

Practice Test 1 • Reading

Part 1

For each question, choose the correct answer.

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WARNING

**Delays expected for the
next 24 hours because of
repairs to this cycle lane**

- A Your cycling journey will be slower every day this week.
- B Cyclists will be delayed for one day.
- C You can't cycle in this lane for 24 hours.

2

Hi Harry,

You missed a good history class yesterday, but I hope you're feeling better now. Do you want to borrow my notes?

Suzie

- A Suzie didn't enjoy the history class because she was ill.
- B Harry went to the history class, but didn't take any notes.
- C Suzie is offering to lend Harry her notes.

3

Music Lessons

Students who wish to take lessons this term should complete an application form by Thursday.

- A You need to apply to do music lessons by Thursday.
- B Music lessons this term start on Thursday.
- C There are no music lessons on Thursdays this term.

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THIS WEEK ONLY!

*Free bottle of cola or
lemonade with takeaway
meals over £15.*

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To all our customers

La Plaza café has changed!

*All our food is freshly cooked by our
new Italian chefs.*

Maurizio Mattioli

- A Every customer will receive a free bottle of cola or lemonade.
- B If you spend enough money on a takeaway, you get something free.
- C Free drinks are only given to customers who eat in the café.

- A The owner has recently employed new staff.
- B The café has recently moved to another building.
- C The owner has recently opened another café in Italy.

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The people below want to buy a new mobile phone.

On the opposite page there are descriptions of eight different phones.

Decide which phone would be the most suitable for the people below.

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Sasha is a businesswoman. She uses her phone a lot and really needs a model that she can rely on. Her budget is around £500 and the new phone must have a good reputation and an excellent battery life.

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Carlos is a university student. He can't afford more than £300 for his new smartphone, but he wants one that looks good. He mainly uses his phone to watch films, so the screen size has to be decent.

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Clara is a grandmother who wants a basic phone that is easy to manage. She needs good storage for all the photos she receives of her grandchildren! Clara has £150 for her new phone.

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Sam is 14. He can spend between £300 and £400 on a new mobile for his birthday. Sam likes to browse the Internet and check social media on his phone. He's also crazy about gaming.

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Ayesha and Jane are 17 and they each need a smartphone that costs less than £200. They prefer small phones that are easy to carry. They use their phones to listen to music, so good sound is essential.

MOBILE CENTRAL

A Sunshine 123

One of our most inexpensive phones, the Sunshine 123 offers enormous memory and will only cost you £149.99. The battery doesn't last as long as other models, but this smartphone offers other advantages. It's very simple to set up and use, which many of our customers appreciate.

B Champion D

People who are serious about their phones choose the Champion D because it has the best hardware available for the incredible price of £650. Install as many apps as you want because this model has exceptional capacity. It's the experts' favourite phone.

C Blueberry X2

This is not a complicated phone. Anyone can use it with ease, and the best part is that it is known to be extremely reliable. The sound is poor and it's not ideal for saving a lot of files, but at only £120, it's not a bad device at all.

D Sky QF

The Sky QF is our most lightweight smartphone. It's a neat and tidy device with the astonishing price tag of just £180. Amazing! For its size, you'll be surprised by how powerful the internal speakers are. It comes in three cute colours and everyone loves it.

E Diamond A7

Among all of our models, this is the most popular smartphone we sell. People love the Diamond A7 because they can completely depend on it; complaints are very rare! One of its best features is that it doesn't need to be charged very often. At £510, it's a bargain.

F Storm V

The Storm V is currently on sale for £385. That is an extraordinary price when you consider the chip inside this phone, which allows it to operate at very high speeds. It even has a special fan so it doesn't get too hot. Storm V's display is bright, making it ideal for video games.

G Gold 100

If you want to enjoy movies on the coolest phone available, get yourself a Gold 100 for £495. This is the smartphone that everyone wants to be seen with. Whether you want to shop online or listen to podcasts, this phone will never disappoint you. Its camera is one of the best ever developed.

H Tiger 21

Normally £350, Tiger 21 is on special offer this week only for £280, so hurry and get yours! This is one of the most stylish smartphones on the market. It has a huge display and a convenient port for headphones. The Tiger 21 looks fantastic.

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For each question, choose the correct answer.

Jessica Hail – Comedian

I've always enjoyed performing and making people laugh. When I was at school, I used to annoy some of my teachers as I was always telling jokes in class. All my classmates used to laugh a lot and I had a great time.

When I left school, I got a job in a fast food restaurant during the day and took acting classes in the evening. I also started performing in theatres at the weekends. Sometimes the audience loved me, but other times nobody laughed at my jokes. That was the worst feeling in the world.



After two or three years, I appeared on TV a few times and became better known. I finally got a part in a TV comedy show and I've worked on TV ever since. I still do theatre work, and although it's harder than being on TV, I enjoy it much more. During those years when I performed in theatres, I learned so much. It was great to start performing while I was still young. It gave me a lot of experience and it helped me become confident on stage.

It isn't easy to keep on being successful because it's so difficult trying to think of new ideas all the time. When I can't think of anything to write about, I get very miserable. Then I usually go for a walk. Walking is a great way to relax and it also helps you to think. I can go out for a walk in the morning with no ideas in my head. When I return, my head is full of them and I can't wait to write them down!

As well as walking, mountain climbing and diving help me to relax, too. I'm planning a climbing trip to Nepal soon, which I'm really looking forward to! I'm sure I'll come back with a lot of new jokes and ideas. Inspiration is very important in my profession. If I'm inspired, I can create new performances and make people laugh out loud! It's fantastic. I think comedy is the cure for many things. It can take away your worries and help you relax.

11 What does Jessica say about her life at school?

- A Her friends were very funny.
- B She enjoyed performing for her classmates.
- C She disliked the teachers.
- D Her jokes were bad.

12 What did Jessica do when she left school?

- A She trained to be a teacher.
- B She started performing in a restaurant.
- C She got a job and studied acting.
- D She got a job in a theatre.

13 What does she say about her working life?

- A People have always enjoyed her performances.
- B Being on TV is the most difficult thing she's done.
- C Her first job was in a theatre.
- D She's worked in a variety of places.

14 Why does Jessica like walking?

- A It makes her laugh.
- B It helps her to get ideas.
- C It takes away her worries.
- D It allows her to empty her mind.

15 Which of the following is the best description of the writer?

- A The comedian who never stops laughing herself.
- B The funny person who loves her work but never has time to relax.
- C The successful comedian who is always looking for new ideas.
- D The popular star who loves being on TV more than anything else.

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Part 4

Five sentences have been removed from the text below.

For each question, choose the correct answer.

There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

An Amazing Journey

I was walking my dog near my home in San Francisco last spring when I saw a large black Labrador on its own. It was wearing a blue collar, but there was no sign of an owner anywhere. 16 _____ I was only joking, but it came running to me and stood by my side, ready to leave. I knew that this was someone's lost pet.

I fed and bathed the dog and checked its collar. There was a tag on it with a phone number. It turned out that the dog's name was Banjo, and sure enough, he had an owner and a home. The trouble was that his home was in Chicago – over 2,000 miles away! 17 _____ Banjo had been missing for over a year, and they had no idea how he had got all the way across the country. They also had no idea how to get him back again because they had a newborn baby at home and couldn't make the long journey to San Francisco.

I used social media to ask for help. It wasn't long before we had a long list of volunteers who wanted to help Banjo to get home. 18 _____ It was important that they knew how to take care of Banjo. Banjo set off on his journey, and met new people in California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri before he reached his home state of Illinois.

19 _____ Banjo was delighted to meet the new baby and to be back home. His owners were thrilled to have him back. 20 _____ Banjo's story just goes to show what people can achieve when they all work together!

- A I made sure that all of them were pet owners.
- B I decided to travel to Chicago with Banjo.
- C It took 20 drivers four days to reunite Banjo with his family.
- D I asked the dog if it wanted to come home with me.
- E I hope he won't go wandering again.
- F His owners, Tina and Dan, were amazed to hear from me.
- G It was clearly hungry, and needed to rest.
- H I didn't know who the dog belonged to.

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Part 5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Fashion Show Success

Last Saturday, the fashion department at Mansion College held a fashion show.

The students created special designs 21 _____ were modelled by other students. Parents and shopkeepers were 22 _____ to the event and 200 tickets were sold.

23 _____ of the designs were really original and the evening was a great success. The most popular items at the show were T-shirts designed by student Maria Daniella. A local clothes shop has already asked Maria to 24 _____ them with 20 T-shirts. Maria is very pleased by her success.

25 _____ the fashion show finished late, many people stayed longer to listen to the college rock band. There was food and drink on sale and the event finally 26 _____ at midnight.

The money made from the sale of the tickets went to a well-known children's charity.

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| 21 A when | B which | C who | D whose |
| 22 A called | B requested | C demanded | D invited |
| 23 A Many | B Lot | C Much | D Each |
| 24 A produce | B design | C give | D provide |
| 25 A Even | B So | C Although | D But |
| 26 A left | B ended | C done | D completed |

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Part 6

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

Greetings from Cornwall, in sunny south-west England! This is my favourite place 27 _____ a holiday. I've stayed in the same village every year since I was a baby, and I always look forward to coming back.

Cornwall is very beautiful and there are a lot of things to do. 28 _____ you like walking, you can explore the coast or the wild moorland. Surfing is popular here. It's often 29 _____ windy that the waves are 30 _____ than two metres high.

The food in Cornwall is amazing. The 31 _____ famous example of Cornish food is the cream tea. That's fresh scones served 32 _____ jam and Cornish cream. It's really delicious. If you ever visit, you must try the fish and chips, too!

See you soon!

Mike



Practice Test 1 • Writing

Part 1

You must answer this question.
Write your answer in about 100 words.

Question 1

Read this email from your English-speaking friend Tom and the notes you have made.

✉ From: Tom
Subject: Camping trip

Hi,

I'm really looking forward to our camping trip next weekend!

Me too! The campsite looks great. There are cabins for people to stay in, or we can take our own tent. Would you prefer to stay in a cabin or a tent?

No, because ... There's a lake near the campsite. Shall we go sailing on the lake while we're there?

Let me know if you have any questions.

See you soon.

Tom

Say which I prefer

Ask Tom

Write your email to Tom using all the notes.

Practice Test 1 • Writing

Part 2

Choose one of these questions.
Write your answer in about 100 words.

Question 2

You see this notice in an English-language magazine.

We need your articles!

BOOKS

What kind of books do you like to read?
Do you prefer reading paper books or e-books? Why?
Write an article answering these questions and we will put it
in our magazine!

Write your article.

Question 3

Your English teacher has asked you to write a story.
Your story must begin with this sentence:

There was no one in the classroom when I arrived.

Write your story.

Practice Test 1 • Listening

Part 1

02 For each question, choose the correct answer.

- 1 On which date did the boy's grandparents get married?



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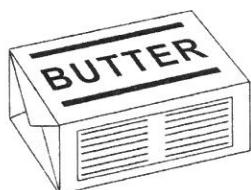


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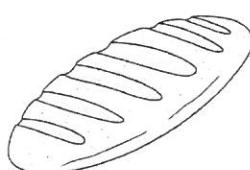


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- 2 What is the woman going to buy today?



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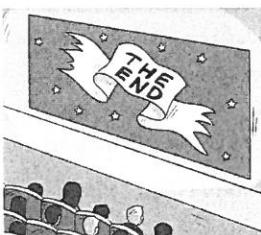


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- 3 What is the man going to do on Saturday?



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- 4 What did the woman do last Sunday?



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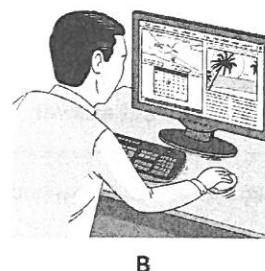


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5 How did the man book his holiday?



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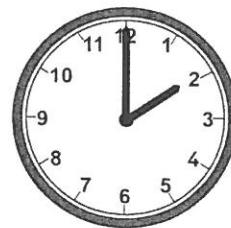
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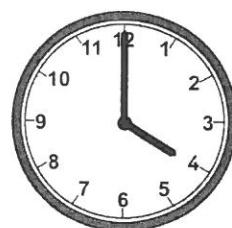
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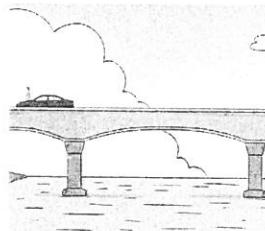


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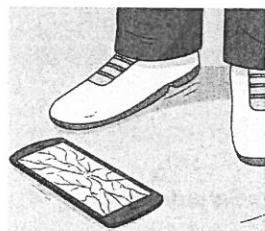


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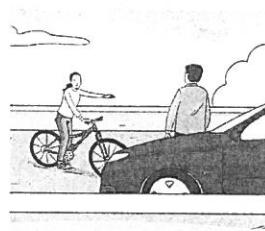
7 What happens as soon as the man answers his phone?



A



B



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Practice Test 1 • Listening

Part 2

04 For each question, choose the correct answer.

- 8 You will hear two friends talking about a singer.
What do they say about her?
A Her music is better than it used to be.
B Her voice doesn't sound as good as usual.
C Her new song isn't as good as her older songs.
- 9 You will hear two friends talking about a new café.
They think the café would be better if
A the dishes were named more clearly.
B the chairs were more comfortable.
C the staff were more polite.
- 10 You will hear a girl telling a friend about her art course.
How does the girl feel about it?
A She doesn't like the other people.
B The classes don't interest her.
C She doesn't like starting the course so early.
- 11 You will hear two friends talking about their teacher.
The girl thinks that the teacher
A gives them too much work to do at the weekend.
B doesn't explain things very well.
C is boring to listen to.

12 You will hear two friends talking about a film they watched.

The boy thinks the film

- A was less exciting than the film he saw last week.
- B didn't have as much action as he'd hoped.
- C was not as funny as he'd expected.

13 You will hear two friends talking about a website they use.

The girl thinks that the website

- A is better than it used to be.
- B is not as easy to use as before.
- C has lost some of its best features.

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Part 3

 06 For each question, write the correct answer in the gap. Write one or two words or a number or a date or a time.

You will hear a man talking to a class of students about a language course.

FRENCH FOR BEGINNERS

Class numbers:

- Minimum 8 students
- Maximum 14 _____ students

Day and time: Tuesday, 7.30 p.m.-15 _____ p.m.

Place: Room 26, second floor (opposite the 16 _____)

Coursebook title: 17 _____ French

Price: £8 (if you order now, it will arrive on 1st 18 _____)

International evening: Each class will provide some 19 _____

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Part 4

 08 For each question, choose the correct answer.

You will hear a woman called Alice Parker talking on the radio about a new shop.

20 What kind of business has Alice started?

- A a restaurant
- B a shop with a café
- C a travel agency

21 Why did she decide to start the business?

- A She wanted to make a lot of money.
- B She wanted some experience of selling.
- C She wanted to be independent.

22 When did she decide to start a business?

- A when she was abroad
- B when she was shopping in England
- C when she lived in India

23 When she goes abroad, she chooses items that are

- A expensive.
- B unusual.
- C easy to carry.

24 What is Alice planning to do soon?

- A open another shop
- B employ more people
- C sell more food

25 What does Alice dislike about her new business?

- A the number of hours she works
- B difficult customers
- C having to travel

Practice Test 2 • Reading

Part 1

For each question, choose the correct answer.

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Football Club Message

We've decided to have a new girls' team as well as the boys' team this year! If you're interested, come to the first training session next Monday evening.

- A Girls who enjoy watching football are invited to the game on Monday.
- B There will be practice for female players on Monday.
- C Monday evening's football match will be between boys and girls.

2

Welcome to Terminal 1.

This terminal is for flights within the US only. For destinations in Europe, please follow the yellow signs for Terminal 2.

- A Passengers flying to European airports must go to a different location.
- B You can fly all over the world from Terminal 1.
- C Anyone wanting to fly to America should look for the signs.

3

Seiko
Your guitar teacher,
Bob, called about your
next lesson. He said he
wants to arrange a new
time and you should
call him back.
Anita

- A Bob phoned Seiko to cancel their next guitar lesson.
- B Seiko needs to ring Bob about her next guitar lesson.
- C Anita took a call from Bob about starting guitar lessons.

4

Staff illness

Due to staff illness, hot meals
will not be served in the school
cafeteria until next week.

- A The new school term won't begin next week because teachers are ill.
- B Students won't be able to eat in the dining area until next week.
- C It will not be possible to get cooked food from the cafeteria this week.

5

Fran!
Can you do some shopping
when you go out later?
I've left a list. I'll make us
something nice when I get
back from the library.
Luca

Luca wants Fran to

- A cook a meal later in the day.
- B take something back to the library.
- C buy the things that he needs.

Practice Test 2 • Reading

Part 2

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The people below all want to go to a restaurant or café.
On the opposite page there are some restaurant reviews.
Decide which restaurant or café would be the most suitable for the people below.

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José has just started college. He needs a good café near campus where he can hang out with his friends. He'll be spending a lot of time in the library, so he wants a café with a nice terrace. It must be inexpensive and serve great sandwiches.

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Kasia is 14. On Saturdays, she has to wait an hour for a train home after her violin lesson. She wants to spend that time in a quiet café close to the station where she can read her book while enjoying tea and delicious cake.

8



Karl and Omar are best friends. They're trying to find a new café that they can go to after school every day. They want a place with a good atmosphere. They both enjoy loud music! They also like cheap fast-food.

9



Fernando is a fan of healthy food. He doesn't eat meat, and doesn't mind paying a little more for organic fruit and vegetables. He wants to find an independent café near the beach. He doesn't like restaurant chains.

10



Linda and Amelia are cousins. They're looking for a great café where they can meet every Sunday for a chat. They love to eat sweet things! Linda and Amelia are both very stylish, so they want a place that's really cool.

OUR TOP EIGHT CAFÉS

A Luigi's

Open Monday to Friday, Luigi's is popular with people who work in the city because it's close to the train station. It can be noisy, but it's very friendly and the service is quick. Visit Luigi's if you want to try their homemade pies and excellent hot drinks.

B Burger Basement

Although it's in a basement, this brilliant café is bright and exciting. Lights of many different colours hang from the ceiling, and everyone sings along with the pop and rock songs. It's not a quiet place, but it's fun. You won't believe the low cost of the chips and burgers!

C Pancake Paradise

The latest café in town is Pancake Paradise, and everyone is talking about it. This is where all the fashionable people like to be seen, and to see each other. Enjoy the original art on the walls while you wait for your tasty pile of pancakes served with ice cream or honey.

D Sunshine Café

This is a wonderful new café which, so far, is very popular with young people. It's just a short walk from the college and offers a wide choice of soups and sandwiches at very reasonable prices. The best thing about the Sunshine Café is its outdoor seating area. Here you can have some fun in the sun.

E Green Dreams

Everything served in this busy seaside café is vegetarian and all natural. Try the carrot and spinach juice with one of the amazing salads. The prices are high, but definitely worth it. Green Dreams is owned and run by a local family who make everything fresh daily.

F Quick & Cool

As the name suggests, this is where you should come if you want quick food in a cool place. Quick & Cool only opens at the weekends, but it fills up fast so get there early! Enjoy hip hop on the loud speakers and order some spicy chicken wings. You won't wait long at Quick & Cool!

G Tilly's Tea-Shop

This is the perfect place to get away from the noise of the city. It's conveniently located between the museum and the railway station, and serves the best baked goods in town. They play gentle classical music there. You can choose from 20 types of tea and relax.

H Healthy Henry's

There's a Healthy Henry's café in almost every town I know. Our one is located close to the park and it's always busy. Everything is made from the freshest ingredients available ... it's nice to enjoy food that you know is good for you. The prices are pretty fair, too.

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Part 3

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Kirsty Wade, young athlete

I've always been keen on sport and very fit so a few years ago I decided to join my local athletics club. In the beginning I put all my effort into the long jump because it was my best event, but the coach encouraged me to try different things.

I ended up as a middle-distance runner, which means I don't run the short distances like 100 metres, or long cross-country races, but the in-between ones like 800 metres. It's an interesting type of running because you have to mix speed with strength. You also have to think a lot about how you race, and choose the right moment to run at your maximum speed. You need to do quite a lot of regular training when you first start and it helps if you have a good coach who can keep you motivated and teach you the basics.

I take part in some quite major competitions now, but I still remember my first race. I was so nervous before it started. And when it finished, I could still feel my hands shaking. It was a great race and I came second so I was very pleased. Since then I've learned to stay calm before and during races. I do a lot of breathing exercises that help me stay focused and relaxed. Competing has really helped me to trust in my own abilities. And now I find that I love running in front of a crowd – I suppose it's a sort of performance.

One thing I don't enjoy so much is how hard you have to work to stay fit and strong enough to race, although it helps that I often train with others. I try to eat and sleep well, but I don't have a special diet. Mostly it's a case of getting plenty of variety and eating more of everything because I'm so active.

I sometimes watch Olympic athletes on TV and imagine myself in their position. It must be a fantastic experience, but at the moment I don't feel that is necessarily where I'm aiming. I think you have to give up so much if you want to reach that level.



11 Why did the writer join an athletics club?

- A Because she enjoyed taking part in sports.
- B Because she thought she should get more exercise.
- C Because she wanted to become an athletics coach.
- D Because she wanted to become a professional long jumper.

12 What does the writer say about 800-metre running?

- A You have to know when to run fastest.
- B It's harder than running in the 100 metres.
- C It's more important to be quick than strong.
- D You need to forget everything and just run.

13 What does the writer say about competing in races now?

- A It always makes her feel scared.
- B It feels good to be in front during the race.
- C It's helped her to develop new skills.
- D She enjoys people watching her race.

14 What does the writer say about the food she eats?

- A If she eats a lot, she can run faster.
- B Eating plenty of food helps her to sleep better.
- C She eats the same kind of things as other people.
- D She would like to eat different types of food.

15 Which best describes the writer?

A

A young athlete who trains hard and hopes to be selected for the Olympics in the future.

B

A girl who was good at the long jump and likes running, but who doesn't see herself becoming an international athlete.

C

A girl who is a keen athlete, but doesn't like running in front of a crowd and who finds the training very boring.

D

A keen athlete who finds it enjoyable to practise with other people and compete as part of a team.

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Five sentences have been removed from the text below.

For each question, choose the correct answer.

There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

A Helping Hand

Lee Newton was sitting on a station platform under an old blanket when he saw a young couple talking. 16 _____ It was a freezing night in January, and the couple were clearly cold. Lee called to them and asked them if they wanted to share his blanket. The three of them started chatting, and Lee learned that their names were Karen and Mark.

17 _____ Lee told them that he'd lost his job and then his flat when he could no longer pay the rent. He had no family to help him, and nowhere to go. 18 _____ Karen and Mark felt terrible. They couldn't imagine sleeping on the icy platform for even one night. As they spent their night in the station chatting to Lee, they realized that anyone could end up in his situation. 19 _____

When morning came, Karen and Mark bought an extra train ticket and invited Lee to come home with them. Lee accepted, and gratefully moved into Karen and Mark's spare bedroom. Once he had an address, Lee was able to apply for jobs. 20 _____ He saved up to buy a small motorbike, then got an evening job delivering pizzas. After a few months, Lee had saved up enough money to rent a small flat of his own.

'When times get tough, you need friends and family,' Lee says. 'Karen and Mark became that for me.' An act of kindness was all Lee needed to help him get his life back.

- A He offered to drive them home.
- B He'd been sleeping in the train station for three months.
- C They'd missed the last train, and they seemed upset.
- D They enjoyed living together, so Lee decided to stay.
- E He soon found work in a local factory.
- F They felt very lucky to have jobs and a home.
- G It wasn't a big problem because he bought a flat.
- H Karen explained that they lived two hours away and they couldn't afford a taxi home.

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Part 5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Teenage Teachers

People may think teenagers are too young to be in charge of a class when they're still students themselves, but that's not true. Sixteen-year-olds are 21 _____ teaching lessons to primary school children in a new government scheme which allows school leavers to 22 _____ as teaching assistants in primary schools.

New rules were recently introduced which have allowed all primary school teachers to have more time during the school day for 23 _____ lessons, but this sometimes means that teachers have less time for teaching. Now teenagers fill the gap. They take a two-year course, starting when they're 14. When they enter the classroom as teachers 24 _____ than students, they have to quickly put into practice the skills they learned 25 _____ they were studying.

The government believes that about 18,000 teenagers could get jobs in this 26 _____. However, many people believe that young teenagers will not make suitable teachers.

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| 21 A currently | B newly | C previously | D recently |
| 22 A be | B feel | C learn | D work |
| 23 A practising | B preparing | C reading | D thinking |
| 24 A even | B instead | C rather | D sooner |
| 25 A except | B however | C throughout | D while |
| 26 A kind | B style | C type | D way |

Practice Test 2 • Reading

Part 6

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

Mark	10 Mar 2019
<p>I'm delighted to report that the concert last night was a huge success. The students performed a selection of classical and popular music, so there was something 27 _____ everyone to enjoy.</p> <p>28 _____ of the members of the school choir and orchestra had worked hard to learn their parts, and had spent weeks rehearsing for the performance. Fortunately, none of them made 29 _____ mistakes on the night!</p> <p>Melanie Thomas sang a beautiful solo. She's 30 _____ a good singer that the audience thought they were listening 31 _____ a recording! I'm sure she'll be famous one day. But all the students and staff deserve congratulations. The school put 32 _____ a great show, and everyone involved should be very proud.</p>	

Practice Test 2 • Writing

Part 1

You must answer this question.
Write your answer in about 100 words.

Question 1

Read this email from your English-speaking friend Sarah and the notes you have made.

From: Sarah
Subject: Shopping trip

Hi,

I'm excited about our shopping trip on Saturday!
Where shall we meet?

Say where

There's a new café in town. Would you like to go there for lunch, or would you prefer to have a picnic by the river?

Say which I prefer

Also, shall we look for a present for your best friend's birthday? Any ideas?

I want to buy ...

Let me know what else you want to do in town!

I'd like to ...

Write soon!

Sarah

Write your email to Sarah using all the notes.

Practice Test 2 • Writing

Part 2

Choose one of these questions.
Write your answer in about 100 words.

Question 2

You see this notice on an English-language website.

We need your articles!

FOOD

Are you a fan of Italian food?

Do you prefer eating pizza or pasta? Why?

Write an article answering these questions and we will put it on our website!

Write your article.

Question 3

Your English teacher has asked you to write a story.
Your story must begin with this sentence:

When the postman gave me the parcel, I had no idea what was inside.

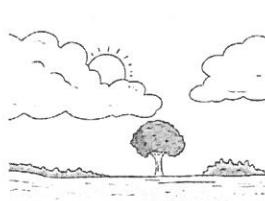
Write your story.

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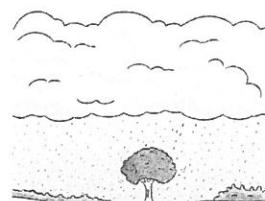
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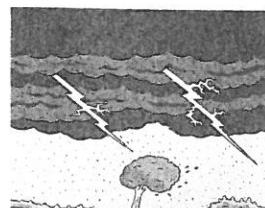
1 What is the weather forecast for tomorrow?



A



B



C

2 What does Paul look like?



A



B

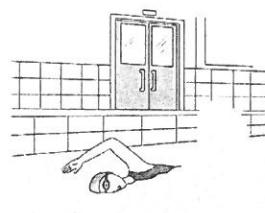


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3 What exercise does the girl do at the moment?



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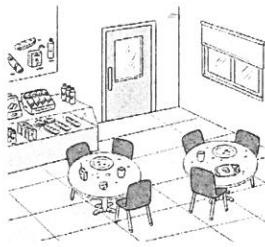


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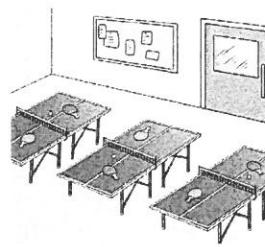


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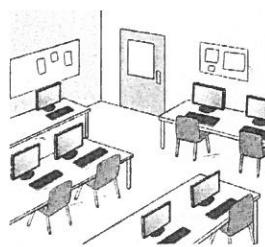
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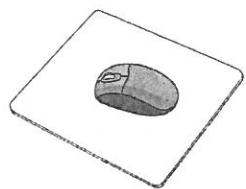


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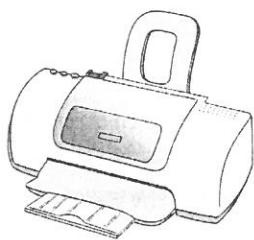
5 What equipment is missing?



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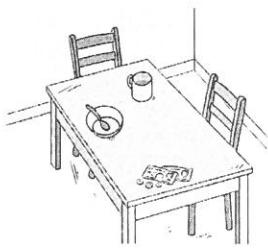


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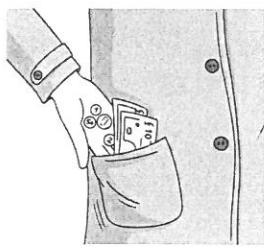


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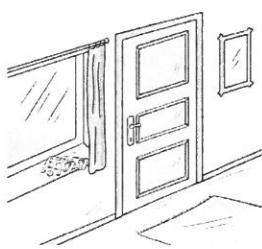
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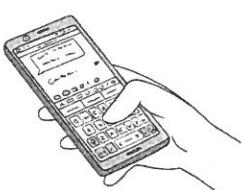


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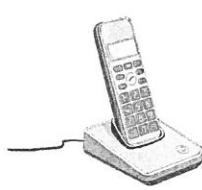


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7 How did Susie contact her friend?



A



B



C

Practice Test 2 • Listening

Part 2

12 For each question, choose the correct answer.

8 You will hear two friends talking about a book they read.

The girl thinks that the book

- A is too long.
- B is not easy to understand.
- C is worth reading again.

9 You will hear a boy telling a friend about his uncle.

The boy thinks his uncle

- A has a lot of hobbies.
- B is not very friendly.
- C travels a lot.

10 You will hear two people talking about a friend.

What do they say about him?

- A He is always late.
- B He likes expensive things.
- C He didn't come last week.

11 You will hear two friends talking about a school trip.

The boy feels that

- A there wasn't enough to see at the museum.
- B the trip was too long.
- C they didn't spend long enough at the museum.

12 You will hear a girl telling a friend about her new home.

How does the girl feel about it?

- A She thinks the neighbours are very noisy.
- B She likes living in the city.
- C She can't sleep in the new flat.

13 You will hear two friends talking about a new department store.

They think the department store would be better if

- A there were more people working there.
- B there was a better selection of items.
- C the prices were lower.

Practice Test 2 • Listening

Part 3

13 For each question, write the correct answer in the gap. Write one or two words or a number or a date or a time.

You will hear a travel writer talking about different holiday destinations.

HOLIDAY DESTINATIONS

The Canary Islands

Nice weather throughout the year.

La Gomera is a good place for 14 _____.

Prices start at 15 _____ pounds each for a fortnight.

Sardinia

Variety of water sports available.

You can get a 16 _____ certificate.

Adults travelling with children cannot go in 17 _____.

Iceland

Travel around Reykjavik on a 18 _____.

Askja region has beautiful mountains.

Cost for adults £1,200 – accommodation and 19 _____ are included in the price.

Practice Test 2 • Listening

Part 4

14 For each question, choose the correct answer.

You will hear someone talking about the Westbay Music Festival.

- 20 The first Westbay Festival
 - A involved 12 bands.
 - B took place in 1980.
 - C lasted for one full day.
- 21 The festival
 - A will attract a bigger crowd this year.
 - B goes on for a whole weekend.
 - C is aimed at adults and children.
- 22 The Big Smile Stage includes appearances by
 - A local comedians only.
 - B famous TV stars.
 - C a top American entertainer.
- 23 What can you do inside the Big Blue Tent?
 - A read the latest music biographies
 - B watch thrillers on Saturday and Sunday nights
 - C watch films about rock music
- 24 The presenter especially likes the fact that you can buy
 - A unusual CDs.
 - B outdoor clothes.
 - C presents for other people.
- 25 What is special about the food at the festival?
 - A The Mexican food is very hot.
 - B There is more choice than at other events.
 - C Everything is vegetarian.

Practice Test 3 • Reading

Part 1

For each question, choose the correct answer.

1

**Mobile phones are not
permitted in this area.

Please go to reception or
leave the building if you want
to use your phone.**

- A It is forbidden to use a mobile phone in any part of this centre.
- B You are allowed to use your mobile phone in one area of this centre.
- C You can use the receptionist's phone if you need to make a call.

2

To: David
From: Aisha
Subject: Book

I'm really sorry I've lost the book you lent me. Where did you buy it? I'm going into town tomorrow and I'll get you another one.

Aisha wants David to
A lend her a book.

- B go into town with her.
- C give her the name of a shop.

3

*Take this medicine.....
every six hours.....
on an empty stomach.*

- A You must eat six hours before you take this medicine.
- B You can eat after you've taken this medicine.
- C You need to have this medicine six times a day.

4

These changing rooms are for people having tennis lessons.
If you are not having lessons, please use the main changing room.

The Manager

- A You can only use the main changing room if you are having lessons.
- B Only leisure centre staff are allowed in these changing rooms.
- C These changing rooms are for people learning to play tennis.

5

Please switch off the lights when you leave.
The security guard will lock the doors when you have left.

- A You must lock the doors and turn off the lights when you go home.
- B You must ask the security guard to let you turn off the lights.
- C The security guard doesn't usually turn off the lights in this building.

Practice Test 3 • Reading

Part 2

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The people below want to visit a museum this weekend.

On the opposite page there are descriptions of eight museums.

Decide which museum would be the most suitable for the people below.

6



Lisa is doing a history project at school. She wants to visit a general history museum before she decides what period of history to study. She'd like to have a look at all the different times in history worldwide.

7



Marcus is going to a big museum with his family this weekend. He doesn't usually go to museums because he gets bored easily, but he's very interested in space. Marcus hopes they'll go to a museum that has plenty of equipment for him to use.

8



Ben, aged 8, and Erica, aged 12, are going to a museum with their aunt, Marilyn. Ben and Erica love learning new things and they really like doing creative activities. Luckily, Marilyn likes these things, too! She wants to find a museum that they can all enjoy together.

9



Yoko is interested in art and craft. She'd like to go to a small museum where she can see things being made and buy some unusual gifts for her friends.

10



Brother and sister, Robert and Meg, are trying to find out about the history of their great grandparents. They want to know more about what life was like for ordinary people in the 1920s and 1930s.

MUSEUMS

A City Museum

This weekend: dinosaur drawing for children aged 4 to 8 (adults, please stay, you can take part in the activities, too). Making a pyramid and watching a video about ancient Egypt for children aged 9 to 10. For children aged 12, we have tablets with the new museum app *Imagine*: you can look at sites where dinosaur bones have been found as if you were there, you can select tools to use and even make real discoveries. Every activity is free of charge.

B Transport Museum

We have exhibitions on transport through the ages from ancient Greece to the 21st century. A great place to visit if you like trains, planes and automobiles! Don't miss it! It's a wonderful journey through history.

C The Glass Place

Read about the history of glass-making. Watch a glass-making demonstration and visit the gift shop where you can buy amazing glass items, including jewellery. Our new collection has just arrived. There are earrings, bracelets and rings. All designs are original and unique.

D History Museum: Looking Back

Looking Back is a special exhibition that explores the history of the past 100 years looking at houses, schools, shops, work and developments in transport. There are recordings in each exhibit with interviews with local people who tell their stories. If you ever wondered what life was like in the past, come and visit this spectacular exhibition.

E Fun Science

Learn about science and have fun at the same time. Do experiments and find out things for yourself. Try the rocket simulator or watch a 3D film on stars and planets. Interact with sound, electricity, light and the elements at the different science fun labs and collect stamps on your science passport. When you reach the exit, you can get a Fun Young Scientist badge for your backpack.

F Time Museum

If you enjoy global history, come and visit us! Start by exploring the ancient world of Egypt and end by watching a video about Asia's most recent inventions. You can access timelines for specific regions with our new software. This interactive learning experience will let you travel through time. There's something for everyone.

G Chocolate Museum

Watch a video about the history of chocolate, then visit the shop and choose from our huge selection of chocolate items. A great place for the whole family.

H Natural History: Dinosaurs

We have a new exhibition of moving dinosaur models for adults and young people. Not recommended for children aged eight and under as the dinosaurs are very noisy and a bit frightening!

Practice Test 3 • Reading

Part 3

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Harry Parnell: Photographer of the Stars

I've always been interested in photography. When I was a child, I used to borrow my parents' camera. This annoyed them, so, when I was about ten years old, they bought me my own camera. After that, I spent my free time going around taking pictures. I enjoyed taking pictures of flowers, trees and animals, but most of all, I liked taking pictures of people. I still have my childhood photo albums. Most pictures weren't that great, but I like looking at them. They remind me of what I first felt when I started taking pictures.



When I finished school, I did a photography course and then I got a job working for my local paper. I liked the people I worked with, but I found it quite boring after a while. I used to have to take dull pictures of local buildings and new types of cars; that kind of thing. After a couple of years, I trained in digital photography and portraits with another photographer. Then, I moved to a national newspaper and that was more interesting, but I finally decided to work for myself taking pictures of famous people. I like exploring how settings and people interact. Many famous people got to know me and liked my artistic talent. I have been working as a portrait photographer for many years now.

When I tell people what I do for a living, they imagine that I'm an unpleasant person who follows famous people, takes embarrassing pictures of them and makes a lot of money. Actually, I don't do that. Usually the people I photograph want me to photograph them. We create an atmosphere in their own garden or outdoors where they can feel comfortable. The only thing that can happen is that sometimes they suddenly decide they don't want to be photographed. That can be annoying, especially if they've asked you there in the first place. But that doesn't happen very often.

I find my job exciting and challenging. It has a creative side and also a technical side. I have to imagine and shoot the best photo and I also have to use different accessories to get different effects.

11 What does the writer say about his childhood?

- A He liked taking pictures of his parents.
- B He discovered he enjoyed taking pictures of people best.
- C He disliked taking photos of nature.
- D He never had his own camera.

12 What did the writer do in his first job?

- A He took pictures of ordinary people.
- B He photographed uninteresting things.
- C He travelled around the country a lot.
- D He stayed in the office most of the time.

13 What does the writer think people believe about him?

- A He doesn't earn much money.
- B He has an embarrassing job.
- C He will probably be famous one day.
- D He isn't a nice person.

14 When talking about the people he photographs now, the writer says

- A they are usually happy to be photographed.
- B they're often unpleasant.
- C nobody ever upsets him.
- D they sometimes forget to pay him.

15 Which of the following is the best description of the writer?

A

The talented photographer who has worked in different places but has always enjoyed his career.

B

The photographer who prefers taking pictures of people and enjoys embarrassing the rich and famous.

C

The photographer who likes working for himself and enjoys his work most of the time.

D

The photographer who has taken pictures for many years and has always wanted to be famous.

Practice Test 3 • Reading

Part 4

Five sentences have been removed from the text below.

For each question, choose the correct answer.

There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Lost Luggage

Two years ago, I went on holiday to Rome with my family. It was a four-hour train journey from our home, and we all helped to plan the trip. We were looking forward to seeing the famous sights! Everything went really well and we had a great time visiting the amazing tourist attractions. I was in charge of taking all the photos with my brand new phone, which had an excellent camera. We stayed in Rome for two weeks, and it was really incredible.

On the train journey back home, I decided to open my backpack, but I couldn't find it.

16 _____ I was very upset because I'd packed my phone in that backpack, along with my travel journal. 17 _____ Weeks passed, and then months. At first, I contacted the train company every week, but after some time, it was clear that my backpack was never going to be found. After a while, I forgot all about it.

Last month, I took the train to Florence on a school trip. Incredibly, my backpack went missing again! 18 _____ After Rome, I always kept my phone and other important items in my pockets.

Two weeks after the Florence trip, I received a phone call from the train company. They told me they had my backpack, and they would send it to my local station. I assumed it was my backpack from the school trip. 19 _____ Someone from the train company had found the backpack from Rome in a dusty old storeroom! Everything inside it was safe, and I finally got to share the photos with my family. 20 _____ I decided we should all go back to Rome for another holiday ... but this time, I would be much more careful with my things!

- A I never travelled with the same train company again.
- B When I arrived at the station, I couldn't believe my eyes!
- C All my memories of Rome were in that backpack.
- D I couldn't leave the station without my bag.
- E It was so wonderful to see them.
- F I knew I would never see my new phone again.
- G I searched and searched, but it was nowhere to be seen!
- H But, this time, there were no precious memories inside.

Practice Test 3 • Reading

Part 5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The Benefits of Travel

Going away, even for a short time, is very important for everybody. Whether it's for work, study or fun, travel gives you the opportunity to relax. Even if it's a short 21 _____, it allows you time to think about something else. It provides you with a break from your daily 22 _____.

If you're 23 _____ the chance to go on a work trip, you should always take it. If you're going away for fun, you 24 _____ choose the right person to travel with. Make sure it's 25 _____ you get on with.

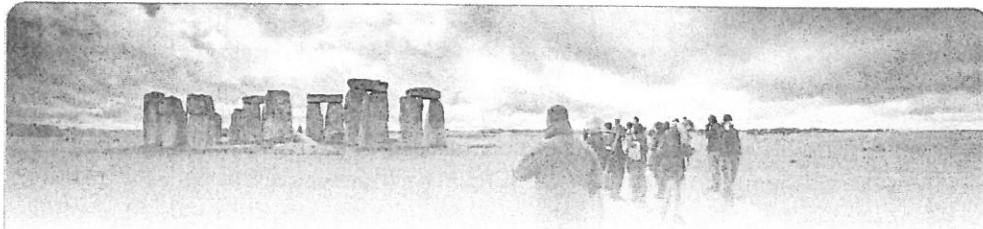
Sometimes it's a good idea to go alone because then you'll be 26 _____ to do what you want. Whatever you decide, there's no doubt you'll come home feeling happy and with many new stories about the places you've visited on the way.

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|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 21 A trip | B destination | C plan | D route |
| 22 A practice | B routine | C habit | D custom |
| 23 A advised | B offered | C recommended | D suggested |
| 24 A ought | B need | C must | D could |
| 25 A somebody | B everyone | C something | D everything |
| 26 A open | B free | C empty | D clear |

Practice Test 3 • Reading

Part 6

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



Greetings from Stonehenge!

Stonehenge is one of the most famous sites in the UK, and it's also one of the oldest. It's a group of prehistoric stones, arranged 27 _____ circles. Some of the stones came 28 _____ 260 kilometres away, and are very large and heavy.

Stonehenge has stood in the British countryside 29 _____ 5,000 years. Millions of people have visited it, but nobody is quite sure why the stones were placed 30 _____. Some people believe that Stonehenge was a giant calendar because the sun lines up 31 _____ the stones at certain times of year.

It's certainly a popular place to visit, although visitors have to keep a short distance 32 _____ from the stones and are not allowed to touch them.

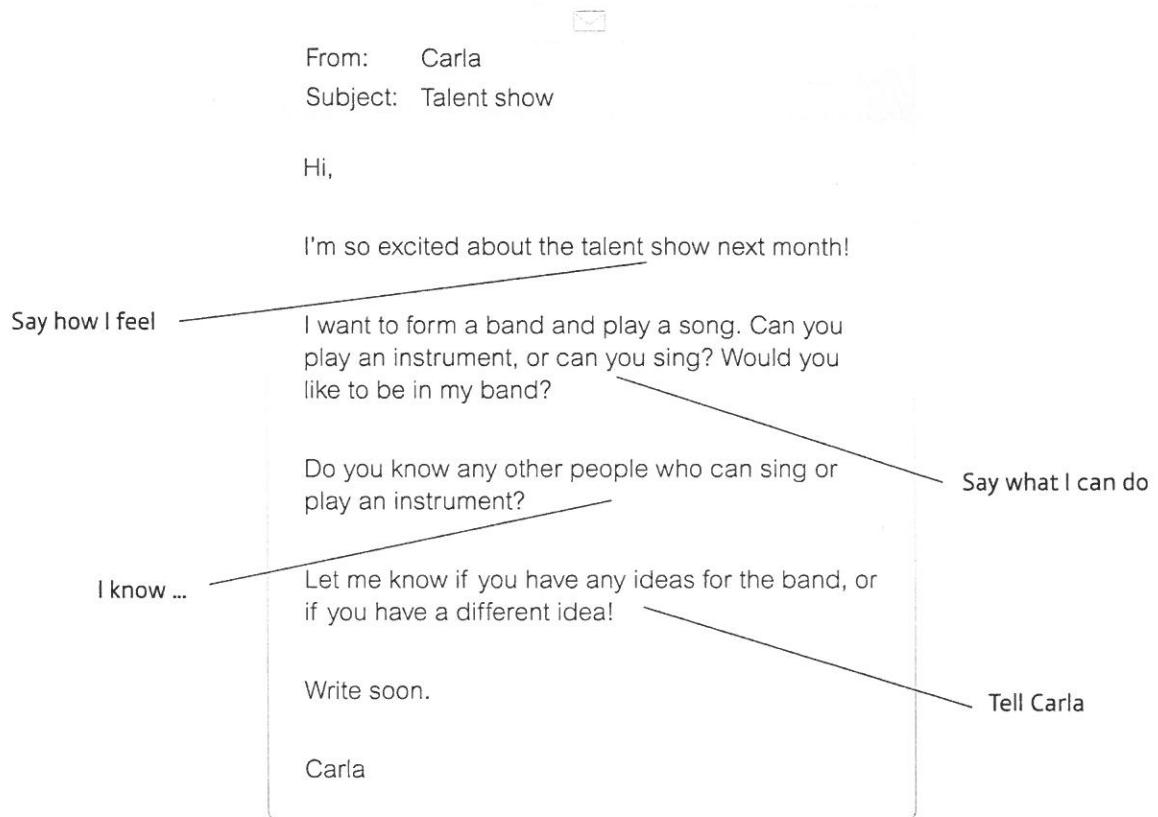
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Part 1

You must answer this question.
Write your answer in about 100 words.

Question 1

Read this email from your English-speaking friend Carla and the notes you have made.



Write your email to Carla using all the notes.

Practice Test 3 • Writing

Part 2

Choose one of these questions.
Write your answer in about 100 words.

Question 2

You see this notice in an English-language magazine.

We need your articles!

MUSIC

What kind of music do you enjoy listening to?
Do you prefer going to concerts or listening to music at home? Why?

Write an article answering these questions and we will put it on our website!

Write your article.

Question 3

Your English teacher has asked you to write a story.
Your story must begin with this sentence:

It was midnight when the telephone rang.

Write your story.

Practice Test 3 • Listening

Part 1

15 For each question, choose the correct answer.

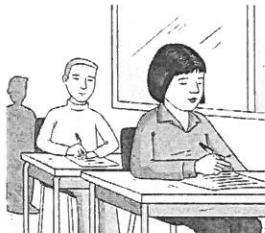
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A



B



C

- 2 When is the man's birthday?



A

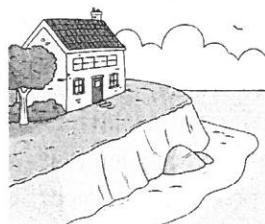


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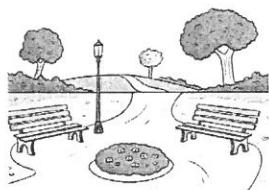


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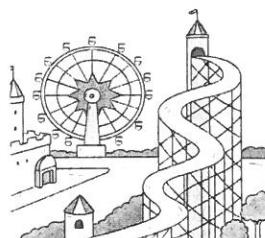
- 3 Where is the girl going to go this weekend?



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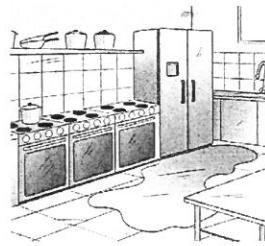


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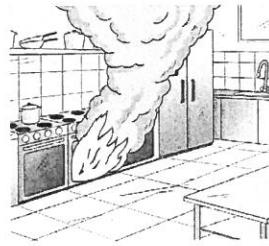


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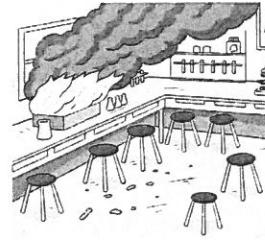
- 4 What happened yesterday?



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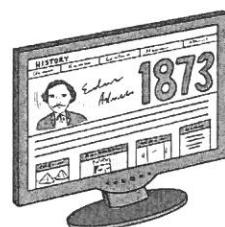
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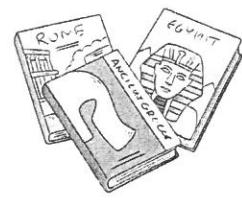
5 How did Ben find the information for his article?



A



B

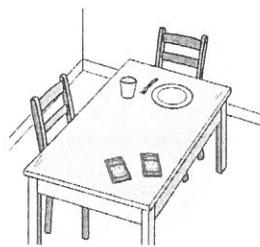


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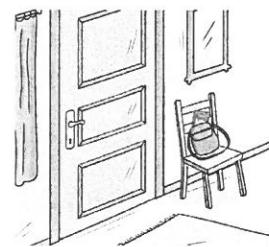
6 Where did the boy leave the passports?



A



B

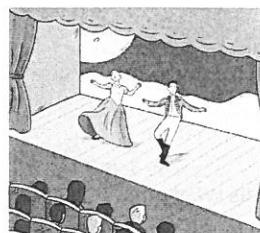


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7 Where are the girl's parents?



A



B



C

Practice Test 3 • Listening

Part 2

16 For each question, choose the correct answer.

- 8 You will hear two friends talking about a play.
What do they say about it?
A It was much better than they thought it would be.
B It went on for too long.
C The actors forgot what they were supposed to say.
- 9 You will hear a man telling a friend about his new phone.
What does the man say about it?
A He finds it difficult to type messages on it.
B He can't take good photos with it.
C He can't get all his favourite apps on it.
- 10 You will hear two people talking about a train.
What does the woman say about it?
A It'll be here in another ten minutes.
B It's been involved in an accident.
C It won't be arriving at the station.
- 11 You will hear two people talking about cinema tickets.
The girl thinks that
A they are going to be late to meet their friends.
B their booking is later than she would have liked.
C the film is not as good as she had hoped.

Practice Test 3

12 You will hear two young people talking about a blog.

The girl thinks the blog

- A doesn't recommend good places.
- B doesn't give accurate information.
- C is very old-fashioned.

13 You will hear a girl telling a friend about her weekend.

How does the girl feel about it?

- A It was a bit boring.
- B It made her feel very tired.
- C It was nice and relaxing.

Practice Test 3 • Listening

Part 3

17 For each question, write the correct answer in the gap. Write one or two words or a number or a date or a time.

You will hear a woman talking about a conference.

Seminar on the Toy Industry

9.30–10.00: 14 _____ to the seminar by Sally Connor

10.00–11.00: *Our Company in Tokyo* – a talk by Kenji Nakamura followed by a short film

11.00–11.30: Half an hour for 15 _____

Buffet lunch in Victoria Hall – 16 _____ the library

2.00–3.30: *Toys in Britain: Success and Failure* – a talk by Robert Price (owner of over 17 _____ toy shops)

3.30–5.00: *What's Next for Toys?* – a talk by Sarah Smith, Sales 18 _____

19 _____ in the Green Room (1st floor)

Practice Test 3 • Listening

Part 4

18 For each question, choose the correct answer.

You will hear a man talking on the radio about clubs for young people.

- 20 The event at the wildlife centre is for
 - A children of any age.
 - B younger children and their parents.
 - C children on their own.

- 21 What does the reviewer say about the music club?
 - A The organizers provide all the music.
 - B It has been there for a long time.
 - C It may be possible to go there after the holidays.

- 22 What does the football club provide?
 - A lunch
 - B drinks
 - C a snack

- 23 At the Dance Academy,
 - A parents can learn new dance styles.
 - B children learn only modern dance.
 - C children learn new dances.

- 24 How is the keep-fit club different during the holidays?
 - A It's only for teenagers.
 - B It's on more often than usual.
 - C There's more sport.

- 25 What is different about the FastFit Leisure Centre on the 16th of August?
 - A Everything is cheaper than usual.
 - B Nobody has to pay for anything.
 - C Some of the facilities will be closed.

Practice Test 4 • Reading

Part 1

For each question, choose the correct answer.

1

Exam Students

There have been some changes to the timetable.
Please visit the office to get a new copy.

- A The exam timetable is the same as it was before.

- B You need to tell the office about any changes to your exams.

- C You can get information about the exams from the office.

2

Bicycle Hire

* No extra charge for helmets with bookings over £15.

- A You never have to pay to rent bicycle helmets.

- B You need to pay for helmets on bookings that cost less than £15.

- C Bicycle hire doesn't include any items free of charge.

3

Lucia

Sarah

I'm going to be late, so can we meet at the café?
I don't think I'll have time to get to your house first.

Sarah is writing to Lucia because she needs to

- A cancel their plans.

- B postpone meeting up.

- C change their arrangements.

4

The school cafeteria is closed for the next two weeks for building work.

- A Students can use the school cafeteria next week.
- B Nobody can use the school cafeteria at the moment.
- C Students and builders can use the school cafeteria today.

5

Lenny,
Have you bought Mum a birthday present yet? I couldn't find anything in town yesterday. Shall we get something together on the Internet?
Tess

What does Tess want Lenny to do?

- A buy her a present from the Internet
- B meet her in town to look for a present
- C share the cost of a present

Practice Test 4 • Reading

Part 2

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The people below all want to decide what to watch.

On the opposite page there are some film and documentary reviews.

Decide which documentary or film would be the most suitable for the people below.

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Jake enjoys watching fast-moving and entertaining films. He'd like to watch something really up to date. A new action film or a new comedy would be the best choice for him.

7



Mara enjoys watching international sport. She's interested in its history but would like a good balance of talk and play. She loves listening to famous stars talking about their technical abilities and motivation techniques.

8



Harry wants to study film and is very interested in the history of film-making. He'd like a general view of how film has developed over the years. He's keen to see something about the early film industry and also about the latest technology used nowadays.

9



Natalia enjoys watching serious documentaries. She's keen to understand more about the natural world. She's particularly interested in the variety of different plants and animals in different regions around the world and what can be done to protect them.

10



Chan is interested in politics and likes to find out about current affairs. He'd prefer something light that can make him laugh and help him relax. He doesn't like romantic movies or drama. He doesn't mind a good quiz show or a game show.

FILM AND DOCUMENTARY REVIEWS

A Changing Direction

Sit back and watch the secrets of directors Spielberg, Tarantino, Hitchcock and more. Learn what made them different and how they changed the path of film-making forever. Some of the footage compares the equipment directors used at the beginning of their career with what they use today for filming. This is a superb documentary that young and old will find fascinating.

B A Fascinating Story

This documentary is an amazing look at the secret life of the snow leopard. The filming is excellent and the narration is fascinating. You'll find out about the snow leopards' habits, how they're threatened and what is being done to save them. You can learn about the latest conservation programmes that the Biodiversity Trust is working on.

C An International Sound

This is an amazing documentary that follows the history of music right across the world: from folk music to jazz, from a traditional tribal sound to acid house and funk. There are artists from each continent. There's something for everyone to enjoy.

D The Best Of: What's New?

What's new? is an extremely funny programme which checks people's knowledge of the news. Guests on the show include comedians and sports personalities as well as journalists and politicians. This show picks out the funniest moments as well as the best stories of the year.

E How It Began

This great movie has only just been released. The film tells the story of how a simple robbery at a jeweller's shop turns into an international spying game. It's an exciting and original story that you won't be able to stop watching.

F Strangers Meet

This movie is as original and exciting today as it was 50 years ago. The story is about two men who meet by chance at a football match and agree to commit a crime. It's a piece of history and one of the best crime stories you'll find.

G Politics And Presidents

This film documents the history of American politics and presidents starting from Abraham Lincoln and going right up to the current president. There is original footage of significant moments in American history as well as interviews with various politicians of the past. A must-buy if you're interested in American history.

H Across The World: A Three-part Series

Each of these outstanding series is divided into topics which include European football, South American football and much more. The series includes interviews with all-time greats such as Pele, Maradona, Beckham, Messi and Ronaldo, plus highlights of every World Cup Final so far.

Practice Test 4 • Reading

Part 3

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Mark Charles: Extreme Weather Photographer

Mark Charles is a storm chaser and a weather photographer. During his career, he's taken photos of all kinds of amazing weather, including tornadoes, thunderstorms and hurricanes. His photos have appeared in many scientific magazines.

Mark has also successfully appeared in documentaries on American TV to discuss severe weather, storm chasing and global warming. He's an energetic and keen speaker. He's written fascinating articles about our changing weather and is the author of a very popular blog about extreme weather and several books. So how did Mark begin his career?

Mark grew up in Wisconsin in the USA, where ice storms, blizzards, floods and tornadoes are common. When he was six years old, he saw his first hurricane at close hand and he never forgot the experience. A few years later, his mother bought him a camera. Mark was more interested in recording the sound effects of weather than taking photographs. He used to spend hours recording sound outdoors. He did it as a hobby when he was a little boy, but he soon became very interested in extreme weather. He has journals with notes and some pictures that he collected. He discovered how some weather factors interacted and when you could expect to have a thunderstorm or ice storms. He was just an observer but that was enough to teach him quite a lot about the world around him. When he was a teenager, he used to read about all sorts of extreme weather events in the newspaper and he sometimes went to the library to look for scientific magazines on specific topics. He even joined an after school club that organized trips to observe weather patterns.

Mark studied journalism, not photography, at university and began his career as a writer working on local newspapers. He was good at his job and he never regretted that he'd become a journalist, but he kept his childhood interest in storms and when, in his late twenties, he saw an advert for a storm-chasing holiday in Tornado Alley, he joined the group and took his camera with him. Eventually, Mark's photography took over from journalism and he became the artist he is today.



11 What does the writer say about Mark's photos?

- A They show a lot of incredible weather conditions.
- B They have been published in many important books.
- C They have been the subject of several popular documentaries.
- D They have changed a surprising amount over time.

12 What does the writer say about Mark?

- A He can't share his knowledge about extreme weather on the Internet.
- B He's good at talking about weather.
- C He dislikes writing about extreme weather events.
- D He isn't keen on appearing in the media.

13 What do we learn about Mark's childhood?

- A He enjoyed taking photographs of hurricanes.
- B He became interested in extreme weather.
- C He was afraid of severe storms.
- D He got hurt during a hurricane.

14 What does the writer say about Mark's early career?

- A He wished he had studied photography at university.
- B He was good at writing about the news.
- C He took excellent photographs of local events.
- D He was better at art than at journalism.

15 What is the writer's main aim in writing the text?

- A to give advice on becoming a photographer
- B to encourage people to take up photography
- C to describe the career of one photographer
- D to explain how to take photos of extreme weather

Practice Test 4 • Reading

Part 4

Five sentences have been removed from the text below.

For each question, choose the correct answer.

There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Lost in the mountains

When you're a mountain rescue volunteer, you never know when you're going to be called to work. We go out in all weather, and at any time of the day or night. If someone is in danger, there's no time to lose. On New Year's Day last year, I was sitting down to breakfast with my family. 16 _____ Two hikers had decided to celebrate the new year by walking along a mountain ridge in Country Kerry, Ireland, just a few miles from my home. They were staying in a small guest house, and had set off early on New Year's Eve. When they didn't return by the following morning, their host became worried and called the police. 17 _____

I was just one of 12 volunteers who left our breakfast tables and set out to look for the missing hikers. We pushed through strong winds and thick cloud, calling and listening over and over again. 18 _____ It was too cold to survive for long out on the mountains, and the hikers had been missing for a whole day and night. 19 _____ I shouted out, and was relieved to hear a voice shout back. 20 _____ They were so happy to see us. They explained that they'd got lost, and the winds had been too strong for them to keep walking. Luckily, they had warm clothes, food and the tent.

We led them back down the mountain and returned them to their guest house, where a delicious hot meal was waiting for them and for the rescue volunteer team. They said that they'll never forget that New Year's Day when they were rescued by local people who became heroes.

- A The police called the Kerry Mountain Rescue Team.
- B The hikers were huddled together in a small tent between two large rocks.
- C They said it's extremely dangerous to go hiking in bad weather.
- D Nobody answered back so we began to lose hope.
- E We didn't know they had already found their way home.
- F Suddenly, I heard the sound of a whistle.
- G We were just about to start eating when my phone rang.
- H After searching all night, we gave up and went back home.

Practice Test 4 • Reading

Part 5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Youth Cafés

In many parts of the UK, there are few places for young people to go that are entertaining but cost little. The 21 _____ of youth cafés is one that has grown in recent years. The cafés are places 22 _____ young people can relax in a safe environment.

People come for different reasons. Some want to socialize with their friends. Others like to 23 _____ part in the activities offered. Others are 24 _____ on using the computers and facilities.

The cafés are set up by young people for young people with adult support. For this reason, when cafés are being planned, young people 25 _____ be involved in doing the research, the planning and the general decision-making. In this 26 _____, organizers can be sure that the cafés will be popular with young people in the area.

- | | | | |
|----------------|--------------|----------|---------|
| 21 A aim | B idea | C plan | D view |
| 22 A what | B where | C which | D who |
| 23 A get | B have | C make | D take |
| 24 A attracted | B interested | C keen | D happy |
| 25 A need | B ought | C should | D would |
| 26 A course | B direction | C route | D way |

Practice Test 4 • Reading

Part 6

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

Lakewater Shopping Centre is a great place to spend the day. There are all kinds of shops, selling everything from clothes to kitchen items.

If you're hungry, you can visit the huge food court and try dishes from all 27 _____ the world at one of the many restaurants and cafés.

If you aren't 28 _____ the mood to shop, 29 _____ not watch a film at the ten-screen cinema, or put 30 _____ some skates and have fun on the ice rink?

If you want an adventure, try 31 _____ the amazing indoor

climbing wall, or paddle a canoe on the boating lake!

Nobody can possibly feel bored at Lakewater. It's the shopping centre with something for 32 _____.



Practice Test 4 • Writing

Part 1

You must answer this question.
Write your answer in about 100 words.

Question 1

Read this email from your English-speaking friend Ben and the notes you have made.

From: Ben
Subject: Weekend plans

Hi,

I can't wait for you to visit me next weekend! I'm so excited!

Me too!

There are a few different things we can do in my town. Would you like to go to the beach for a picnic on Saturday, or would you prefer to visit the museum?

Say which I prefer

Also, we can watch a film on Sunday. What kinds of films do you like?

I like ...

Let me know if you have any questions!

Ask Ben ...

Write soon!

Ben

Write your email to Ben using all the notes.

Practice Test 4 • Writing

Part 2

Choose one of these questions.
Write your answer in about 100 words.

Question 2

You see this notice on an English-language website.

We need your articles!

HOLIDAYS

What kind of holidays do you enjoy?

Do you like visiting new places? Why?

Where do you usually go on holiday?

What's your dream holiday?

Write an article answering these questions and we will put it
on our website!

Write your article.

Question 3

Your English teacher has asked you to write a story.
Your story must begin with this sentence:

When I woke up, it was raining.

Write your story.

Practice Test 4 • Listening

Part 1

19 For each question, choose the correct answer.

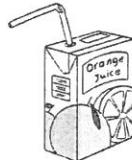
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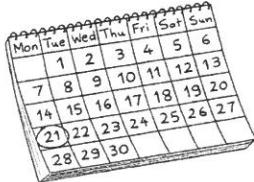


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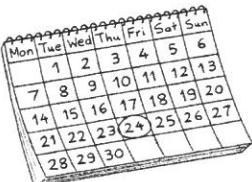


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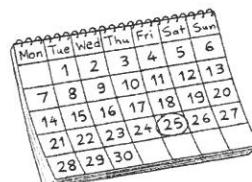
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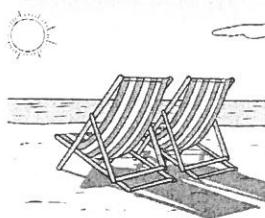


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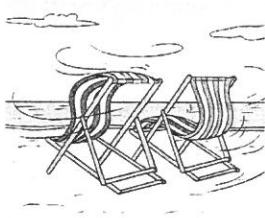


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3 What was the weather like in the afternoon?



A



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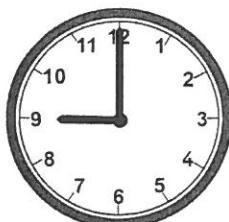


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4 What time is the English exam?



A



B



C

5 What does the girl's new friend look like?



A

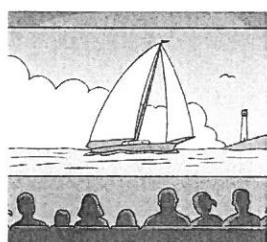


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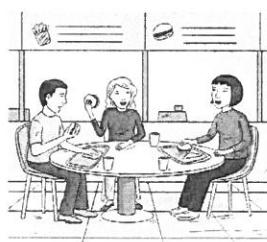


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6 Where is the man going tomorrow?



A

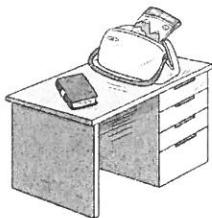


B



C

7 Where is the magazine?



A



B



C

Practice Test 4 • Listening

Part 2

20 For each question, choose the correct answer.

8 You will hear two people talking about a painting.
What does the woman say about it?

- A She thinks the woman looks very sad.
- B She thinks the woman is feeling relaxed.
- C She thinks the portrait was very difficult to paint.

9 You will hear a woman telling a friend about her new bag.
What does the woman say about it?

- A It's smaller than her old bag.
- B It doesn't have enough pockets.
- C She doesn't know where she has put things in it.

10 You will hear two friends talking about a song.
What does the man say about it?

- A He wants to listen to it all the time.
- B He wants to stop thinking about it.
- C He wishes he was better at singing it.

11 You will hear two friends talking about a swimming pool.
The boy says that

- A the pool was very busy.
- B the pool isn't big enough.
- C the water in the pool was too cold.

- 12 You will hear a woman telling a friend about her weekend.
What does the woman say about it?
- A She wishes there were more cars in the countryside.
 - B The air was cleaner than the air in the city.
 - C There are not enough buildings in the countryside.

- 13 You will hear two friends talking about a curry.
What does the woman say about it?
- A It was too spicy for her.
 - B It had a sour taste.
 - C The flavours were balanced.

Practice Test 4 • Listening

Part 3

For each question, write the correct answer in the gap. Write one or two words or a number or a date or a time.

You will hear a radio presenter talking about a sports festival.

Sports Festival

The Date

30th June – 14 _____ July

The Opening Event

Location: Prospect 15 _____

Time: 12 p.m. – 16 _____ p.m.

Workshops include: skateboarding, break-dancing, 17 _____

Further Information

Look on the website for a timetable and a 18 _____

Other Events

Water sports: River Swimming Complex

Track events: Athletics Stadium

Indoor 19 _____ games: Central Leisure

Practice Test 4 • Listening

Part 4

22 For each question, choose the correct answer.

You will hear someone talking about an organization that takes young people on expeditions.

- 20 David has come on the radio programme to
 - A encourage more young people to go exploring.
 - B find some new and talented explorers.
 - C explain how to become an expedition leader.

- 21 What does David say about the young people who go on the expeditions?
 - A They must pay the whole cost of the expedition.
 - B They must have a good understanding of science.
 - C They must want to learn about the environment.

- 22 What is true about the summer expeditions?
 - A They are for young people aged over 18 only.
 - B They take place in one location.
 - C They can last up to a year.

- 23 What did the young people do on the most recent Arctic adventure?
 - A They studied the geography of the area.
 - B They took part in various adventure sports.
 - C They went camping without their leaders.

- 24 What is true about the Arctic competition?
 - A One lucky winner will join a group of environmentalists.
 - B The winners will have the chance to take part in adventure activities.
 - C The group will spend two months studying climate change.

- 25 How do people first enter the competition?
 - A by making a film about the Arctic
 - B by describing their previous experience of exploring
 - C by explaining their reasons for wanting to take part

Practice Test 5 • Reading

Part 1

For each question, choose the correct answer.

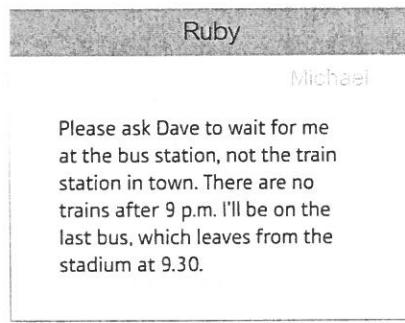
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Evening Art Classes

If you wish to do art classes next month, go to Room 58 and tell Paul Davidson (the art teacher) by 30th April.

- A You must say if you want to study art before the end of April.
- B The art class will be in Room 58 from the end of April.
- C You should give your art work to Mr Davidson in Room 58.

2



Ruby should

- A take Michael and Dave to the bus station after 9.00 this evening.
- B ask Dave to take the last bus, which departs at 9.30.
- C tell Dave to meet Michael at the bus station instead of the train station.

3

Paula,
Can you make sure the cats have enough water? It goes in the yellow bowl under the sink.
I'll be back on Monday 13th.

Gerry

Gerry is asking Paula to

- A check his pets when she returns on Monday.
- B buy a yellow bowl to use for the cats' water.
- C give his pets something to drink while he's away.

4

ATTENTION CYCLISTS!

Please step off your bicycles.
Use the pedestrian crossing.

- A Cyclists must cross the road on foot.
- B Pedestrians should be careful of bicycles.
- C Cyclists should ride their bikes across the road.

5

Backpack containing
wallet and photos found
in shop.

Call manager on
08081 570987.

- A The owner of a lost wallet has left their contact number in a shop.
- B Someone's money and pictures in a backpack were lost in a shop.
- C The shop manager has taken some pictures of the lost items.

Practice Test 5 • Reading

Part 2

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The people below all want to choose a film to watch at the cinema.

On the opposite page there are some film reviews.

Decide which film would be the most suitable for the people below.

6



Joe is mostly interested in films about true, historic events. His favourites are about well-known people, especially those whose lives were changed by their experiences.

7



Sandra's favourite films are usually love stories, but she doesn't mind if they have unhappy endings. The performances of the actors must be really good though!

8



Dimitri doesn't like films that are complicated and particularly enjoys watching films about life in the countryside. He's also interested in films that show the joys and difficulties of family life.

9



Danielle watches a lot of films but is especially keen on films set in the last century. She usually chooses to watch action films and really enjoys a surprise ending.

10



Maria likes films that make her think. In her opinion, the best ones are those which are filmed in a beautiful location. It's also important that the film has an exciting story.

FILM REVIEWS

A The Long Journey

This is the story of two young people who set off on a road trip. Filmed entirely in New Zealand, you'll see a lot of the wild countryside. Plenty of drama to enjoy plus there's a real message to this film.

B Stealing By Numbers

This is a classic adventure story from the past. Sir Harry Rifken is a world-famous diamond thief in the 1930s who escapes from prison and, after a series of dramatic adventures, begins a new life in America. Director Sally Hartman has created a film that will keep you guessing until the final scene.

C Joss To The Rescue

Everyone loves Joss, the Saint Bernard dog who rescues people lost in the mountains of Switzerland. It's loosely based on a true story. The scene at the end where two young people are rescued is sure to make you cry.

D Aim For The Stars

This story is about the very first people to fly to the moon. It looks into the lives of some of the people involved in this important event, particularly Buzz Aldrin, the second man to step onto the moon's surface. This may be a true story, but there's enough drama in it to keep most people interested. The last part of the film is quite unexpected.

E Tree Of Life

A beautiful documentary about the difficulties of life for the inhabitants of the Brazilian Amazon Rainforest. It's a surprising film, made almost entirely of interviews with local people, recorded as they toured North America to tell people about the damage being done to their environment.

F Down On The Farm

There are some exciting scenes where Winona Judd learns to race horses on her parents' farm, but the relationship between Winona and her strict father is the central topic of this unusual film. Although a lot of things happen in this film, it's so well written that the story is always easy to understand.

G The Island

This is a romantic film partly filmed on a beautiful Pacific island. What's special about this film is the quality of the acting. The audience really sees the couple's happiness when they are together and feels the sadness of the conclusion.

H Maximum Force

Ronnie Deane is the star of this film, so you know what to expect – a lot of car chases, fighting and jumping out of planes. This one's about a criminal who decides to become the best private detective of the 21st century. Fans will love it!

Practice Test 5 • Reading

Part 3

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Buddy Jones, musician

I'm a session musician, which means that people hire me when they need a musician, rather than me working for a particular band or on my own. It's still important to me that I'm doing what I like and believe in, so I don't accept all the work I'm offered. I've been doing this job for quite some time and I'm happy to consider the offers and then decide.

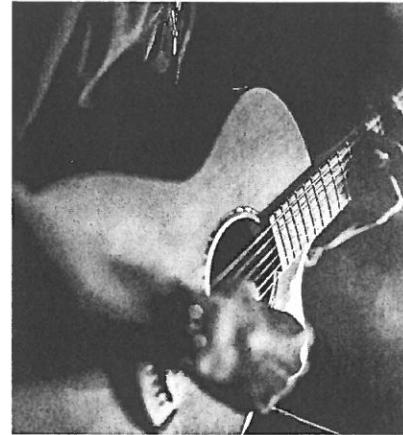
You need certain qualities to be a good session musician.

One such quality is that you have to be able to fit quickly into a team. It's no good if you go to the studio and have an argument with the trumpet player. It helps if you get along with people you've just met, as very often you play with musicians you've never seen before. Then of course there are particular musical skills you need. For example, you've got to learn parts very quickly and be able to play a lot of different musical styles. And of course, despite all your talents, you are in the background, so you have to be prepared to let somebody else be admired.

Another very important quality that you definitely need to have is flexibility. Some bands may have rehearsals at specific times and you need to be there when they need you. Sometimes a band or a solo artist may call you for a recording at the last minute because a musician hasn't turned up, and it's important that you can be there at short notice.

I've found there's plenty of variety in this work. Sometimes I'm asked to play guitar for a top band at a big live concert. Or I might go on a long tour with a famous singer. But my main income has always been from studio work. I might do one short section of a song, or I could be asked to join a band for a whole album.

Most session musicians generally get paid the same amount. It's fairly good money, but of course if an album I work on sells a million copies, the band make a huge amount of money, but nobody gives me a big cheque.



11 What does Buddy say that a session musician does?

- A pays other musicians to work with him/her
- B makes money with his/her own band
- C earns money performing alone
- D works for different bands for a payment

12 According to Buddy, what makes a good session musician?

- A someone who's willing to spend a lot of time learning
- B someone who can play many types of music
- C someone who admires many famous musicians
- D someone who's flexible about attending long rehearsals

13 What does Buddy say about his job?

- A He doesn't like being away from home.
- B He'd like to record his own album one day.
- C He rarely gets to work with famous musicians.
- D He gets to do a lot of different things.

14 What does Buddy say about his pay?

- A He gets paid extra if an album does well.
- B Most of it comes from making recordings.
- C He usually gets a large cheque when he's finished.
- D Different session musicians get different amounts of money.

15 What might Buddy say about his life as a musician?

A

I like my job because I get to do a lot of different things in music and I'm not worried about being famous.

B

I'm good at my job because I like entertaining people and appearing on television.

C

I love being a musician because I get a chance to meet famous people and earn a lot of money.

D

I enjoy my job because I get the chance to play a lot of instruments and try out different types of music.

Practice Test 5 • Reading

Part 4

Five sentences have been removed from the text below.

For each question, choose the correct answer.

There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Saved by dolphins

I've always loved the sea, and I started surfing when I was five years old. I live near the beach in California, so I try to get out on the waves every day.

16 _____ It was a warm, windy day with some good waves. I was resting on my board and watching a group of bottlenose dolphins playing in the surf a short distance away, when suddenly a great white shark appeared. It was huge, but it moved so fast that I didn't see it coming.

The shark tried to bite me, but it couldn't get its teeth around me and the board. It tore a big chunk out of the board, but I wasn't hurt that time. Then the shark came at me again.

17 _____ I stayed calm even though I knew the next bite was probably seconds away.

18 _____ I looked up and saw the bottlenose dolphins swimming around me. They formed a circle around me and my surfboard, so the shark couldn't get near me. I was amazed. It was like something out of a film.

I knew a lot of stories about dolphins helping humans, but I never really believed them until it happened to me. Dolphins are very intelligent and they knew what to do to help me stay safe. They stayed close to me until I managed to get back on my board and catch a wave back to the shore, where I collapsed with relief. Someone who was at the beach called an ambulance, and I was taken to hospital.

19 _____ I won't give up my favourite activity. I'm not angry with the shark.

20 _____ I'll always be grateful to the dolphins. They saved my life.

- A I've stayed out of the sea ever since.
- B But the next bite never came.
- C Six weeks later, I was back on my surfboard.
- D Two months ago, I went surfing alone.
- E I've always loved dolphins.
- F I know I was in his home, and he was protecting it.
- G I knew that I would survive the attack.
- H This time it bit my leg and pulled me off my surfboard.

Practice Test 5 • Reading

Part 5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Healthy snacks on the run

In today's busy lives we often have little time for healthy eating, so we do the easy thing and eat snacks like crisps or sweets instead. 21 _____, it's possible to eat quickly and healthily. All you 22 _____ to do is to follow a few simple rules.

First of all, read what it 23 _____ on the packet before you buy a snack. This is important because people often think that they're buying healthy snacks, but sugar may be the 24 _____ ingredient.

Try to look for healthier options – instead of eating ice cream, try frozen fruit juices and, most importantly, eat at 25 _____ times of the day. Learn when your body needs food so 26 _____ you don't suddenly feel the need to eat a lot of unhealthy snack food.

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|-------------|---------|-----------|------------|
| 21 A Ago | B Alike | C However | D Whenever |
| 22 A can | B must | C need | D should |
| 23 A puts | B says | C talks | D writes |
| 24 A big | B great | C large | D main |
| 25 A common | B equal | C even | D regular |
| 26 A that | B what | C when | D which |

Practice Test 5 • Reading

Part 6

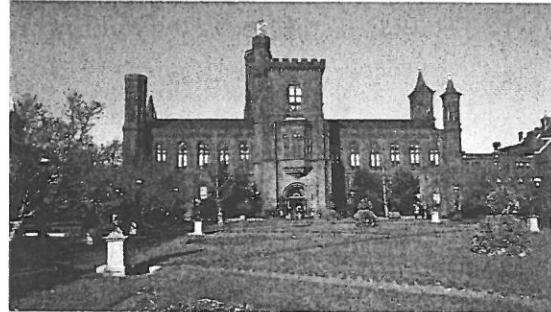
For each question, write the correct answer.
Write one word for each gap.

If you ever visit the USA, don't miss the chance to visit the Smithsonian Institute. It's made up of 17 museums and galleries and the National Zoo in Washington D.C., as 27 _____ as two museums in New York City.

The Smithsonian museums feature exhibits related 28 _____ art, design, technology, history and culture, and contain about 154 million objects. You can learn 29 _____ everything from the origins of man at the Natural History Museum to the future of space travel at the Air and Space Museum.

If you spent one minute at each exhibit, it would take 30 _____ than 258 years to see them all.

Best of 31 _____, it's free to enter all the Smithsonian museums and galleries, so you can learn about anything in the world 32 _____ paying a penny!



Practice Test 5 • Writing

Part 1

You must answer this question.
Write your answer in about 100 words.

Question 1

Read this email from your English-speaking friend Peter and the notes you have made.

From: Peter
Subject: Hobbies

Hi,

Yes! I ...

How are you? Has anything exciting happened since you last emailed me? I've moved to a new house.

I'm thinking of taking up a new hobby, but I'm not sure what I want to do. Have you got any ideas?
What hobbies have you got?

What about ... ?

My hobbies are ...

Have you got any plans for the weekend? I'm going to visit my grandparents. They live near the beach, so I'm going to go swimming in the sea!

Tell Peter

Write soon!

Peter

Write your email to Peter using all the notes.

Practice Test 5 • Writing

Part 2

Choose one of these questions.
Write your answer in about 100 words.

Question 2

You see this notice in an English-language magazine.

We need your articles!

SPORTS

What kind of sports do you enjoy? How often do you take part in sports?

Do you prefer watching sports or playing sports? Why?

Write an article answering these questions and we will put it on our website!

Write your article.

Question 3

Your English teacher has asked you to write a story.
Your story must begin with this sentence:

Sally was pleased because at last the special day had arrived.

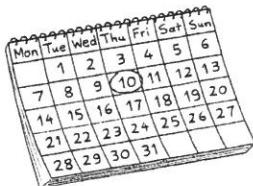
Write your story.

Practice Test 5 • Listening

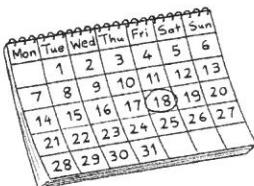
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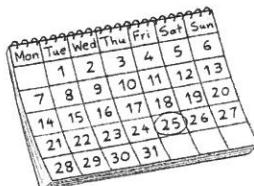
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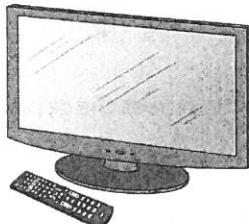
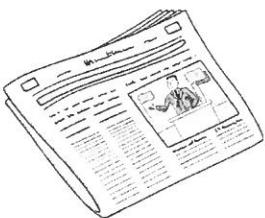


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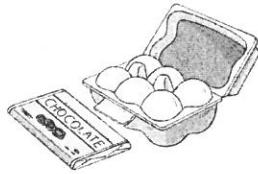
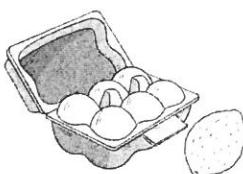


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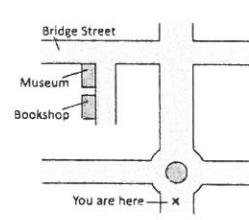
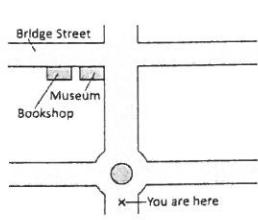
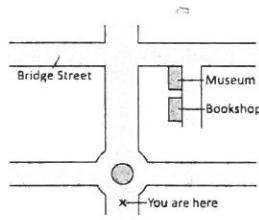
- 2 Where did the boy first find out about the festival?



- 3 What does the boy ask the girl to buy?



- 4 How do you get to the bookshop?



5 How many people live next door?



A

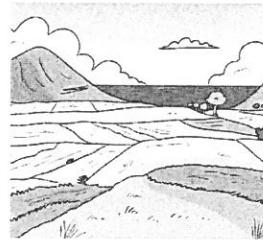


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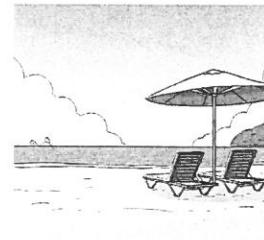


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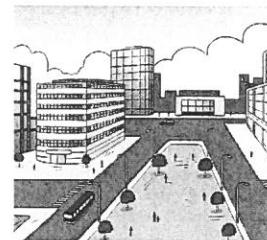
6 Where are they going on holiday?



A



B



C

7 What does the girl decide to wear to the concert?



A



B



C

Practice Test 5 • Listening

Part 2

24 For each question, choose the correct answer.

- 8 You will hear two friends talking about football training.

The boy feels that

- A he's as fit as the others.
- B he's let everyone down.
- C he'll improve over time.

- 9 You will hear two friends talking about travelling to and from school.

What does the boy say?

- A He goes to school by car.
- B He usually cycles to school.
- C He comes home from school on the bus.

- 10 You will hear two people talking about a recipe.

What does the boy decide is wrong with it?

- A There's an ingredient missing.
- B The quantities of ingredients are incorrect.
- C He has added the ingredients in the wrong order.

- 11 You will hear two people talking about a gym.

The woman says that

- A there isn't enough equipment.
- B the lockers are always full.
- C it's a bit dirty.

- 12 You will hear a girl telling a friend about her new hobby.
What does the girl say about it?
A All of her photographs are for sale.
B Her parents sent her on a photography course.
C She's trying different styles now.

- 13 You will hear two friends talking about a TV show.
What does the man say about it?
A The series is too long.
B The story was disappointing.
C The ending made him want to watch the next episode.

Practice Test 5 • Listening

Part 3

25 For each question, write the correct answer in the gap. Write one or two words or a number or a date or a time.

You will hear a recorded message giving information about a museum.

DORSET CHOCOLATE MUSEUM

Displays

Exhibition showing the 14 _____ of chocolate production

See how chocolates and 15 _____ are made

Opening times

12.00 midday – 6.00 p.m.

July and August 12.00 midday – 8.00 p.m.

Not open in 16 _____

Prices

Adults: ten pounds

Students: 17 _____ pounds

Group visits

Discounts available for groups of at least 18 _____ visitors

Free 19 _____ of chocolates

Practice Test 5 • Listening

Part 4

26 For each question, choose the correct answer.

You will hear a chef talking about his career.

- 20 When Paul left school,
A he got a job as a chef in a hotel.
B he opened a shop.
C he did several different jobs.
- 21 Paul's first restaurant job was
A boring but well paid.
B difficult but interesting.
C enjoyable but dangerous.
- 22 When did Paul begin his working day?
A at two o'clock
B in the early morning
C at 12.00 midday
- 23 Part of Paul's current job as head chef involves
A deciding who works in the kitchen.
B ordering the food for the restaurant.
C cooking the food every night.
- 24 Paul says that to be a good chef you must
A wash a lot of floors.
B work well with others.
C cook things very fast.
- 25 What does Paul say about cooking in a top restaurant?
A You need to use high quality ingredients.
B The customers think they're always right.
C You have to serve complicated meals.

Practice Test 6 • Reading

Part 1

For each question, choose the correct answer.

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| -----
| Spaces are available on our
| climbing and diving courses.
| Please ask at reception for
full details.

- A This leisure centre needs a new receptionist.
- B All the courses at this centre are full.
- C The receptionist will give you information about courses.

2

CUSTOMER NOTICE

These stairs are to be
used for emergency
purposes only.

- A Only the emergency services can use these stairs.
- B Customers are never allowed to use these stairs.
- C Anybody can use these stairs if there is an emergency.

3

To: Victoria
From: Charlie



I saw that history book you wanted in the library, so I borrowed it for you. I'm not going to be at our lesson this afternoon, so I've given it to Jane.

- A Jane is going to give Victoria a book today.
- B Charlie needs the history book this afternoon.
- C This afternoon's history lesson is cancelled.

4

We're getting new lockers in the gym. If you'd like one, but you haven't reserved one yet, you should see me before Friday.

Jan Harper

- A It's still possible to have a new locker.
- B You will be able to use your new locker on Friday.
- C New lockers can be reserved from Friday.

5

To: Isabel
From: Sam

Sorry, I can't make it to band practice until 7:30.

Go ahead and start without me.

- A Sam wants to change the day of band practice.
- B Sam is going to be late for band practice.
- C Band practice is going to start later than planned.

Practice Test 6 • Reading

Part 2

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The people below all want to celebrate their birthdays on Saturday. On the opposite page there are descriptions of eight places they could go to. Decide which place would be the most suitable for the people below.

6



Carlos wants a big day out with about 20 friends. He's looking for an inexpensive activity where they can have a meal cheaply, too.

7



Gemma's planning to celebrate by going out for a meal with a small group of friends. She wants to go to a lively place and doesn't want to spend too much.

8



Jessica and Lucy are sisters and they're going out with their family. They want to go to a restaurant that has entertainment. Their parents are paying, so it doesn't have to be too cheap.

9



Amelia is spending the day with a friend, her parents and her little sister. They're looking for a place that's good for all the children and will take their own food with them.

10



Adam is meeting three friends. He wants to do an activity but he isn't interested in sport and he doesn't have much money. He's eating at home later, but would like to get a snack.

GREAT BIRTHDAY VENUES

A Moody's

Moody's is a modern pizza café in the centre of town. It's very popular with teenagers and plays great music every afternoon. Prices are reasonable and this Saturday includes our new 'two for one' offer. Leave your parents behind and have fun at Moody's!

B Museum Madness

Teenagers will love this latest party offer. Spend the night at the museum! Have a guided tour when all the other visitors have gone. Enjoy party food, music and dancing. You must have one adult with you and a maximum of ten friends. Don't forget your sleeping bag!

C Oasis

Oasis is the most exciting place for swimming in town and Saturday afternoons are just for teenagers! Special offer this Saturday only: pay for eight tickets and get two free. Visit the café after your swim for pizzas, burgers and chips at low prices.

D Animal Magic

Visit your local farm this Saturday and receive half-price tickets for your next visit. Young children will love the rabbits and the farm animals. Older brothers and sisters are more likely to enjoy one of the Sunday afternoon talks. Bring lunch with you and spend a day at the farm.

E Mega-ride

Have fun at a Mega-ride theme park surrounded by beautiful countryside. Teenagers can enjoy the amazing rides while younger children can visit the play area. Tickets are expensive, but save money by bringing sandwiches and having lunch at the picnic area.

F ABC Cinema

Every Saturday afternoon this month, tickets to films starting before 4 p.m. in ABC Cinemas are half price. There's also an extra discount for groups of four or more. You can buy drinks and snacks at great prices, too.

G Pablo's

Enjoy wonderful Italian cooking at Pablo's! This restaurant is quite expensive, but the food is fantastic. Children and teenagers will love the regular live shows. Meet a mystery music guest this Saturday afternoon.

H The Palace Hotel

Fine food in beautiful surroundings – The Palace Hotel is perfect for a special meal. Children are welcome in the dining room. The prices are high, but the food is excellent and there is a small discount for guests staying at the hotel.

Practice Test 6 • Reading

Part 3

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Painting in Spain

My husband, David, is an artist and has always been interested in painting pictures of the Spanish countryside. We've both always loved Spanish culture and have spent many holidays in Spain. Five years ago, we decided to give up our jobs in London, sell our house and move to a small village in the south of Spain.

We thought it would take months to get organized, but in just three months, we'd sold our home, found a house to rent, booked our ferry and said goodbye to our friends. We were so excited to move!

At first, we thought we'd stay here for a year, but when we arrived on a beautiful September evening, we were amazed to realize immediately that we wanted to stay longer. The owners of our new house were waiting to show us around and cooked us a lovely meal. Gradually, over the following weeks, we settled into a routine. I got a job teaching English and began to learn the language while David painted.

David loved the scenery and he was inspired by the wonderful landscape around us. But mostly he fell in love with the bright light of the sun in the south. As a painter, he's always looking at the contrast between colours and light. During the first six months, he spent hours outdoors painting. His paintings were always about the same landscape but each one of them had something special. The elements in his work were always changing and each new painting was even more beautiful than the previous one.

The following May while we were visiting a small town, we saw an empty shop. David thought it would make a lovely art gallery and we decided to rent it for a year. We filled the shop with David's paintings and after two days, sold our first picture. Over the next few months, a lot of tourists bought paintings, but the tourists went home in November and our shop became very quiet. But we advertised online and soon business improved. We started getting orders from different places. Everyone loved David's paintings. Today our gallery is a great success and we both feel we're living a perfect life.



11 Why does the writer say she moved to Spain?

- A to find out more about Spanish culture
- B because she and her husband loved the country
- C because she had never been there before
- D because she lost her job in London

12 What does the writer say about leaving London?

- A It was difficult to sell their home.
- B None of their friends wanted them to leave.
- C They organized everything quickly.
- D They rented their house to some of their friends.

13 What did the writer find surprising about her first day in Spain?

- A She was offered a job teaching English.
- B She and her husband decided to live in Spain for more than a year.
- C The owners of the rented house were unfriendly.
- D There was already somebody living in her new house.

14 When talking about the shop, the writer says that

- A they sold nothing for several weeks.
- B it was popular with tourists.
- C they sold some paintings on the first day.
- D it became very busy in November.

15 What might the writer say about living in Spain?

A

I'm glad we came to live here, but I wish we hadn't rented the gallery.

B

The gallery has been a great success, but now we'd like to move back home.

C

We've had very few problems. It's definitely the best thing we've ever done.

D

I wish we hadn't moved here. I really miss my friends and family.

Practice Test 6 • Reading

Part 4

Five sentences have been removed from the text below.
For each question, choose the correct answer.
There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

My first marathon

The alarm went off at half-past four that morning. It was far too early to get up, and the idea of running 26 miles seemed impossible. 16 _____ I pulled myself out of bed, showered and pulled on my running gear.

By six o'clock, I was at the Dodger Stadium, where the rest of my running group was already waiting. When they saw the look of terror on my face, they laughed kindly. This was clearly my first marathon. 17 _____ When I realized that I was just one of them, I felt a little better. Helicopters hovered overhead ready to film us as we ran through the streets of Los Angeles, passing every major landmark until we reached the sea at Santa Monica. Suddenly, I felt very lucky and proud to be a part of it. 18 _____

As I began to run, I tried to ignore the aches in my body from eight months of training. Instead, I put one foot in front of the other and kept going. By mile five, my body was complaining, and by mile eight, my muscles were screaming at me.

19 _____ I was running alone now, but I was still running. By mile 12, I was ready to give up, and by mile 15, I was moving even more slowly. By mile 18, I was in my neighbourhood. 20 _____ But by mile 22, there were only four miles to go. Spectators yelled encouragement at me as I ran past. 'You can do it! Keep going!'

As the finish line came into sight, I started running faster and faster, and I crossed that line running. I grinned as the medal was placed over my head, and then I cried. I had done it. I had run my first marathon!

- A After eight months of training, this was going to be easy.
- B I slowed down, and the rest of my group moved away.
- C But I had trained for this, and I was going to do it.
- D There was no way I could finish the race now.
- E The horn blew to start the race.
- F I was very tempted to turn down my street and go home.
- G I was so glad that I had decided to do this.
- H Thousands of runners from all over the world were gathered for the race.

Practice Test 6 • Reading

Part 5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Stay Healthy by Walking

Everybody worries about their general health and fitness. However, what many people don't realize is that walking is one of the best ways to keep healthy.

This doesn't mean that you 21 _____ to go on long walks in the countryside. You can walk home from work or school. You can walk to the shops. You can use the stairs 22 _____ of using the lift. You can even walk a dog 23 _____ you have one!

Now let's look 24 _____ the benefits of walking. Firstly, it's relaxing. Secondly, it improves your fitness and your health. 25 _____, it's a great way to socialize with your friends and family.

Remember, you don't need 26 _____ expensive equipment for walking. You just need a good pair of walking boots or shoes.

21 A must B have C should D might

22 A instead B enough C else D well

23 A whether B if C as D that

24 A on B at C for D with

25 A Finally B Conclusion C End D Last

26 A many B any C various D some

Practice Test 6 • Reading

Part 6

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

My friends and I have started a book club, and we'd love it if you decided to join us. We choose one book to read every week, and then we meet up at 27 _____ end of the week to discuss the book.

We meet every Thursday, at a different club member's house each week. The host for each week provides drinks and a 28 _____ snacks.

We share our thoughts and ideas 29 _____ the books, and we usually chat about a lot of other topics, too! It's a great way to 30 _____ to know people and to find 31 _____ about some interesting books.

If you'd like to join the book club, let me know, and I'll 32 _____ you what book we decide to read next!



Practice Test 6 • Writing

Part 1

You must answer this question.
Write your answer in about 100 words.

Question 1

Read this email from your English-speaking friend Gina and the notes you have made.

From: Gina
Subject: Books!

Hi,

How are you? What did you do at the weekend?
I went to a concert in the park near my house. It
was great!

I want to ask your advice. I'm looking for some
good books to read. What kinds of books do you I ...
enjoy reading? What good books have you read
recently?

I've read ...

Will you be coming to visit me soon? Let me know!

Tell Gina

Write soon!

Gina

Write your email to Gina using all the notes.

Practice Test 6 • Writing

Part 2

Choose one of these questions.
Write your answer in about 100 words.

Question 2

You see this notice on an English-language website.

We need your articles!

KEEPING FIT

Is it important to keep fit? Why (not)?

What's the best way to keep fit?

How do you keep fit?

Write an article answering these questions and we will put it
on our website!

Write your article.

Question 3

Your English teacher has asked you to write a story.
Your story must begin with this sentence:

It was the worst journey I had ever been on.

Write your story.

Practice Test 6 • Listening

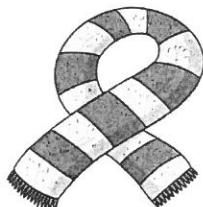
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27 For each question, choose the correct answer.

- 1 What is the woman going to buy today?



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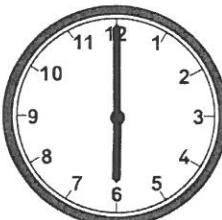


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C

- 2 What time did Clara finish band practice?



A

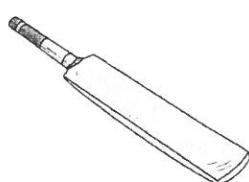


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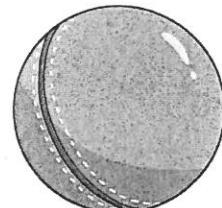
- 3 Which piece of equipment was missing?



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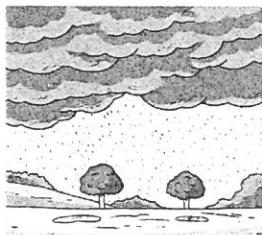


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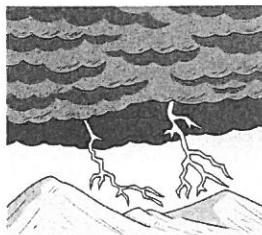


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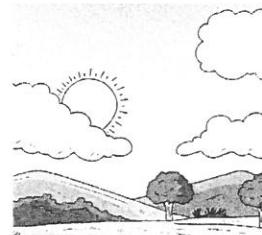
- 4 What is the weather going to be like this afternoon?



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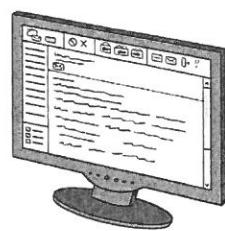
5 How did the man find out about the play?



A



B



C

6 When is the man's first guitar lesson?



A

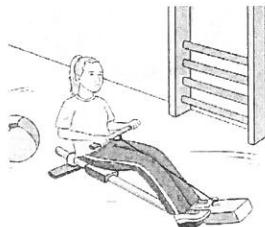


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C

7 How does the woman usually keep fit?



A



B



C

Practice Test 6 • Listening

Part 2

28 For each question, choose the correct answer.

- 8 You will hear two people talking about the weather.

What does the man say?

- A He doesn't think weather forecasts are accurate.
- B He enjoys wet weather.
- C He trusts the weather app he uses.

- 9 You will hear a girl telling a friend about her dreams for the future.

What would the girl most like to do?

- A teach water sports in Italy
- B earn a lot of money in America
- C work as an artist in Ireland

- 10 You will hear two siblings talking about a trip.

What does the brother say?

- A The train is cheaper than the bus.
- B The bus is cheaper than the train.
- C The bus takes much longer than the train.

- 11 You will hear a boy telling a friend about his father's job.

What does the boy say about it?

- A His father has to stay in good physical condition.
- B His father is in dangerous situations every day.
- C His father doesn't get on very well with the rest of his team.

12 You will hear two friends talking about a song.

What does the boy say about it?

- A It makes him unhappy.
- B He finds it dull.
- C It lasts too long.

13 You will hear two friends talking about a computer game.

What does the girl say about it?

- A The story is a bit boring.
- B The characters look very realistic.
- C The puzzles are very easy.

Practice Test 6 • Listening

Part 3

29 For each question, write the correct answer in the gap. Write one or two words or a number or a date or a time.

You will hear a woman talking to a group of families about their holiday.

Welcome to the Resort!

Meals

Meals will be served in the dining room which is located at the 14 _____ of the hotel.

Breakfast 15 _____ a.m.-9 a.m.

Lunch 12 p.m.-3 p.m.

Dinner 8 p.m.-11 p.m. (includes traditional 16 _____ twice a week)

Family Activities

Mornings

Trips include visits to 17 _____ ruins and monuments.

Visit to an outdoor market every 18 _____

Afternoons

Visit the beach (only 19 _____ away)

Stay by the hotel swimming pool

Practice Test 6 • Listening

Part 4

 30 For each question, choose the correct answer.

You will hear an interview with the manager of a new leisure centre.

20 Why is the leisure centre already so popular?

- A It's the only leisure centre in the area.
- B People have heard a lot about it.
- C It has an excellent gym.

21 What will be added to the leisure centre soon?

- A two new swimming pools
- B a diving area
- C a pool for children

22 The manager wants to improve the gym by

- A buying more equipment.
- B employing more staff.
- C opening for more hours.

23 From next week, there will be

- A an outdoor basketball court.
- B a new court for volleyball.
- C more tennis courts.

24 Who gives the scuba-diving lessons?

- A a swimming instructor from the leisure centre
- B instructors from a local diving school
- C the manager himself

25 What is different about the leisure centre?

- A The café sells healthy food.
- B It's cheaper than most other centres.
- C It offers discounts.