

Candidate Name \_\_\_\_\_

Centre Number

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VN720

**KEY ENGLISH TEST**  
**for Schools**

Reading & Writing

**Sample Test**

**Time** 1 hour

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Do not open this question paper until you are told to do so.

**Write your name, centre number and candidate number on your answer sheet if they are not already there.**

Read the instructions for each part of the paper carefully.

Answer all the questions.

Read the instructions on the answer sheet.

Write your answers on the answer sheet. Use a pencil.

You **must** complete the answer sheet within the time limit.

At the end of the test, hand in both this question paper and your answer sheet.



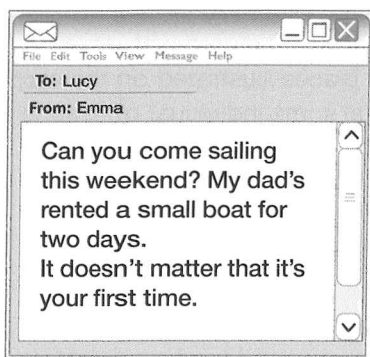
## READING AND WRITING (60 minutes)

### PART 1

#### QUESTIONS 1–6

For each question, choose the correct answer.

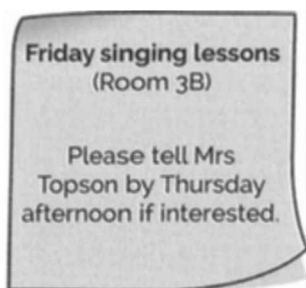
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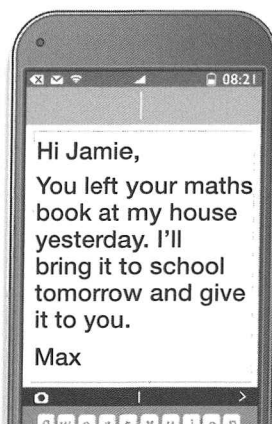
- A there isn't much space on the boat.
- B the sailing trip will be very short.
- C Lucy has never sailed before.

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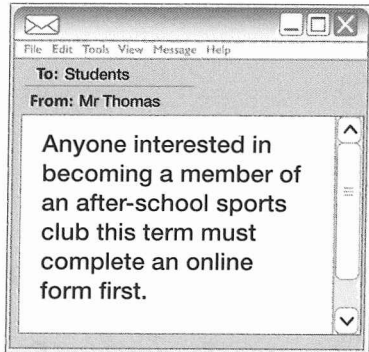
- A Mrs Topson is telling students about a change to their singing lessons.
- B Mrs Topson is offering to give singing lessons on Thursdays and Fridays.
- C Mrs Topson would like to know who wants to have singing lessons.

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- A Max has borrowed one of Jamie's books.
- B Max and Jamie will have a maths class tomorrow.
- C Max has found Jamie's school book.

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- A** You cannot join a sports club until you have filled in a form.
- B** If you belong to a sports club, check online for details about it.
- C** The sports clubs aren't taking new members because they're already full.

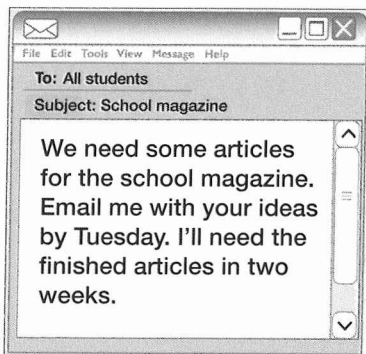
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Jack's mother says

- A** there is a problem with the heating.
- B** she's left some food ready for Jack.
- C** she'll be home at the usual time.

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The school magazine

- A** will be available on Tuesday.
- B** is looking for writers.
- C** needs new readers.

## PART 2

### QUESTIONS 7–13

For each question, choose the correct answer.

		Nosara	Agadir	Inch Marlow
7	Which place is only good for beginners at one time of year?	A	B	C
8	Where can you learn from a well-known teacher?	A	B	C
9	Which place has something to do when you're not surfing?	A	B	C
10	Which place has wet weather at one time of the year?	A	B	C
11	Where is it possible to stay without paying a lot?	A	B	C
12	Which place is not well known as a good place to learn to surf?	A	B	C
13	From which town can you get to the surfing beaches on foot?	A	B	C

## Three places to learn surfing



### **Nosara, Costa Rica**

From the centre of the town of Nosara, you can easily walk to several good beaches for beginner surfers. The sea is warm all year round and the weather is beautiful, so you'll be surprised by how quiet the beaches always are. There are many excellent surf teachers around the town, and their prices aren't high. The town's also famous for its wildlife park, where you can see some amazing sea animals.

### **Agadir, Morocco**

The area around Agadir in the south of Morocco is very popular with surfers. Beginners need to go in autumn when the sea is safe and the water is nice and warm. Experienced surfers will enjoy it more in winter when the waves are big and exciting. From the city you can drive to many lovely beaches in less than 20 minutes. The area's well known for having a large number of surf camps. These are comfortable and friendly and don't cost much. Book for at least three days, to make the most of your time.

### **Inch Marlow, Barbados**

A surprising number of people haven't heard that the southern side of the island of Barbados is excellent for beginner surfers. However, Zed Layson, a famous surfer, has a school there at Surfer's Point, which is excellent for those who want to try the sport for the first time. As well as good teachers, there is always a photographer waiting to take a picture of you on your surfboard. In summer it rains a lot, but the water is warm so surfing is still possible.

## PART 3

### QUESTIONS 14–18

For each question, choose the correct answer.

#### **My hobby**

*Fifteen-year-old Zoe Cabello talks about snowboarding*

I first tried snowboarding when I was seven, on a family holiday. My older brother was already a really good snowboarder, and at that age, I always wanted to do everything he did. My dad paid for a lesson, but I didn't enjoy it at all, and decided never to do it again.

After that, I started doing gymnastics, and I got really good at it. Then, when I was nine, one of my friends had a snowboarding party at an indoor snow centre for her birthday. I wanted to say no because I was scared of hurting myself. However, she really wanted me to go, so I decided to be brave, and said yes.

And actually, this time, I thought snowboarding was amazing! Because of all the gymnastics, I was strong and fit and it wasn't difficult for me. In just a couple of hours I was able to stay on my feet from the top of the slope to the bottom.

When I was 11, we moved to Italy for nine months because of my father's job. We lived in the north of the country, near the mountains, and I was able to go snowboarding a lot. When we returned home, my friends couldn't believe how good I was.

These days all our family holidays are spent snowboarding. I love everything about it – the fresh air, the views, even the clothes. But more than anything, I love the fact that there's always something new to learn. That's what keeps it interesting for me.

- 14** Why did Zoe want to try snowboarding when she was seven?
- A** to find out if she liked it
  - B** to be like her brother
  - C** to make her dad happy
- 15** When Zoe was invited to her friend's birthday party she felt
- A** excited.
  - B** surprised.
  - C** worried.
- 16** What is Zoe explaining in the third paragraph?
- A** how gymnastics helped her learn to snowboard
  - B** how important it is to have more than one hobby
  - C** how long it takes for most people to learn to snowboard
- 17** What does Zoe say about living in Italy?
- A** Her snowboarding improved a lot.
  - B** She missed snowboarding with her friends.
  - C** She met a lot of excellent snowboarders there.
- 18** What does Zoe say about snowboarding in the final paragraph?
- A** She would like to go without her family next time.
  - B** She's sorry she can't go more often.
  - C** She never gets bored of going.



## PART 4

### QUESTIONS 19–24

For each question, choose the correct answer.

#### The library on wheels

Antonio La Cava was a teacher in Italy for 42 years. When his career finished, he (19) ..... he didn't want to stop working with children. So, in 2003, he (20) ..... an old three-wheeled motorbike and made it into a library on wheels. He built a large box, and put it onto the back of the motorbike. Then he (21) ..... it with more than 700 books written for children of all ages.

Every week, Antonio visits eight villages around Basilicata in southern Italy. The whole trip is more than 500 kilometres (22) ..... . As Antonio enters the villages he (23) ..... loud music, so the children know he's there. Antonio (24) ..... children hundreds of books every week, and passes his love of books on to them.

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|----|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| 19 | A planned | B decided | C preferred |
| 20 | A paid    | B bought  | C spent     |
| 21 | A filled  | B carried | C collected |
| 22 | A large   | B far     | C long      |
| 23 | A plays   | B puts    | C sends     |
| 24 | A borrows | B lends   | C belongs   |

## Part 5

### Questions 25–30

For each question, write the correct answer.  
Write **one** word for each gap.

Example:

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#### EMAIL

From: Prisha

To: Cara

Hi Cara,

Thanks **(0)** ..... your email and the photos of your hometown. I enjoy reading **(25)** ..... your life in Edinburgh. It's very different from my life in New Delhi. I was interested to learn that you have the same hobby **(26)** ..... me. I love collecting old photos, **(27)** ..... Can **(28)** ..... send me one from Scotland? I have photos of Delhi, Tokyo, Hong Kong, New York **(29)** ..... London. My favourite is one of the Red Fort in New Delhi. It's from 1858! What **(30)** ..... your favourite photos?

Please write soon!

Prisha

## Part 6

### Question 31

You are going camping with your English friend Alex this weekend.  
Write an email to Alex.

In your email:

- say what time is a good time to meet
- tell him what to bring
- say what activities you can do while camping.

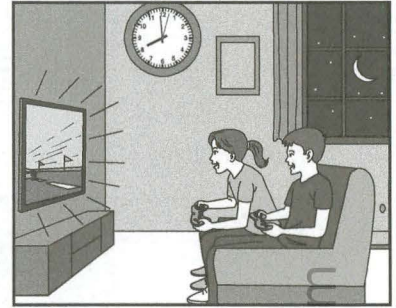
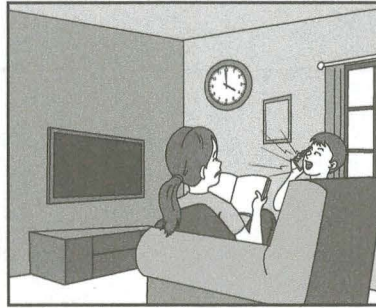
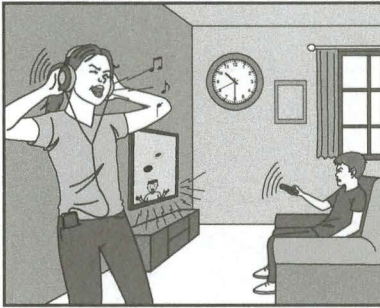
Write **25 words** or more.

**Write the email on your answer sheet.**

## Part 7

### Question 32

Look at the three pictures.  
Write the story shown in the pictures.  
Write **35 words** or more.



Write the story on your answer sheet.