

CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT

QUESTION BOOKLET

LOOK AT THIS BOOKLET FIRST

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PRELIMINARY ENGLISH TEST

Reading and Writing

SAMPLE TEST 1

TIME: 1 hour 30 minutes plus your additional time allowance

SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES

NOTE: to help you to do this paper, the texts for Reading Parts 2, 3 and 4 are in a separate TEXT booklet.

READ INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 2

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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.

Write your answers on your answer sheet.

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

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.

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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:

0 The notice says:

No bicycles against glass please

- A Do not leave your bicycle touching the window.**
- B Broken glass may damage your bicycle tyres.**
- C Your bicycle may not be safe here.**

EXAMPLE ANSWER: A

1 The notice says:

Canteen

**Our coffee making machine is broken – tea only
today**

Back to normal tomorrow

- A Coffee is not available at the moment.**
- B Our normal tea is not available today.**
- C We are getting a new drinks machine tomorrow.**

2 The notice says:

**For a discount, show the receptionist your member's
card when buying your entrance ticket.**

- A To become a member you need to buy a card
from the receptionist.**
- B Unless you have a member's card, you are not
allowed to enter.**
- C To pay less to enter, members must let the
receptionist see their card.**

3 The message says:

Shona,

**Have a great holiday. When you get back give me a ring from the airport and I'll come and pick you up.
Mum**

Shona's mother

- A wants to be picked up from the airport.**
- B has agreed to take her to the airport.**
- C is offering to fetch her from the airport.**

4 The notice says:

Do not place your hand in this post box – the edges are sharp

- A You could cut your hand on the inside of this post box.**
- B Do not put anything with sharp edges in this post box.**
- C This box is damaged, so please use the one inside.**

5 The email says:

**TO: Jim
FROM: Anna**

**Sorry – can't come to the concert tomorrow.
Does your brother want my ticket?
Phone me later tonight if he does.**

- A Anna wants Jim to phone her if he can't go to the concert.**
- B Jim should call Anna if his brother wants to go to the concert.**
- C Anna will phone Jim later if she is unable to go to the concert.**

PART 2

QUESTIONS 6 – 10

The people below all want to move to a village near to the city of Wellingham.

On pages 2 – 4 of the separate booklet, there are descriptions of eight villages.

Decide which village (letters A – H) would be the most suitable for the following people (numbers 6 – 10).

For questions (6 – 10), mark the correct answer (A – H) on your answer sheet.

- 6 Peter and Anne are hoping to buy a new house.
They would like a five-bedroom house, as they have four children. The village they choose needs to have both primary and secondary schools.**
- 7 Seb is looking for an old property. He wants to live in a village where he can join in a range of sports activities all year round**
- 8 Anita is looking for a flat. She is keen on cycling and wants to be able to cycle safely to her job in Wellingham.**
- 9 Susannah works in Wellingham and would like a small, modern house in a village which has a regular bus service, as she cannot drive. She is particularly keen on swimming.**

- 10 Edith is new to the area. She is looking for a small property in a village which has some good shops, and activities for retired people like her.**

PART 3

QUESTIONS 11 – 20

Look at the sentences below about a trip across Canada. Read the text on pages 5 – 6 of the separate booklet 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 The trip to Grouse Mountain may be cancelled.
- 12 You will receive information about possible trips around Vancouver before you arrive there.
- 13 The stay in Banff will be busy, without any opportunities to rest during the day.
- 14 There may be a change to the hotel arrangements in Jasper.
- 15 The rail journey offers better views than you would get if you travelled by road.
- 16 Sleeping facilities will be available on the train to Prince Rupert.

- 17 You will need to get up early the day you visit Vancouver Island.**
- 18 Days 12 and 13 are both spent on a boat.**
- 19 You will be given information about the wildlife around Vancouver Island.**
- 20 You will have a lengthy tour of Victoria.**

PART 4

QUESTIONS 21 – 25

Read the text on page 7 of the separate booklet and the questions below.

For each question, mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

21 What is the writer trying to do in the text?

- A describe how to look after horses**
- B talk about how she first became interested in horses**
- C explain why she rides a horse every day**
- D say why she wanted to ride a horse to work**

22 What can a reader find out from the text?

- A when it is best to travel to and from work**
- B how long it took the writer to ride to work**
- C which local routes drivers can take to work**
- D how often the writer takes her horse to work**

23 Why did the writer dislike her daily journey by car?

- A She didn't feel confident about driving.**
- B It took her too long.**
- C She wanted to get more fresh air.**
- D It was difficult to find somewhere to park.**

- 24 While she was at work, the writer left her horse**
- A in a place her employer found for her.**
 - B in a field close to where she works.**
 - C on some land owned by her company.**
 - D in a field belonging to a local farmer.**
- 25 Which of the following would be a suitable title for this text?**
- A Come and work in the countryside!**
 - B Horse causes traffic jam on motorway!**
 - C A more relaxing way to travel to work!**
 - D Horse escapes while owner at work!**

PART 5

QUESTIONS 26 – 35

Read the text below and choose the correct word from the following options on page 14 for each space.

For each question, mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

EXAMPLE:

- 0 A several B lots C much D any

EXAMPLE ANSWER: A

HUMAN CASTLES

Human Castles are a tradition in (0) _____ parts of the world. In the north-east of Spain, (26) _____ the custom is four hundred years old, springtime is the beginning of the castle building (27) _____ .

This started (28) _____ a family tradition and even today (29) _____ men, women and children give amazing performances. One by one they climb onto (30) _____ other's shoulders to make human towers. These are so tall that even (31) _____ at them makes you feel dizzy.

The castle builders perform on public holidays from April to November. Castle building (32) _____ enormous

crowds. This activity is (33) _____ on television and there are reports of performances in the next day's newspapers. To many, it is surprising that this hasn't become a professional sport. Teams perform in the main square of the town, so the public (34) _____ enjoy the event without paying an entrance (35) _____. It's great fun.

OPTIONS FOR QUESTIONS 26 – 35

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| 26 | A where | B which | C what | D whose |
| 27 | A moment | B date | C season | D term |
| 28 | A about | B as | C because | D like |
| 29 | A usual | B average | C general | D ordinary |
| 30 | A all | B each | C one | D every |
| 31 | A seeing | B watching | C looking | D noticing |
| 32 | A attends | B arrives | C attracts | D approves |
| 33 | A appeared | B discovered | C uncovered | D shown |
| 34 | A can | B must | C would | D should |
| 35 | A fee | B sum | C cost | D amount |

WRITING

PART 1

QUESTIONS 1 – 5

**Here are some sentences about using the internet.
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 and the next page for any rough work.**

EXAMPLE:

- 0 You can use the internet anywhere in the world.**

**It _____ to use the internet anywhere in
the world.**

EXAMPLE ANSWER: is possible

- 1 No other 20th-century invention has been more
useful than the internet.**

**The internet has been the _____
invention of the 20th century.**

- 2 With the right software, it is easy to design a website.**

**It is difficult to design a website _____
having the right software.**

3 Doing her shopping online saves my mother time.

My mother doesn't spend as _____ time shopping when she does it online.

4 You need two phone lines if you use the internet a lot.

You don't need two phone lines _____ you use the internet a lot.

5 Every month I receive a minimum of 200 emails.

Every month I receive at _____ 200 emails.

PART 2

QUESTION 6

An English-speaking friend of yours, who lives in another part of your country, is coming to visit you next Saturday.

Write an email to your friend. In your email, you should

- suggest a suitable train for your friend to catch
- explain where you will meet him or her
- say what your friend should bring.

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.

Mark the question number in the box at the top of your answer sheet.

QUESTION 7

Your English teacher has asked you to write a story.

Your story must begin with this sentence:

IT ALL BEGAN WHEN THE POST ARRIVED.

Write your STORY in about 100 words on your answer sheet.

QUESTION 8

This is part of a letter you receive from your English friend.

IT'S A PITY I MISSED MARIA'S PARTY. DID YOU ENJOY IT? WRITE AND TELL ME ABOUT IT

Now write a letter, telling your friend about Maria's party.

Write your LETTER in about 100 words on your answer sheet.

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