

CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT

TEXT BOOKLET

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PRELIMINARY ENGLISH TEST

PAPER 1 Reading and Writing

SAMPLE TEST 1

**SUITABLE FOR CANDIDATES WHO ARE VISUALLY
IMPAIRED**

PART 2

DESCRIPTIONS OF VILLAGES A – H FOR QUESTIONS 6 – 10

VILLAGES AROUND WELLINGHAM

A OVERHULME

Overhulme is a lively village with plenty of new two- and three-bedroom houses and flats. It has an excellent bus service that runs every thirty minutes along the main road to the city centre. Unfortunately, there are no shops, but the primary school has a new swimming pool, which is very popular with villagers.

B CLOVERBY

Cloverby is the largest village in the area and therefore has a good range of services, from shops to buses. Cloverby is a very busy village with many old cottages. The majority of villagers are over the age of 60 and they meet regularly at their own social club, and sports are organised every summer.

C DENBY

Denby is rapidly becoming a small town, although it still lacks some basic facilities, like schools and a sports centre, and shopping is limited. There is a bus service but it is not very regular at present. There is a good range of accommodation – from small cottages to five-bedroom houses with swimming pools.

D FOREST GREEN

Forest Green is a fairly quiet village, with a large number of retired people. Local people have worked hard to have cycle paths made to connect the village with Wellingham city centre. Accommodation here consists of a mixture of modern apartments and older houses.

E RIVERSIDE

Riverside offers a variety of houses for sale. There is a primary school and plenty for small children to do, including a range of after-school clubs. There are two shops – a newsagent's and a small supermarket – and a good bus service to Wellingham, which is 20 kilometres away.

F HORINGTON

Horington is a large village. It has excellent schools for children of all ages. There is a new housing development in the centre of the village with both flats and large four-, five- and six-bedroom houses. The village is pleasant, and convenient for the nearby motorway.

G WATERMERE

Watermere is about six kilometres east of Wellingham, and offers some very attractive family homes. It has become quite well-known because of its annual festival of old folk music. Watermere has a primary school and a newsagent's shop and is very near the motorway to London.

H TONBRIDGE

Tonbridge is a pretty village and has a very active sports and social club for all ages. In the winter, members organise football matches and during the summer tennis and cycling are popular. There is a good bus service, but no shops. The village is famous for its lovely, traditional cottages.

PART 3

TEXT FOR QUESTIONS 11 – 20

FROM THE ROCKIES TO THE SEA

**A journey by road, rail and sea through the west of
Canada**

Canada's West is one of the most spectacular parts of the world. Our journey will take you through enormous areas of unspoilt country.

DAYS 1–3

Fly from London to Vancouver. Transfer to the Stanley Park Hotel for a three-night stay. Arrangements in Vancouver include a city tour, followed by a drive to Grouse Mountain (if the weather is good enough) and to Capilano Park. With your free time in Vancouver you can explore independently or book some extra trips. (Details of these will be provided locally.)

DAYS 4–7

Drive towards the Fraser Canyon and stay overnight in Kamloops. Travel east through the Columbia Mountains to the popular mountain resort of Banff for a three-night stay at the Travellers Inn. Two days are spent in the Banff National Park, where you can visit the museum, take the Mountains and Lakes Tour or, if you prefer, spend some time relaxing just admiring the wonderful scenery.

DAYS 8–9

Head north to Lake Louise, passing through spectacular mountain scenery, and on to Jasper for a two-night stay

at the Jasper Inn or, in busy periods, similar accommodation. You can visit Jasper National Park or there are other trips available. You can take the Jasper Tramway 2,285 metres up Whistlers Mountain, or go on a full-day tour of the lakes, including Pyramid and Patricia Lakes.

DAYS 10–11

This part of the journey, from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean, has wonderful scenery, which is best seen by train. It would also be very tiring to travel this distance by road. Board the train for the two-day journey to the coast. Your overnight hotel accommodation is in Prince George. Rejoin the train for the journey to Prince Rupert, which is just a few kilometres from the Alaskan border. Stay overnight at the Crest Motor Hotel.

DAYS 12–13

An early start to catch the British Columbian ferry for a full-day cruise down the coast to Vancouver Island. Next day, sail into the Johnstone Strait to look for whales, dolphins and birds. You can learn more about these and the area from the guides on board the ferry.

DAYS 14–17

Continue south to the provincial capital of Victoria. On arrival, a brief sightseeing trip will quickly acquaint you with this lovely city. Stay two nights at the Harbourside Hotel. This city is perfect for walking around, and it also offers excellent shopping and restaurants. Morning departure by ferry to Vancouver. Transfer to the airport from the London flight.

For further details and departure dates telephone Gateway Tours on 020 7409 0376.

PART 4

TEXT FOR QUESTIONS 21 – 25

For years I used to sit in my car in heavy traffic thinking that there must be a better way of getting to work. I love being in the fresh air and I hated being stuck in the car in the middle of all that pollution. Then one day I had an idea.

I'd always loved horses and have five myself. I decided it would be more relaxing to make the journey on one of my horses, instead of in my car, as I would be able to go along country paths and across the fields.

My employer said I could bring my horse, called Mayfield, to work if I could find somewhere for him during the day. I tried local farmers but in the end, a colleague at work agreed to let me keep Mayfield in her nearby field while I was at work. During the day I checked to see if Mayfield was OK, and was pleased to find him relaxing in the sun.

It usually takes me twenty minutes to get to work by car, but the day I rode Mayfield it took me an hour and a quarter. When I finished work I got Mayfield ready and left at 6 p.m. I'm sure he wanted to get home because the return journey was fifteen minutes quicker than the morning one. I don't know if I'd ride to work every day, but it is more fun!

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