

**Rubric:** This is the Cambridge Preliminary English Test, Practice Test.

There are four parts to the test. You will hear each part twice. For each part of the test there will be time for you to look through the questions and time for you to check your answers.

Write your answers on the question paper. You will have six minutes at the end of the test to copy your answers onto the answer sheet.

The recording will now be stopped.

Please ask any questions now, because you must not speak during the test.

**PAUSE 00'05"**

**Rubric:** Now open your question paper and look at part 1.

**PAUSE 00'02"**

**Rubric:** There are seven questions in this part. For each question there are three pictures and a short recording. Choose the correct picture and put a tick in the box below it.

**Rubric:** Before we start, here is an example.

Where did the man leave his camera?

**M:** Oh no! I haven't got my camera!

**F:** But you used it just now to take a photograph of the fountain.

**M:** Oh I remember, I put it down on the steps while I put my coat on.

**F:** Well, let's drive back quickly – it might still be there.

**PAUSE 00'05"**

**Rubric:** The first picture is correct so there is a tick in box A.

Look at the three pictures for question 1 now.

**PAUSE 00'05"**

**Rubric:** Now we are ready to start. Listen carefully. You will hear each recording twice.

**Rubric:1: When will the women meet?**

<b>Part 1</b>			
<b>Pretest No.:</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>Question No.:</b>	<b>5</b>

**F1:** Shall we get together as early as possible in June then...?

**F2:** That would be great. We're actually taking a short break at the beginning of the month...we'll be back on Wednesday the sixth – so I could manage Thursday the seventh or Friday the eighth...

**F1:** Could we make it the Thursday? I'll be away on the Friday...

**F2:** That's fine.

**59 words**

**PAUSE 00'05"**

**Rubric:** Now listen again.

**REPEAT**

**PAUSE 00'05"**

**Rubric: 2 – What is in the parcel?**

<b>Part 1</b>			
<b>Pretest No.:</b>		<b>Question No.:</b>	

*[ mother and father talking about their student son ]*

**M2:** Is that the parcel for Mark?

**F2:** Yes, I'm just sending him a few things.

**M2:** Did you get the book he asked for?

**F2:** Yes, and I'm also sending him some gloves because it's so cold, and some chocolate. I was going to send him a new pen too, but I'll keep that until his birthday next month!

**56 words**

**PAUSE 00'05"**

**Rubric:** Now listen again.

**REPEAT**

**PAUSE 00'05"**

**Rubric: 3 – Which people are going on holiday with Anna?**

<b>Part 1</b>			
<b>Pretest No.:</b>	<b>39A</b>	<b>Question No.:</b>	<b>2</b>

*[ A man, and a teenage girl ]*

**M2:** Are you looking forward to going on holiday with your family, Anna?

**F1:** Yeah, I can't wait. My father was supposed to be away on a business trip that week, so we were just going with Mum, but now he's heard that his trip's postponed, so we'll all be together.

**M2:** Is your sister going now as well?

**F1:** She doesn't come on holidays with us now she's at university, but at least I'll have my little brother to go swimming with while my parents are sunbathing.

**84 words**

**PAUSE 00'05"**

**Rubric: Now listen again.**

**REPEAT**

**PAUSE 00'05"**

**Rubric: 4 – What does the man still have to buy today?**

<b>Part 1</b>			
<b>Pretest No.:</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>Question No.:</b>	<b>2</b>

**M2:** Hi Jeanne, I don't very often meet you shopping in town. Look at this lamp I've just picked up, it's an antique!

**F2:** That's lovely. So have you done all your shopping for today then?

**M2:** Not quite... I promised to buy a book of crosswords for Roz, that's where I'm going next. And I still want to go and look at digital cameras as well, though I won't be able to get one of those today. I've spent too much on the lamp!

**F2:** Well, have fun Bye.

86 words

**PAUSE 00'05"**

**Rubric:** Now listen again.

**REPEAT**

**PAUSE 00'05"**

**Rubric: 5 – Why is the plane delayed?**

<b>Part 1</b>	
<b>Pretest No.:</b>	<b>Question No.:</b>

**M:** Can I help you?

**F:** Yes, we're waiting for flight LX 516 to land. It says on the board that it's delayed.

**M:** Oh, I'm afraid we have several planes waiting to land. Although the storm's passed now, we're still experiencing problems with high winds. But we're trying to get as many planes as possible cleared to land. Let me look on my screen...

**F:** It's almost as bad as when it snowed heavily.

**M:** Yes... in fact the flight you're waiting for is just landing. So passengers should be coming through Arrivals soon.

**F:** Thanks!

90 words

**PAUSE 00'05"**

**Rubric:** Now listen again.

**REPEAT**

**PAUSE 00'05"**

**Rubric: 6 – What will they buy for their friend Jane?**

<b>Part 1</b>			
<b>Pretest No.:</b>		<b>Question No.:</b>	

[Couple early 20s]

**M:** What should we buy Jane for her birthday? She said she wanted some new sunglasses, didn't she?

**F:** Yes, that's right – she's going on holiday next week and wants a pair of sunglasses to take. Only .. I'm not sure what styles she'd like. I thought we could get her a book.

**M:** Oh, no, she's got loads of books, and she's so busy she hasn't got much time for reading. Unless we got her one about gardening? She loves plants and flowers.

**F:** Oh yes! That's a good idea.

**87 words**

**PAUSE 00'05"**

**Rubric: Now listen again.**

**REPEAT**

**PAUSE 00'05"**

**Rubric: 7 – Which is Mary's house?**

<b>Part 1</b>			
<b>Pretest No.:</b>	<b>17A</b>	<b>Question No.:</b>	<b>6</b>

**M2:** So this is Long Road. Which one's Mary's house?

**F2:** Mmm... I can't remember the number, but it's got a garden at the front.

**M2:** It could be that one then, with the tree next to it and the new car.

**F2:** Oh, they haven't got a car – they can't drive. Mmm... she told me they'd put up a fence last year – she's got young children. Oh, look – there she is! The car must belong to visitors. She didn't say anyone else was coming, though.

**82 words**

**PAUSE 00'05"**

**Rubric:** Now listen again.

**REPEAT**

**PAUSE 00'05"**

**Rubric:** That is the end of part 1.

**PAUSE 00'10"**

**Rubric:** Now turn to part 2, questions 8 to 13.

**Rubric:** You will hear a radio interview with Annie Jackson, a woman who translates Russian poetry into English.

For each question, put a tick in the correct box.

You now have 45 seconds to look at the questions for part 2.

**PAUSE 00'45"**

**Rubric:** Now we are ready to start. Listen carefully. You will hear the recording twice.

<b>Part 2</b>	
<b>Pretest No.:</b>	<b>203</b>
<b>Question Nos.:</b>	<b>8-13</b>

*[ radio programme, male interviewer ]*  
*[ Annie Jackson - elderly ]*

**Int:** Annie Jackson began learning Russian in her fifties, and now, aged 67, has just won a major prize for translating Russian poetry into English. Annie, tell us how you first became interested in Russian.

**Annie:** Well, when I was about 50, I went into hospital for a few weeks, and took an English translation of the Russian novel 'War and Peace'. I thought it was wonderful – the best novel I'd ever read. But then, I suddenly realised I hadn't read the writer's real work at all – only a *translation*. I wanted to read the actual words he'd written, so I decided to learn Russian.

**Int:** How did you begin?

**Annie:** Some people teach themselves, but that wasn't for me. I went to my local college to find out about part-time classes, but then a friend of mine, an elderly Russian lady, said 'Oh, no, I'll teach you.' So she did – fitting in lessons here and there, either at my home or hers. Then after a few years, I thought 'Why not go to university and do it properly?'

**Int:** Did you enjoy being a student again?

**Annie:** Oh, they were some of the happiest days of my life. But I'll never forget the first morning... At first I was so nervous that I didn't have the courage to even enter the University building – I walked twice round the square outside. Then I thought: 'What'll my family think? They'll be so disappointed in me!' So in I went.

**Int:** Did you find studying difficult?

**Annie:** The first term wasn't easy. I loved the course but I found that after I'd done all my reading, essays and translations, I had no time left for anything else because I was completely exhausted.

**Int:** What about the other students?

**Annie:** At the beginning, it was a shock for them, seeing someone their grandmother's age on their course. But after that they saw me as just another classmate – after all, we had the same work to do, the same translations. I've still got some good friends from that period – we've been friends for a long time now.

**Int:** And what about the future? Any plans to learn another language?

**Annie:** Oh, there's still so much I want to do with Russian. Friends say I should try writing my own poems, but I love translating so I think I'll move on to songs. There are so many beautiful ones in Russian. That would interest me more than starting another language.

**405 words**

**PAUSE 00'05"**

**Rubric:** Now listen again.

**REPEAT**

**PAUSE 00'05"**

**Rubric:** That is the end of part 2.

**PAUSE 00'10"**

**Rubric:** Now turn to part 3, questions 14 to 19.

**Rubric:** You will hear a woman talking to a group of people about a drama club.

**For each question, fill in the missing information in the numbered space.**

**You now have 20 seconds to look at part 3.**

**PAUSE 00'20"**

**Rubric: Now we are ready to start. Listen carefully. You will hear the recording twice.**

<b>Part 3</b>		
<b>Pretest No.:</b>	<b>36A</b>	<b>Question Nos.: 14-19</b>

**F2:** Thank you for coming today to hear about our drama club. The club is fifteen years old this year, and it's open to people of all ages.

We hold meetings every week, except in the school holidays. These are held at the Lemon Studio – which is located in River Street, and there's a wonderful view of the water from the studio. Behind the studio, there's a car park, which is free after six o'clock in the evenings. Meetings are on Wednesdays and are usually two hours long, beginning at six-thirty. When we're practising for a play, our meetings go on longer, sometimes till ten o'clock.

At the club you can act in one of our plays but there are lots of other activities as well. One of our members is a music teacher, and there are always lots of opportunities to do singing. You don't have to be an expert to join in! We also spend time at our meetings making all our own costumes for the plays we put on. In addition, once a month we show films. We have a very interesting programme this year.

If you'd like to come and see some of our work, we're performing a play next Saturday. The theatre is closed for repairs this weekend, so we've decided to do the play in the park. We're hoping the weather will be good. The performance is free by the way.

Now, if you'd like to join the drama club, you can come along to any of our meetings. Or you can phone the club secretary for more details. The number to call him on is five-double-six-two-one-eight. We look forward to welcoming you to the drama club soon.

**283 words**

**PAUSE 00'05"**

**Rubric: Now listen again.**

**REPEAT**



**PAUSE 00'05"**

**Rubric:** That is the end of part 3.

**PAUSE 00'10"**

**Rubric:** Now turn to part 4, questions 20 to 25.

**Rubric:** Look at the six sentences for this part. You will hear a man called Max and his wife, Karla, talking about inviting some guests for dinner.

Decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, put a tick in the box under A for YES. If it is not correct, put a tick in the box under B for NO.

You now have 20 seconds to look at the questions for part 4.

**PAUSE 00'20"**

**Rubric:** Now we are ready to start. Listen carefully. You will hear the recording twice.

<b>Pretest No.: 20A</b>	<b>Part No.: 4, Question Nos.: 20-25</b>
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**Max:** ...So have you invited Jane and Alex to come?

**Karla:** Yes, and they've just rung to say they can come on Friday.

**Max:** Friday! Oh, I've just planned to meet some people from work then. I wish Jane and Alex could come on Saturday instead. But I don't suppose we can change it now, though, can we? Never mind, I'll just have to ring my colleagues and cancel.

**Karla:** You know how much I like entertaining, but I've got quite a few business trips coming up in the next few weeks, so I'd prefer just to relax this weekend. If they come on Friday, we'll then have the rest of the weekend to ourselves.

**Max:** Oh I see – okay then. What are you going to cook?

**Karla:** Well, it's going to be a bit of a challenge, as I know Jane can only eat certain foods. She definitely can't eat fish or seafood, for example, and she's given me a list of some other foods to avoid, too.

**Max:** Oh, really? I had no idea. That is going to make it difficult, then, isn't it?

**Karla:** Mmm... but I think I can still manage. I've got a recipe. It includes lots of things that Jane can eat, and it looks quite simple to make.

**Max:** Shouldn't you really do something you've done before? You've always said you get a bit stressed doing a new dish, because things sometimes go wrong...

**Karla:** Mmm... maybe you're right. Perhaps I'll just do one of my usual recipes, and change what's in it for Jane.

**Max:** Well, I'm quite happy to do the cooking if you want me to.

**Karla:** Well... great! To be honest, I wasn't looking forward to spending so much time in the kitchen, so I think that's a much better idea. Thanks a lot.

**Max:** You know I'd much rather do that than go and buy the things we need. You're better at that than I am, and much quicker, aren't you?

**Karla:** Definitely. Let's write a list of what we need then... **[FADE]**

**330 words**

**PAUSE 00'05"**

**Rubric:** Now listen again.

**REPEAT**

**PAUSE 00'05"**

**Rubric:** That is the end of part 4.

**PAUSE 00'10"**

**Rubric:** You now have six minutes to check and copy your answers on to the answer sheet.

**PAUSE 5'00"**

[ Ping ]

**Rubric:** You have one more minute.

**PAUSE 1'00"**

[ Ping ]

**Rubric:** That is the end of the test.

