



**PRELIMINARY ENGLISH TEST**

Reading and Writing

**D241/01**

**SAMPLE TEST 1**

**Time** 1 hour 30 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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

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

Read the instructions for each part of the paper carefully.

Answer all the questions in Reading Parts 1 – 5 and Writing Parts 1 and 2.

Answer only **one** question from Writing Part 3.

Read the instructions on the answer sheets.

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

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

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

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

**READING**

Questions **1 – 35** carry one mark.

**WRITING**

Questions **1 – 5** carry one mark.

Part 2 (Question **6**) carries five marks.

Part 3 (Question **7** or **8**) carries fifteen marks.

## Reading

### Part 1

#### Questions 1-5

Look at the text in each question.  
What does it say?

Mark the correct letter **A**, **B**, or **C** on your answer sheet.

**Example:**

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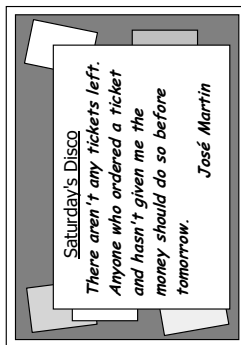


- A You must stay with your luggage at all times.
- B Do not let someone else look after your luggage.
- C Remember your luggage when you leave.

Answer:

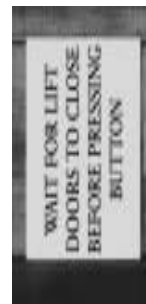
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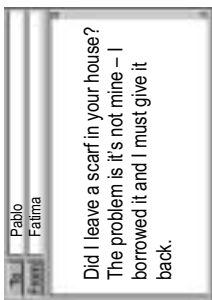
- A Tickets for the disco can be collected after tomorrow.
- B It is possible to reserve a disco ticket if you do so by tomorrow.
- C Reserved tickets for the disco must be paid for today.

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- A Press the button after the doors close.
- B Press the button while the doors are closing.
- C Press the button to close the lift doors.

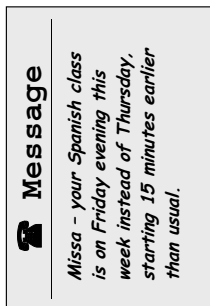
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**What does Fatima want Pablo to do?**

- A return the scarf he borrowed
- B lend her a scarf
- C look for the borrowed scarf

4



**Missa's Spanish class**

- A will not be in the evening this week.
- B will be a day later than normal.
- C will no longer be on Thursday.

5



- A You can use this medicine up to one month after opening it.
- B This bottle contains enough medicine for one month.
- C Unopened bottles of medicine must be thrown away within one month.

## Questions 6-10

The people below are all looking for a book to buy. On the opposite page there are eight book reviews. Decide which book would be the most suitable for the following people. For questions 6-10, mark the correct letter (A-H) on your answer sheet.



6

Ali enjoys reading crime stories which are carefully written so that they hold his interest right to the end. He enjoys trying to guess who the criminal really is while he's reading.



7

Monica is a history teacher in London. She enjoys reading about the history of people in other parts of the world and how events changed their lives.



8

Silvia likes reading true stories which people have written about themselves. She's particularly interested in people who have had unusual or difficult lives.



9

Daniel is a computer salesman who spends a lot of time travelling abroad on planes. He enjoys detective stories which he can read easily as he gets interrupted a lot.



10

Takumi doesn't have much free time so he reads short stories which he can finish quickly. He likes reading stories about ordinary people and the things that happen to them in today's world.

## Recommended New Books

## A London Alive

This author of many famous novels has now turned to writing short stories with great success. The stories tell of Londoners' daily lives and happen in eighteen different places – for example, one story takes place at a table in a café, another in the back of a taxi and another in a hospital.

## B Burnham's Great Days

Joseph Burnham is one of Britain's best-loved painters these days, but I was interested to read that during his lifetime it was not always so. Art historian Peter Harvey looks at how Burnham's work attracted interest at first but then became less popular.

## C The Missing Photograph

Another story about the well-known policeman, Inspector Manning. It is written in the same simple but successful way as the other Manning stories – I found it a bit disappointing as I guessed who the criminal was halfway through!

## D

## Gone West

A serious look at one of the least-known regions of the United States. The author describes the empty villages which thousands left when they were persuaded by the railway companies to go West in search of new lives. The author manages to provide many interesting details about their history.

## E

## The Letter

The murder of a television star appears to be the work of thieves who are quickly caught. But they escape from prison and a young lawyer says she knows who the real criminals are. Written with intelligence, this story is so fast-moving that it demands the reader's complete attention.

## F

## Let me tell you ...

The twenty stories in this collection describe the lives of different people who were born in London in 1825. Each story tells the life history of a different person. Although they are not true, they gave me a real feeling for what life used to be like for the ordinary person.

## G

## The Last Journey

John Reynolds' final trip to the African Congo two years ago unfortunately ended in his death. For the first time since then, we hear about where he went and what happened to him from journalist Tim Holden, who has followed Reynolds' route.

## H

## Free at Last!

Matthew Hunt, who spent half his life in jail for a crime he did not do, has written the moving story of his lengthy fight to be set free. Now out of prison, he has taken the advice of a judge to describe his experiences in a book.

## Questions 11-20

Look at the sentences below about a journey to the Arctic on board a ship. Read the text on the opposite page to decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, mark **A** on your answer sheet. If it is not correct, mark **B** on your answer sheet.

- 11 This trip is for people who like peace and quiet.
- 12 Many different activities are organised on board.
- 13 The voyage begins in Scotland.
- 14 The ship follows a fixed route.
- 15 There are different types of accommodation.
- 16 Passengers serve themselves in the dining room.
- 17 Whales can be seen in the morning near Tromsø.
- 18 There are some examples of traditional buildings in Tromsø.
- 19 The ship stays overnight in Tromsø.
- 20 Bear Island used to be a busy fishing centre.

## Exploring the Arctic



The Arctic is one of the few places in the world untouched by pollution where you can see nature at its wildest and most beautiful. Join our ship the *Northern Star* from 2 to 18 July, for a 17-day voyage to the Arctic. During the voyage you are able to relax and get away from it all. There are no parties or film-shows to attend, quizzes to enter, or entertainers to watch. However, we do have specialists on board who are willing to answer any of your questions about the Arctic and who will talk about the animals and birds that you see on the trip.

After setting off from Scotland, we go north along the coast of Norway to Bear Island. Along the way you'll see thousands of seabirds and wonderful scenery, with rivers of ice and huge cliffs. You will have the chance to see reindeer, polar bears, and other Arctic animals. Although we have a timetable, experience has shown that we may have to change our direction a little, depending on the weather and on which animals appear.

The *Northern Star* is a very special ship and our past voyages have been very popular. Our cabins all have the same excellent facilities, which include a private bathroom and refrigerator. Our chefs are happy to prepare any food for people on special diets. Choose just what you want to eat from the wide variety available from the dining room buffet. There is a library, shop, clinic and plenty of space for relaxation. If you need some exercise, why not go jogging every morning around the decks, or do some swimming in the indoor pool.

Prices include economy class air travel and 16 nights on board the *Northern Star*, all meals and excursions and all lectures.

Day 1

Board the *Northern Star*.

Days 2-7

We sail slowly north along the coast of Norway, stopping at places of interest.

Day 8

Tromsø. You need to get up at sunrise to see the whales as we sail towards Tromsø. Visit Tromsø to see the Arctic Museum, the cathedral and the beautiful old wooden houses. In the evening we sail away along the west coast to Bear Island, which is excellent for bird-watching.

Days 9-10

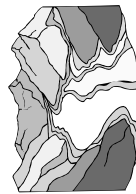
Bear Island. We arrive here in the early evening and stay overnight. Bear Island once had an active fishing industry, but today little of this remains. We will explore the island, looking out for Arctic flowers.

Days 11-16

Spitsbergen. A place of mountains and rivers of ice, it is home to a large variety of animals.

Day 17

Leave the ship in Spitsbergen and fly to London from Tromsø.



## Part 4

## Questions 21-25

Read the text and questions below.  
For each question, mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

**Ainsley Harriott**

I've always been a bit of an entertainer and played the funny man. I was a part-time comedian for years, so I learned how to stand in front of audiences. It made me sure of myself. I like being liked and I love making everyone smile.

I've lived in London all my life and have just moved to a larger house with my wife Clare and our two children, Jimmy and Madeleine. We spend a lot of time just singing and dancing around the house. I grew up with music because my dad is the pianist, Chester Harriott – who's still playing, by the way. My working day is divided between television and writing cook books, though TV takes most of my time. I spend about five days a fortnight working on the cooking programmes I appear in. I eat all sorts of things at home but I only buy quality food. When I'm cooking, I experiment with whatever is in the fridge – it's good practice for my TV series.

I'm a football fan and enjoy going to matches, but I'm a home-loving person really. I don't like going to the pub but we do go out to eat about twice a month. There's nothing better than a night at home playing with the children. I rarely go to bed before midnight. Late evening is when fresh thoughts on cooking usually come to me, so I often write or plan my programmes then. When I eventually get to bed, I have no trouble sleeping!

21 What is the writer's main purpose in writing the text?

- A to describe how he lives
- B to say what makes him laugh
- C to talk about his cooking ideas
- D to explain how he started in TV

22 What would a reader learn about Ainsley from the text?

- A He is a very good musician.
- B He likes to plan the family meals.
- C He is nervous about performing on stage.
- D He enjoys spending time with his family.

23 What does the writer say about himself?

- A He loves going out and meeting people.
- B He is very similar to his father.
- C He enjoys being popular.
- D He should go to bed earlier.

24 What does he say about his working life?

- A He would like to appear less on TV.
- B He gets his best ideas at certain times.
- C He prefers being a comedian.
- D He should practise cooking more.

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

**A** The popular TV comedian who enjoys cooking, watching football, and having a busy social life.

**B** The TV cook who loves making people laugh, watching football and, above all, having a happy family life.

**C** The singing TV cook who likes making jokes, playing with his children, and having an early night.

**D** The cook and comedian who takes great care about the way he cooks his food and enjoys listening to music more than anything.

**Questions 26-35**

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space. For each question, mark the correct letter **A, B, C** or **D** on your answer sheet.

**Example:**

- 0 A everyone B someone C both D each

Answer: 

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**Deep Sleep**

Deep sleep is important for **(0)** ..... . The actual **(26)** ..... of sleep you need depends **(27)** ..... your age. A young child **(28)** ..... to sleep ten to twelve hours, and a teenager about nine hours. Adults differ a lot in their sleeping **(29)** ..... . For most of them, seven to eight hours a night is **(30)** ..... , but some sleep longer, while others manage with only four hours.

For a good night, having a comfortable **(31)** ..... to sleep is very important. Also, there should be **(32)** ..... of fresh air in the room. A warm drink sometimes helps people to sleep, **(33)** ..... it is not a good idea to drink coffee immediately before going to bed.

**(34)** ..... you have to travel a very long distance, try to go to bed earlier than usual the day before the **(35)** ..... . This will help you to feel more rested when you arrive.

- 26 A size B number C amount D sum  
 27 A on B to C in D of  
 28 A could B ought C must D should  
 29 A ways B habits C manners D actions  
 30 A few B well C less D enough  
 31 A point B place C position D part  
 32 A plenty B much C many D several  
 33 A because B as C although D even  
 34 A Since B Until C After D If  
 35 A journey B voyage C call D visit

## Writing

### Part 1

#### Questions 1-5

Here are some sentences about playing tennis. For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use **no more than three words**. Write only the missing words on your answer sheet. You may use this page for any rough work.

#### Example:

- 0 I prefer playing tennis to playing squash.  
I like **playing tennis** ..... **playing squash**.

Answer:

- 1 It's too cold to play tennis.  
It **isn't warm** ..... **to play tennis**.
- 2 There are only a few squash courts in this town.  
**There aren't very** ..... **squash courts in this town**.
- 3 If you don't play every week, you won't improve your tennis.  
**You won't improve your tennis unless** ..... **every week**.
- 4 Why don't you join a tennis club?  
**If I were you,** ..... **join a tennis club**.
- 5 I haven't been to a tennis match for a long time.  
**It's a long time since** ..... **a tennis match**.

### Part 2

#### Question 6

An English friend of yours called James gave a party yesterday, which you enjoyed.

Write a card to send to James. In your card, you should

- thank him for the party
- say what you liked best
- suggest when you could both meet again.

Write **35-45 words** on your answer sheet.

## Part 3

Write an answer to **one** of the questions (7 or 8) in this part.  
Write your answer in about **100 words** on your answer sheet.  
Put the question number in the box at the top of your answer sheet.

**Question 7**

- This is part of a letter you receive from an English penfriend.

In your next letter, please tell me all about your favourite TV programme. Why do you like watching it? What's it about?

- Now write a letter, answering your penfriend's questions.
- Write your **letter** on your answer sheet.

**Question 8**

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

*I felt nervous when the phone rang.*

- Write your **story** on your answer sheet.





**For Writing (Parts 1 and 2):**

Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided.

**Part 1: Write your answers below.**

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3	1 3 0
4	1 4 0
5	1 5 0

**Part 2 (Question 6): Write your answer below.**

Blank writing area for Part 2.

Put your answer to Writing Part 3 on Answer Sheet 2 →

Do not write below (Examiner use only)

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**Part 3: Mark the number of the question you are answering here → Q7 Q8**

Write your answer below.

Blank writing area for Part 3.

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