

PRELIMINARY ENGLISH TEST

Reading

Sample Test 2**Time** 45 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 sheet if they are not already there.

Read the instructions for each part of the paper carefully.

Answer all the questions.

Read the instructions on the answer sheet.

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

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

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

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Questions **1 – 32** carry one mark.

Part 1

Questions 1 – 5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

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Traveller Magazine

Read the latest on what to avoid packing if you want to take hand luggage only on your holiday flight – no need to get stuck in check-in baggage queues. See page 27!

On page 27,

- A read some reviews about some of the best luggage companies.
- B discover what is allowed in luggage if you don't want to check in any bags.
- C learn how you can avoid any further queues after checking in your luggage.

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- A Ali is offering to help Sam make a dish for a special occasion.
- B Ali has got a book that Sam could give his mum for her birthday.
- C Ali is asking Sam to return his mum's cookbook when he visits him.

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EMAIL

From: College Coach

To: Team members

Could Reserve Team footballers who borrowed college sports shirts please return them washed and ready to be used by the First Team for next week's championship match.

- A Team members should let the coach know when their sports kits will be ready.
- B Clean sports shirts are needed by one college football team for an important match.
- C First Team must lend Reserve Team members their football shirts next week.

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Cook this pizza
only from frozen:

Heat oven to 220°C
and cook for 15–18 minutes.
When removing it from oven,
make sure the centre of the
pizza is heated through, and
then eat immediately.

- A The pizza can be cooked when it is either at room temperature or frozen.
- B You will need at least 18 minutes to heat up this pizza if it's frozen.
- C After cooking, check that the pizza is completely hot before eating it.

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Jennie

I'm at the bike shop getting my bike checked for our cycling holiday. Have you done yours? You haven't used it for ages, so it needs checking, especially tyres and brakes.

Home soon!

Alex

- A Alex is offering to check Jennie's bike when he gets home later.
- B Alex is recommending somewhere that Jennie can get her cycle tyres and brakes checked.
- C Alex is warning Jennie what must be done to her bike before their holiday.

Turn over ►

Part 2

Questions 6 – 10

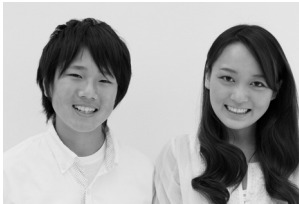
For each question, choose the correct answer.

The people below all want to go somewhere to see wildlife.

On the opposite page there are descriptions of eight music festivals.

Decide which music festival would be the most suitable for the people below.

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Jerome and Maria are looking for a festival where they can dance to music from different countries, and do some art activities, too. They'd prefer not to bring camping equipment with them.

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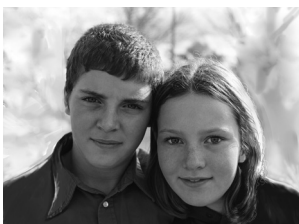
Max and Bella want a festival somewhere on the coast, where they can listen to bands from around the world. They'd like to join an organised sightseeing trip around the area while they're there.

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Jon and Katia want a festival where well-known DJs play music between band performances, and where they can try different types of food. They'd also like to watch films while they're there.

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Marit and Denis would like to find a festival that's held in a historic building, and has performances from new bands. They'd like to stay somewhere inexpensive nearby.

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Sonja and Kim want to attend a festival that's held in the countryside, and does as little damage to the environment as possible. They'd like dance performances to be included as well as the music.

Music festivals

A Get the Beat!

If you love dance, this is the place for you! At Corrie Castle, the international DJs play fantastic dance music to get you on your feet when bands aren't on stage! This festival is also famous for its food market, and huge campsite, where you'll easily find space for your own tent.

C More Music

Surrounded by beautiful fields, this is the 'greenest' festival around. Visitors should bring as little plastic to the site as possible. Everyone must clear up any rubbish left on the fields, to help protect this location's natural beauty. You'll see both famous and new international bands and DJs, plus incredible dancers performing to jazz, street and other music.

E Wild Sounds

There's a free coastal campsite here for those who've brought tents, and reasonably-priced hotels not far away. The location's amazing – a former palace that once entertained royal visitors. It's the perfect environment to see famous DJs, and also bands, some of whom have just arrived on the music scene. There's plenty to explore in the area, too.

G Amaze!

You'll see great DJs, musicians and groups who've never performed at a live event before! This festival's also famous for its dance and film shows, so make sure you watch those. Comfortable tents are provided, with cheap hotels near the field where the festival's held. Sightseeing tours are also offered.

B Groove Thing

This festival's famous for the music groups, DJs and dancers who come from many different countries to play here. There's plenty to visit outside the festival too, as it's right by the sea, and guided tours are available to show you more of the region.

D Fab!

Merton Castle is by the sea, making it perfect for a festival, and there are guided tours of the area, too. The festival's well known for the organisers' efforts to encourage everyone to protect the environment. And apart from the music, there are activities such as film shows, and classes in art and food.

F Far Out!

There's plenty to do here apart from listening to music, with sessions on food and painting included in your ticket. Bands and DJs from every continent will definitely get you moving to their great street, disco and Latin American music! If you're staying overnight, comfortable tents are provided near the beach.

H Get Down!

No need to bring anything to eat – there are loads of tents serving delicious meals and snacks in a great variety of styles. There's a huge cinema tent, too! And if you go dancing at discos, you'll recognise the DJs playing music once the bands finish!

Turn over ►

Part 3

Questions 11 – 15

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Ancient history project

Student Ryan Sharpe gets involved in an archaeology project close to home.

I recently went to see an interesting project near my village. A farmer there was considering putting a house on one of his fields. But he knew before work could start, history experts would have to check there were no ancient items in the ground – especially as he'd found old coins and rings while digging in the field. In fact, when the experts started searching, they discovered there'd been people living there over 2,000 years ago!

Anyway, the experts were giving tours of the search area, so I was keen to go. It fitted in well with the college studies I was already doing in ancient history, but more importantly, it was an area I'd always played in as a kid, and was some distance from my old school. And because my cousin's a history teacher, he came with me to meet the search team and look around.

Our tour guide began by showing us maps of the area. From what they'd found, they thought there used to be an ancient farm there, on the edge of a small village where a few families had lived. My cousin had already mentioned this, and I could see how the place might have looked then, although the guide's maps weren't easy to follow. But even though there weren't any people digging that day, it was still really interesting.

After the tour, the guide showed us objects they'd found, which had been made in the area. There was beautiful metal jewellery, which I took pictures of. You could see the pieces were shaped like different animals, even though they were damaged. There were broken pots too, similar in style to ones still made nearby. The guide also showed us some animal bones, although I had no idea which creatures they'd come from. Then the guide said that over the centuries, loads of soil and sand was taken away by builders, so lots more valuable things had almost certainly been lost, which I thought was a huge pity. Anyway, the search was soon finishing, so the guide invited us to take part in the final stages of the digging work. My cousin agreed immediately, but I didn't have the confidence – in case I broke something valuable!

11 Why did history experts first begin searching the area near Ryan's village?

- A** They had learnt that the land was going to be sold.
- B** They had found evidence of ancient buildings.
- C** They discovered some valuable items hidden there.
- D** They needed to examine the land before it was built on.

12 Why did Ryan want to visit the search area?

- A** He was about to start studying ancient history.
- B** He had spent a lot of time there as a child.
- C** His relative asked him to join the search team.
- D** His teacher encouraged him to take part.

13 During his tour of the search area, Ryan

- A** found it hard to imagine how the place looked centuries ago.
- B** was surprised that so many people had once lived there.
- C** had problems understanding some of the details he was given.
- D** was interested to discover an ancient farm had previously stood there.

14 After the tour, Ryan was

- A** disappointed to hear that some objects had probably disappeared.
- B** impressed by the condition of the things that were dug up.
- C** amazed at the wide range of industry that had once existed in the area.
- D** sad to be told that the search was nearly over.

15 What would Ryan write to a college friend about visiting the search area?

A

They need people to help out with digging the ground to see what else they can find. My cousin's coming – do you want to join us?

B

I liked the busy atmosphere of the place – there were so many experts there, digging in the ground.

C

I saw an old metal earring they'd found, made to look like a cat – really lovely. I've got a photo, so I'll show you.

D

They'd found some animal bones, and asked us to say which animal they belonged to – and I got them all right!

Part 4

Questions 16 – 20

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.

Swimming to the office

Do you ever get tired of all the traffic and noise in the mornings, when you're trying to get to work or college? Then why not try Benjamin David's method of getting to the office – by swimming along the river?

Benjamin enjoys swimming outdoors, in all sorts of weather conditions. So the idea of avoiding the traffic and swimming 2 km to his office down the river in Munich really appealed to him.

16 This means it's not really suitable for people to swim there.

Luckily, though, Benjamin uses a special kind of waterproof bag that contains all his work clothes and other items while he's swimming. And the bag serves another useful purpose too. **17** So that helps him float down the more difficult sections of the river.

Benjamin swims as often as possible, although sometimes after a thunderstorm, the water current in the river is too strong, and there may be rubbish floating in the water. **18** It's a better way of getting to the office than swimming in those dangerous conditions.

The swim to work takes Benjamin less than 30 minutes. Benjamin says 'When I'm in the water it's absolutely beautiful. Sometimes I hear commuters yelling at each other up on the riverbank while I'm having fun watching ducklings and squirrels.'

Since Benjamin started, the news has spread about his unusual journey to his office. **19** So to help them, Benjamin has posted some advice online about how to stay safe when swimming in the river.

Not long ago, Benjamin was once spotted by a class of schoolchildren on one of the bridges crossing the river. When they called out to him, he got out of the water to talk to them about his swimming.

20 Benjamin thinks it shows how people, nature and civilisation can exist together.

- A** He can easily check the river conditions now, before he sets off.
- B** After all, there's an important message behind what he's doing.
- C** It also traps air inside it, once it's closed.
- D** But that hasn't stopped him so far.
- E** On those days, Benjamin goes to work on his bike instead.
- F** As a result, other people have decided to swim to work, too.
- G** This is particularly important in Benjamin's city, where traffic is heavy.
- H** However, the water along part of the route flows by very quickly.

Part 5

Questions 21 – 26

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Cau Vang Bridge

In the last few years, people in different countries across the world have built a number of spectacular bridges for pedestrians. One of these, in Vietnam, is called the Cau Vang meaning ‘golden bridge’, because of its colour.

Building work began on the bridge in 2017, and less than a year **(21)** before it was complete. The bridge **(22)** of eight different sections joined together, and in total, it is 150 metres in length. It stands **(23)** 1,400 metres above sea level.

The bridge is extraordinary, as the architects have made it look as though a pair of giant ancient-looking stone hands are lifting it up towards the sky. Visitors from around the world are **(24)** by the magnificent view of the Truong Son Mountains. There are also other great tourist **(25)** in the area, such as an extremely long cable car, so the place is **(26)** to become a very popular destination for visitors to Vietnam.

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| 21 | A lifted | B moved | C passed | D disappeared |
| 22 | A consists | B involves | C forms | D contains |
| 23 | A mainly | B approximately | C absolutely | D clearly |
| 24 | A unforgettable | B charming | C impressed | D enjoyable |
| 25 | A interests | B arrangements | C positions | D attractions |
| 26 | A planned | B likely | C obvious | D confident |

Part 6

Questions 27 – 32

For each question, write the correct answer.

Write **one** word for each gap.

New printmaking course!

Student Emily Watts tries out a new art course here in college

Hi everyone!

Last week, I attended a brilliant evening class at the college. **(27)** was a printmaking class for beginners. I got to print my own pictures and designs using basic equipment.

I took along a design of a sea creature that I'd created, and the teacher showed me how to transfer my design onto a piece of plastic and cut it out. Then I had to cover the plastic with ink and press it down onto a piece of paper. **(28)** the method was really simple, the results were good. I was really proud **(29)** what I'd printed! And the great thing was that we could produce several copies of our designs without having to draw them again **(30)** time.

The teacher was **(31)** friendly that everyone felt very comfortable in the class, even people who couldn't draw very well. I can definitely recommend this class to anyone who enjoys **(32)** creative!