

Skills Test Unit 1 Test B

Name: _____

Everyday English

1 Circle the correct answer (a–c).

- 1 Diana looks _____ in that jacket.
a gorgeous **b** a gorgeous girl **c** she's so gorgeous
- 2 Rachel _____ have short hair these days, but I don't know for sure.
a can't **b** must **c** might
- 3 Penny _____ her aunt.
a looks as if **b** looks as **c** looks like
- 4 Joe seems _____.
a kind **b** like kind **c** being kind
- 5 Tina _____ be a basketball player. She's incredibly tall!
a seems to **b** must **c** can't

Mark: ____ /5

Listening

2 🎧 Listen to Tom and Sarah describing a photo. Circle the correct answer.

- 1 Tom is describing a photo of **two people** / **three people** / **only younger people** in his family.
- 2 Tom describes Emily's **physical appearance** / **personality** / **physical appearance and personality**.

3 🎧 Listen again. Circle the two correct answers.

- 1 In Tom's opinion, Emily is _____.
a friendly **b** annoying **c** stubborn **d** modest
- 2 Tom thinks that Chris is _____.
a easy-going **b** lazy **c** arrogant **d** emotional
- 3 In Tom's description, Emily is _____.
a strongly-built **b** short in height **c** fairly tall **d** beautiful
- 4 Nowadays, Emily hasn't got _____ hair.
a short **b** long **c** dark **d** fair

Mark: ____ /10

Reading

The significance of the hoodie

All clothes are political in the sense that they communicate a message about how the person wearing the clothes wants the world to see them. Often these messages are positive ones. For example, some people wear business suits to say that they are powerful, confident and assertive. Others buy designer clothes to show that they are cool and stylish. However, sometimes clothes carry a message that is more threatening, and, in our modern society, no single item of clothing is more menacing than the simple hoodie.

Hoodies are a twentieth century development. In 1930, an American sweatshirt company called Champion added a hood to their sweatshirts so that workers could keep their heads warm in cold weather. At that time, people didn't think that hoodies were threatening, but they did think that they were the sort of clothes that only poor, working class people wore. In 1976, the film *Rocky* came out. It was a film about an uneducated boxer who became the world champion. The main character wore a hoodie, and a lot of young people copied the style. Wearing a hoodie meant that you were cool and street-wise, but it also said that you were poor, angry and misunderstood by society. When hip hop artists like Run DMC and Eminem adopted the hoodie, its meaning changed subtly once more. Hoodie-wearers were now not only angry and on the edge of society, but they were also dangerous and up to no good.

That, of course, is the image of the hoodie today. When older people see a group of teenagers wearing hoodies, they immediately form a negative opinion of them. It is the uniform of the truant and the bully, the shoplifter and the hooligan. It's impossible for most people not to think that they are trouble-makers. A lot of shopping centres ban young people in hoodies from entering, and there is evidence to show that police officers are more likely to stop and question teenagers in hoodies than young people in other types of clothing. But is this fair? On the one hand, perhaps it is. Hoodies allow the wearer to cover his or her face. Hiding your identity may just be a way of saying that you hate the world and you want to hide from it, but it is also, of course, a good way of avoiding being filmed on CCTV cameras while committing crimes. In our society, it is natural to mistrust people who don't show us who they are. On the other hand, it is a form of discrimination to treat hoodie-wearers as a threat. Why shouldn't young people wear hoodies to express how angry and isolated they are in a society that doesn't respect them?

4 Read the text. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 We all choose to wear particular clothes because we want
 - a to appear confident and stylish.
 - b to show people what our personality is like.
 - c to tell people what we think about politics.
 - d other people to like and understand us.
- 2 The writer says that
 - a it is simple to understand what wearing a hoodie means.
 - b wearing a hoodie sends out a negative message.
 - c people in hoodies feel threatened by society.
 - d wearing hoodies is becoming more common in our society.
- 3 Champion designed the first hoodies
 - a as a cheap item of clothing for poor people.
 - b because they were useful for people working in cold conditions.
 - c and developed the technology to make them.
 - d because it was fashionable to use work clothes as leisure wear.
- 4 People started to think of hoodies as threatening when
 - a violent films with people wearing hoodies were made in the 1970s.
 - b hip hop artists began to wear them.
 - c working class people started to use them.
 - d street-wise criminals on the edge of society bought them.
- 5 The overall message of the last paragraph is that
 - a although it is natural to see hoodie-wearers as trouble-makers, they still have a right to wear them.
 - b we should ban people from wearing hoodies despite this being a form of discrimination.
 - c it is wrong that older people should see the hoodie as a threat as young people deserve respect.
 - d it is up to society and the police to stop people in hoodies from committing crimes.

Mark: ____ /10

Writing

- 5 A website called FamilyPhotoCompetition.com wants you to send in a funny or interesting photo of your family. They are offering a prize for the best photo. Write and describe yourself and your family. Attach a photo of you family and describe the appearance and personality of the people in it. Say why you are sending this photo to the competition.

Follow the plan:

Paragraph 1: Introduction. Write about yourself and your family.

Paragraph 2: Describe the photo and say why it is interesting.

Paragraph 3: Ask when they will contact you if you win and sign off.

Total: ____ /15

TOTAL MARKS: ____ /40

Challenge!

6 Complete the text with the correct words (a–d).

A Hindu wedding

Hi, my name is Amma. I'm a Hindu, and I live in Delhi. My wedding's next week, and my family and I ¹ _____ so much to do! Right now, I ² _____ on my new dress – it's called a sari. At a Hindu wedding, women usually wear sixteen different items of jewellery and cosmetics. These ³ _____ necklaces, earrings, henna and perfume. We also place rings on our toes and a ring through our nose. We ⁴ _____ we are ancient princesses! We wear kohl, which is a very dark eye make-up, and because Indian women aren't usually pale-⁵ _____, the kohl ⁶ _____ us. It's strange to wear a traditional sari because I usually prefer modern, original, ⁷ _____ designs. You know, clothes that are different. I am a teacher and so I'm naturally very determined and ⁸ _____ – I like to tell people what to do! But at the moment I'm just very nervous about next week. There's so much work still to do!

- 1 **a** has **b** have **c** am having **d** are having
- 2 **a** try **b** tries **c** 'm trying **d** is trying
- 3 **a** include **b** includes **c** is including **d** are including
- 4 **a** look as **b** look if **c** look **d** look as if
- 5 **a** skinned **b** headed **c** tanned **d** haired
- 6 **a** suit **b** suits **c** is suiting **d** are suiting
- 7 **a** retro **b** innovative **c** second-hand **d** vintage
- 8 **a** assertive **b** shy **c** sensitive **d** modest