4 d 5 h 6 a 7 b
3 2 T 3 F 4 T 5 F 6 T 7 F

Writing

1 Model answer

Hi Liz

I went to a fantastic café last weekend, and I thought I'd tell you about it. It's called Café Brioché, and it's near the river. The café is on two floors and there's a small terrace outside under the trees. They're open from 7 a.m. until quite late, and they serve delicious breakfasts, great pizza and pasta, and strong Italian espresso. I'd definitely recommend their carrot cake – wow!

What I love most about it is how friendly the waiters are. It's almost like visiting someone's home! Try it sometime.

Love,
Jerry

2 Model answer

My best friend Barbara is an only child. She hasn't got any brothers or sisters. Barbara is a university student. She's a year younger than me, and she's got long, dark hair, green eyes and she's quite thin. She's training to be a doctor. Her father, Louis, is a retired engineer, and her mother, Frances, works as a receptionist in a hospital. They are very friendly people: they're generous and kind, and they are very helpful. I first met them when my family moved into town ten years ago, and they often say they feel I'm like a sister to Barbara. It's also how I feel about her. We have a lot in common and we spend most of our free time together. If I had a sister, I would want her to be like Barbara.

Listening

- 1 a 4 b 1 c 2 e 5 f 3
2 1 c 2 b 3 a 4 b 5 b
3 1 F 2 T 3 T 4 T 5 F

Speaking

1 and 2 Students' own answers.

- 3 A
1 Is it open for lunch or dinner?
2 When is it closed?
3 What hot food does it serve/is there?
4 How much are hot drinks?
5 What can I order for €6.50?

3 B

- 1 No, it isn't. It's open for breakfast only.
- 2 It's closed after 11 a.m.
- 3 It serves fried or scrambled eggs and toast.
- 4 Tea is €1.75, espresso is €2.00 and cappuccino is €2.25.
- 5 You can order a continental breakfast with orange juice and coffee or you can order a large fried or scrambled eggs with orange juice or mineral water.

Skills test 1B

Reading

- 1 a
2 2 f 3 g 4 d 5 h 6 a 7 b
3 2 T 3 F 4 T 5 T 6 T 7 F

Writing

1 Model answer

Hi Lola

I know a fantastic restaurant where you could take your parents to celebrate. It's called Eclectica and it's near the theatres in the city centre. It's a very romantic place, with live jazz music in the evenings and great service. They serve delicious French food – and I would really recommend their steak and chips. What I love about it is that it's elegant but not too elegant, and it's not cheap but it's not too expensive, either. Perfect for a special night out.

I think they would enjoy it there!

Love,
Jerry

2 Model answer

My neighbours are the Spencers. They're Louis Spencer, who's a retired engineer, I think, and Frances Spencer, who works in a hospital as a receptionist. He is about 65 and she is in her late 50s. They have a daughter who's 24 and studies at university. I don't know her name, but she's quite tall and pretty. They're all nice people, but they're really quiet. We don't have much in common. They say hello when we meet but I don't talk to them very often. My mum sometimes talks to Mrs Spencer about the garden. Theirs is beautiful and she gives mum advice about choosing the right flowers and plants.

Listening

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Skills test 2A

Reading

- 1 b
 2 2 E 3 A 4 F 5 D
 3 2 TV (set) / television (set)
 3 five
 4 bigger / larger
 5 computers
 6 clothes
 7 other countries / foreign countries
 8 traffic jams
 9 more

Writing

1 *Model answer*

Hi Rachel
 I'm in Austria, the Alps. It's fantastic. The weather's really cold but sunny and it's quite windy as well. The mountains are beautiful, and the people in the village where we're staying are very friendly. I'm having a great time. We go skiing every morning, and we go out in the evenings to have dinner at a restaurant by the lake. Wish you were here – you would love it!
 Lots of love,
 Cathy

2 *Model answer*

My parents met when they were at university. One of my dad's friends introduced them to each other at a party. My dad was 20, and my mum was 19. They were both studying History, and they often studied together at the college library. They also took dance classes at the weekends, and they won a dance competition together. Actually, they won another dance competition a few years ago when we were all on holiday together. We were eating at a nice restaurant, and the waiter asked my parents if they wanted to enter a dance competition they were holding that evening. They said yes, and they won the first prize! I was embarrassed and proud at the same time. I think what brought them together was that they have a very similar sense of humour, and they have a similar view of the world. They are still together, after 45 years!

Listening

- 1 He likes exercising at the gym.
 He read about becoming a vegetarian.
 Anita ran the London Marathon.
 He used to eat cheese omelettes.
 Jason ran the London Marathon.
- 2 2 a 3 c 4 c 5 c 6 c 7 b 8 c 9 c 10 a 11 a

Speaking

1 and 2 Students' own answers.

- 3 A
 1 When do they need part-time workers?
 2 What will they do?
 3 What skills do they need?
 4 How many hours a day/week can they work?
 5 What is the pay for weekends?
- 3 B
 1 They need part-time workers during the summer from mid-July to end-August.
 2 They will help tourists at outdoor information stands at major tourist sites.
 3 They need to speak one foreign language, be good at working with people and willing to work outdoors.
 4 They can work up to 4 hours a day and from 8–16 hours a week.
 5 It's 50% higher. / It's £15/hour.

Skills test 2B

Reading

- 1 b
 2 2 D 3 B 4 A 5 E
 3 2 colour
 3 after / past
 4 carry
 5 training
 6 supermarkets
 7 the UK / Britain
 8 More
 9 motorways

Writing

1 Model answer

Hi Kim

I'm on holiday in England. It's raining and it's really cold – and I haven't got any jumpers with me. The youth hostel where we're staying is OK, but there are too many guests and it's very noisy in the evenings. I woke up late yesterday, and there was no food left at breakfast! I'm feeling miserable. I wish I was at home! Maybe next time I'll plan better and check what the weather's going to be like.

See you soon,

Jack

2 Model answer

Jill and I met when we were at university. One of my friends introduced us to each other at a party. I was 20, and she was 19. We were both studying History, and we often studied together at the college library. We also went to dance classes at weekends, and we won a dance competition together once. Actually, we won another dance competition a few years ago when we were on holiday in Hungary. We were eating at a nice restaurant, and the waiter asked us if we wanted to enter a dance competition they were having that evening. We said yes, and we won the first prize! I was embarrassed and proud at the same time. I think what brought us together was that we have a very similar sense of humour, and we have a similar view of the world. No wonder we're still together after all these years!

Listening

- 1 He is a fitness fanatic.
 He met his wife at the gym.
 Anita ran the London Marathon.
 He used to eat dairy products.
 Jason lost weight when he started a vegan diet.
 2 2 b 3 a 4 a 5 b 6 a 7 c 8 c 9 c 10 a 11 b

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Skills test 3A

Reading

- 1 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 T 7 F 8 T 9 F
 10 F 11 T
 2 2 minority
 3 transformed
 4 emigrate
 5 devastated
 6 disease

Writing

- 1 2 a 3 a 4 c 5 c 6 b
 2 Model answer

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in response to your advertisement about your Business English courses. I would be interested in developing my language skills for my career. I would be most interested in taking a summer course in Brighton or Bournemouth – will I be able to choose my course according to the city? Please let me know how long the short and the extended courses are. Are you offering training at pre-intermediate level?

Can you please also let me know about your fees and the course dates, and also the deadlines for applications. I would be grateful if you could send me your course prospectus and any further information about the summer courses.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully,
 Luca Cicciani

Listening

- 1 2 b 3 a 4 b 5 a 6 b
 2 1 d, k 2 c, f 3 a, e 4 b, j 5 g, h

Speaking

1 and 2 Students' own answers.

- 3 A
- How long has New York City been the largest city in the USA?
 - How many people live there?
 - Where does its population come from?
 - How do people travel around the city?
 - What do people do in their free time?
- 3 B
- Since 1790.
 - 8 million in the city and 18 million in the metropolitan area.
 - People come from Africa, Puerto Rico, Italy, China, Ireland, Russia and Germany, to name a few.
 - By subway. Only 22% of people in the city own cars.
 - They visit art galleries, theatres, stores, parks and beaches.

Skills test 3B

Reading

- 1 2 T 3 T 4 T 5 T 6 F 7 T 8 T 9 F
 10 F 11 T
- 2 2 eventually
 3 initiated
 4 starvation
 5 yielded
 6 disease

Writing

- 1 2 b 3 a 4 c 5 a 6 c
 2 *Model answer*

Dear Mr Williams,

I am writing in response to your advertisement for work at your international children's camp. I would be very interested in working there as a supervisor in the summer months. Can you please let me know what age groups you usually have in your camp? I have had some experience with young children under ten, but I have not worked with teenagers. Would I also be able to work there as a language tutor? I am a German native speaker, so I would be able to help children learning German at any level.

I was wondering if you could send me your camp brochure and any further information about the work in the camp that you might have.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Your sincerely,
 Katrina Schulze

Listening

- 1 2 b 3 a 4 a 5 a 6 b
 2 1 e, i 2 a, h 3 f, j 4 d, g 5 b, c

Speaking

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Skills test 4A

Reading

- 1 2 i 3 l 4 b 5 f 6 j 7 c 8 e 9 k 10 g 11 h
- 2 2 the public eye
 3 era
 4 just around the corner
 5 momentous
 6 interval

Writing

- 1 *Model answer*

FRIENDSHIP.NET
 First name: Ana
 Surname (write in capital letters): LOCATELLI
 Gender (circle as applicable): M ☒ F
 Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy): 29/12/1988
 Marital status: single
 Occupation: student
 Country: Argentina
 City: Buenos Aires
 Languages spoken (indicate level):
 1. Spanish (elementary / intermediate / fluent / native speaker)
 2. English (elementary / intermediate / fluent / native speaker)
 3. German (elementary / intermediate / fluent / native speaker)
 Hobbies, interests: watersports (swimming, sailing, kayaking); classical music
 Looking for (delete where not applicable): friends / ~~online gaming~~ / ~~partners~~ / serious relationship / ~~husband~~ / wife

2 Model answer

I recently saw a film called *Turkey Season*. It was directed by Alan Smithee, and stars Bob Wall and Sheila Turner. It is a romantic comedy, but it isn't romantic, and it definitely isn't funny.

The story is about a young office worker who goes hunting in the forest with his boss. He meets his boss's daughter there. They dislike each other immediately and start having an argument. The rest of the film shows them arguing all the time before they eventually fall in love with each other at the end and get married.

The music is a compilation of recent pop hits, and some of the songs are quite good. The film is very colourful, so some people might like it because it looks pretty on the screen. There are very few special effects, and the turkeys look plastic, not real.

I hated everything about the film, especially the fact that the romance was so difficult to believe in. If you want to feel romantic, or if you want to laugh, find yourself another film!

Listening

- 1 1 someone phoning a friend at work
2 friends talking about some family news
3 someone trying to contact a travel agency
4 two school friends meeting after a long time
5 an interview with a musician
- 2 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 T 6 T 7 T 8 F 9 F 10 F

Speaking

- 1 and 2 Students' own answers.
- 3 A
- When and where was she born, and when and where did she die?
 - Why was she famous?
 - Who was she taught by?
 - What did she write?
 - Why did she die?
- 3 B
- She was born in 1775 in Steventon, and she died in 1817 in Winchester.
 - She was one of the most popular writers in English literature.
 - She was taught by her father and brothers at home.
 - She wrote *Sense and Sensibility*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Emma*, and *Persuasion*.
 - She died of unknown causes.

Skills test 4B**Reading**

- 1 2 a 3 b 4 j 5 c 6 e 7 d 8 f 9 l 10 h 11 i
- 2 2 a handful of
3 not a single soul
4 concludes
5 resolute
6 triumphs

Writing

1 Model answer

FRIENDSHIP.NET

First name: Ana

Surname (write in capital letters): LOCATELLI

Gender (circle as applicable): M ☒ F

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy): 29/12/1988

Marital status: single

Occupation: student

Country: Argentina

City: Buenos Aires

Languages spoken (indicate level):

1. Spanish (elementary / intermediate / fluent / native speaker)

2. English (elementary / intermediate / fluent / native speaker)

3. German (elementary / intermediate / fluent / native speaker)

Hobbies, interests: watersports (swimming, sailing, kayaking);
classical music

Looking for (delete where not applicable): friends / ~~online gaming~~
~~partners~~ / serious relationship / ~~husband~~ / wife

2 Model answer

I recently read a book called *Turkey Season*. It was written by Bob Wall. It's supposed to be a romantic novel, but it's not romantic. It's also supposed to be funny, but it definitely isn't. The story is about a young office worker who goes hunting in the forest with his boss. He meets his boss's daughter there. They dislike each other immediately and start having an argument. The two of them argue again and again before they suddenly fall in love with each other at the end and get married.

Bob Wall writes in very simple sentences, but his jokes are often very difficult to understand. Perhaps that's because they aren't funny.

I hated everything about the book, especially the fact that the romance was so difficult to believe in. I'm not sure why I even read it to the end. So, if you want to feel romantic, or if you want to laugh, find yourself another story to read!

Listening

- 1 1 a caller talking to a friend's work colleague
 2 someone telling a friend his/her personal news
 3 someone calling to find out about a phone number
 4 someone meeting an old school friend
 5 a conversation with a rock star
- 2 1 T 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 T 7 T 8 T 9 F 10 T

Speaking

1 and 2 Students' own answers.

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Skills test 5A**Reading**

- 1 c
- 2 2 A 3 E 4 G 5 C 6 H 7 F
- 3 2 a 3 b 4 a 5 c 6 a 7 c

Writing

- 1 2 because
 3 which
 4 Despite
 5 Clearly,
 6 What is more,
- 2 *Model answer*

Mobile phones in our lives

Mobile phones have taken over a lot of the functions we once used other gadgets for. For instance, we can take pictures with the phone, listen to the radio or our own music collection or surf the internet. Some smartphones now also play videos or even TV programmes.

One clear advantage of mobile phones is that we always have them with us. They are light, so they are easy to carry. We no longer have to carry a bag with us for our camera, the map or the guidebook when we are on holiday – the phone does this all instead.

However, mobile phones are not ideal for many of these functions. Their screens are too small, so watching videos or reading longer texts is tiring for the eyes. The sound quality of music is getting better on mobiles, but it is still not perfect. And although they are great for taking quick holiday photos, you cannot really take professional photos with a phone. In my opinion, mobile phones will continue improving, and for many people they will replace all the gadgets we once used.

Listening

- 1 feels unwell after his meal
 does exercise
 sleeps
 has breakfast
 takes a lunch break
- 2 2 T 3 F 4 T 5 T 6 N 7 T 8 F 9 T
 10 T 11 F

Speaking

1 and 2 Students' own answers.

- 3 A
- How big is the phone?
 - What can the phone do?/What can you do with the phone?
 - How much space is there to store files?
 - How long does the battery last?/How long is the battery life?
 - How much does the phone cost?/How much is the phone?
- 3 B
- It has a 90mm touchscreen and weighs only 100 grams.
 - You can play mp3 and mp4 files, listen to the radio, and watch TV.
 - There is 64 GB disc space.
 - It lasts for up to 50 hours or 450 hours on standby.
 - It costs £89.

Skills test 5B**Reading**

- 1 c
- 2 2 B 3 A 4 D 5 C 6 H 7 E
- 3 2 b 3 a 4 c 5 b 6 b 7 c

Writing

- 1 2 because
 3 which
 4 However,
 5 Despite
 6 Clearly,

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Listening

- 1 runs around
visits the chemist's
has some cereal
eats lunch
sleeps
- 2 2 T 3 F 4 F 5 T 6 T 7 N 8 T 9 N
10 F 11 T

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