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Exam Booklet Sample Test

*All answers must be filled in
on the answer sheet to be valid.*



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PAPER ONE

Reading and Writing

1
El sello no puede ser
violado hasta que se
le indique.

Do not open until told.



60 min

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the short messages and choose the best sentence for each one. For numbers 1–4, fill in the correct letter (A, B or C) on your answer sheet.

1.

Customer

I'm unhappy with my phone. It arrived yesterday, and right out of the box it charges more slowly than the product description says online. Can you help? Also, I can't update some apps, so it's not what I need.

Manager

We're very sorry. We've had a few similar complaints and can send you equipment that will charge your phone faster. We're working on the problem with downloading. Customer service will call you soon to give you instructions.

- A** The buyer is upset about the speed of the company's delivery service.
- B** The webpage advertisement was incorrect, according to the buyer.
- C** The company didn't realize there was a problem before this message.

2.

CoachSteve

Hi players and families! As you know, the Tiger Soccer Club is busy organizing its annual tournament next month. We're asking parents to help register the visiting teams on Saturday and sell food all day Saturday and Sunday in order to support our club. Remember, our goal is to pay an assistant coach this year. If you can help, write back here in the comments.

SoccerMom

We'd be happy to help on Sunday morning. Please send the details. Thanks!

- A** The Tiger Soccer Club is traveling to a soccer tournament next month.
- B** One of the parents would like more information before deciding to help.
- C** The money they make at this event will go to the club, not the parents.

3.

Melissa

What can I bring to your house on Friday?

Johanna

Hey Melissa! I invited Ron and Tony and they offered to bring some meat for the hamburgers, but now Tony can't make it, so I think we'll need more. Could you bring some? If you can't make it to the supermarket, you can just pass by the corner store and get more soda. But really, as long as everybody comes, we'll eat a lot and have lots of fun.

- A** Ron doesn't want to come to the party without Tony.
- B** Melissa must buy meat for the hamburgers and something else.
- C** Johanna doesn't mind if her friends are too busy to help.

4.

Class Discussion Group

Teacher

Who do you respect most?

Karla

Some people choose celebrities, but for me it's my dad. He's reliable, he works really hard and always helps at home. And he's so funny!

Alex

Mine's funny, too. I'll talk about my uncle. I moved in with him ten years ago. He has four other kids and got a second job, but still has time for us. He makes us laugh, and I could trust him with my life!

- A** Alex and Karla have the same basic reasons for respecting people.
- B** Both students think achievement is more important than character.
- C** Alex and Karla would agree that a sense of humor is required.

INSTRUCTIONS: Match each type of text with the extract that describes it. For numbers 5–8, fill in the correct letter (A–F) on your answer sheet. There are TWO ADDITIONAL extracts.

EXAMPLE**CORRECT ANSWER**

A	B	C	D	E	F	■
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TYPE OF TEXT	EXTRACT
0. A label on clothes	G This suit is made of merino wool and should only be washed in a machine with cold water and natural soap. Never use hot water. Hang to dry. Ironing not recommended.
5. An advertisement for a cleaning service	A These are almost new: a washing machine and dryer with a certificate of low water and energy use. They're going for a low price and we'll bring them to your location for no extra charge.
6. Instructions for laboratory workers	B Use just a few drops on the area and then leave for at least fifteen minutes. Wash by hand with cold water and soap, repeat if necessary. Then wash normally.
7. Advice for how to remove spots	C Put the paper into the liquid and wait for it to change color. You'll see the reaction within fifteen seconds. Compare the color to the diagram. Share results with your doctor if necessary.
8. A sign in a hotel	D Never mix it with any other chemical. Be sure to wear your gloves and coat at all times. If any liquid gets in your eyes, wash them out immediately with cold water in the fountain.
	E Trust us with your most difficult stains. Bring your clothes in the morning and you'll have them within three days. We also have dry cleaning for your silk, wool, or other special items.
	F Our laundry room is available, but we also provide a convenient overnight service. Call the front desk, then leave your clothes and shoes in the bags provided with any special instructions about dirt or damage.

INSTRUCTIONS: For each number, 9–14, choose one of the four texts (A, B, C or D) where you can find the information. Fill in the correct letter on your answer sheet. You may use each letter MORE THAN ONCE.

9. an answer to a common question
 10. a creative opportunity to solve a real problem
 11. a difficulty that makes people give up
 12. teaching other people to do something
 13. a warning about a daily habit
 14. a program that encourages social relationships

TEXTS

A

BEST BAKING WEBSITE THIS YEAR!

Would you like to be able to invent your own delicious desserts? Have you stopped baking because nothing ends up the way you hoped?

Try the Baking Mix game. It's a fun online tool where you teach yourself how ingredients work together to make yummy treats.

HOW?

Start with basic ingredients like flour, water, and eggs. "Mix" them together in different amounts, add flavors, then "bake" them with a click of your mouse. The game will tell you if your recipe is a success.

WHY?

Create new combinations and learn what you need to bake successfully. Keep, share and print your recipes. Fun and educational!

B

Dr. John's Blog

We used to think that coffee didn't have a lot of health benefits. Like with most things, drinking too much of it can be unhealthy, so keep it to three or four cups a day. But there's good news for everyone who needs coffee to get the day started—and for the many patients who contact me wanting to know if it can be healthy. We've known that coffee contains a small number of vitamins and minerals, such as antioxidants, and now several recent studies show that coffee reduces the risk of some major diseases, most importantly, heart disease. It is also connected to possible benefits for brain health.

C

www.erasmus.com

SUPPORTING STUDENT EXCHANGE

Students in the Erasmus Student Network are helping to make the world smaller and friendlier by supporting student exchange programs. The organization was created to strengthen the European Union, but they have partner organizations all over the world. About 15,000 student members help other exchange students, and thanks to them, over 300,000 students at the university level and above take part in Erasmus programs every year. Members say they are glad to know they belong to an international group of students working for change.

The project helps with studying, internships, research, and even part-time jobs, and it brings people together. Look for Erasmus in your country!

D

Health Department News

We're announcing a new public health competition today for kids and adults, too. Help us design the best cartoon that explains how to throw face masks away safely. If we choose your design, you will win \$500!



As we've seen lately, many people don't know how to get rid of their masks and often throw them on the street. This has become a problem in our city. Use your design skills to make a difference. Upload your drawing to our website before May 20 and help us prevent trash on the streets.

Three more winners will be selected at random to receive \$50 each. Get started today!

INSTRUCTIONS: Read this text about an American football team. For numbers 15–22, fill in the correct letter (A, B, or C) on your answer sheet.

A Special Team

With one minute left, the other team has a last chance to score. Their quarterback throws the ball between two defenders. They drop it, and the California School of the Deaf wins the championship, 80–26. They're undefeated—12–0—a perfect season! The team was excited to be in the national headlines. Not losing a single game all season is quite an achievement; however, it's even greater for them. Their football program started over half a century ago, but they've never won a tournament. And for more than a decade, they haven't had a winning season, although they were only one game away in the previous season.

That's not for lack of trying, though. Only dedicated athletes know what is needed to succeed at a high level. Athletes usually start young, and the routine can mean training three times a day or frequently getting hurt. Most people who love American football dream of playing it in high school and college, but they never make it, in part because of the tremendous effort required.

You might also think that there are extra challenges for this team, as every player is deaf. But they don't want you to think of them as disabled. Actually, they consider their communication to be better than the average team. For them, being deaf is a strength, since they make decisions using what they can see happening on the field, and the crowd noise never distracts them. Being alike has brought them together—these players know their friendships will last for a lifetime.

Now, the coaches, the parents, and the reporters can't stop talking about this team. Their season has been incredible, full of spectacular plays. They've made headlines and been honored at the Super Bowl since they started winning again last year, but media attention for winning is not their primary ambition. The team wants their success to send this message: Deaf players can do as well or better than anyone else.

15. The team won their final game _____.
A because the other team made a mistake
B at the last possible moment in the game
C by scoring points during the whole game
16. This year, the California School of the Deaf football team _____.
A carried out a team ambition at long last
B were hoping to appear in the newspaper
C prevented other teams from scoring at all

17. The school football team _____.
- A had many winning seasons like this before
 - B never had long periods without winning
 - C had a second chance at success this year
18. According to the author, _____.
- A being a top athlete is always enjoyable
 - B fans can't understand an athlete's life
 - C starting sports later will usually be difficult
19. The article says that _____.
- A most fans in America also play football
 - B if you train hard, you can be an athlete
 - C many people imagine a similar future
20. This team has _____.
- A turned their challenges into an advantage
 - B better sight than the teams they play against
 - C had to learn to communicate with their coach
21. The players feel close because _____.
- A they won their team's championship
 - B they're different from other players
 - C they were already friends at school
22. The California School of the Deaf team _____.
- A are still trying to achieve a goal
 - B would like to be in the news again
 - C want to be recognized as special

INSTRUCTIONS: Read this article about an unusual language and choose the words that complete the text. For numbers 23–30, fill in the correct letter (A, B, or C) on your answer sheet.

Esperanto

Languages are a challenge to learn, and people spend significant time and energy on them. However, there's a language that's meant to be learned within a year of **(23)**_____ it up: Esperanto.

Unlike most languages, Esperanto was created by one person, Dr. L.L. Zamenhof, in the 19th century. He lived in Poland, which, at that time, had inhabitants from more than four countries, although there were four **(24)**_____ groups of language speakers: Russian, Polish, German, and Jewish. Communication was **(25)**_____ impossible, and the lack of understanding bothered Zamenhof. So, he invented a new language with simpler rules, consisting **(26)**_____ vocabulary that came from the over seven languages he spoke. In a world with so many serious problems, Zamenhof designed a language to give the world hope, which is what the name means.

As we know, Esperanto never **(27)**_____ to world peace. In fact, France even voted **(28)**_____ the use of Esperanto at first. The French thought it **(29)**_____ become too popular, but only between one and two million people speak Esperanto in the world today. There's also a network of speakers that helps members **(30)**_____ each other when they're traveling so they can speak together.

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| 23. | A picking | B taking | C keeping |
| 24. | A main | B typical | C broad |
| 25. | A rarely | B hardly | C nearly |
| 26. | A from | B in | C of |
| 27. | A led | B has led | C was leading |
| 28. | A out | B against | C off |
| 29. | A should | B will | C would |
| 30. | A contact | B join | C connect |

INSTRUCTIONS: Read this email and think of the correct words to complete the text. For numbers 31–40, WRITE ONE word in the correct space on your answer sheet.

EXAMPLE

Thanks for inviting me **(0)**_____ stay...

CORRECT ANSWER

to

New Message _ ↗ ×	
To Patticat	Cc Bcc
Subject YES!	
<p>Dear Patty,</p> <p>Thanks for inviting me (0) <u>to</u> stay with you and visit the museum of flight. I've dreamed (31)_____ going since it opened! At six, I went on my first flight, but it wasn't (32)_____ I read about Amelia Earhart that I decided to learn to fly. She was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic (33)_____ her own. Later, her plane broke (34)_____ and she disappeared. (35)_____ I respect most about her is that she never gave up. Anyway, she's (36)_____ my hero forever, and I'm excited to see the new exhibit about her!</p> <p>When I took my first flying lesson, it was more exciting than I (37)_____ imagined! The feeling was (38)_____ nothing else I've felt! Now, as you know, I only have to pass my flight exam next month. With luck, I'll (39)_____ visiting the museum as a new pilot.</p> <p>This is so nice of you because I bet you would (40)_____ go hiking than go to a museum. I hope you won't get too bored! Let's make sure to get outside on the other days.</p> <p>Looking forward to it.</p> <p>Love, Danna</p>	
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PAPER TWO

Listening Comprehension

Do not open until told.



length of the recording

2
El sello no puede ser
violado hasta que se
le indique.

INSTRUCTIONS: You will hear five short recordings. For numbers 1–5, fill in the correct letter (A, B or C) on your answer sheet. Here is an example.

EXAMPLE

CORRECT ANSWER



0. Which picture will Sam use?

A



B



C



1. How is the woman going to improve her Chinese?

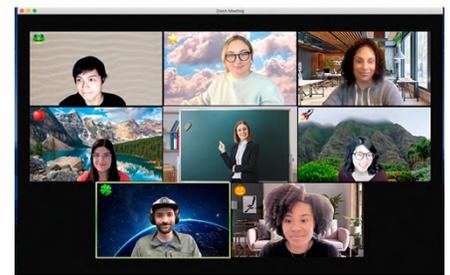
A



B



C



2. Approximately when will they get to the beach?

A



B



C



3. What did the woman like best about her trip?

A



B



C



4. How does the woman pay her bill?

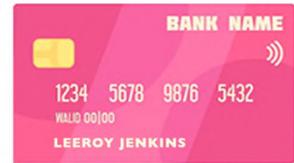
A



B



C



5. What is really bothering the man?

A



B



C



PART TWO

NUMBERS 6–10

INSTRUCTIONS: Now you will hear one person speaking. For numbers 6–10, fill in the correct letter (A, B or C) on your answer sheet.

6. This year, the contest will judge _____.
A anything written by young people **B** a different kind of writing **C** longer written pieces, like plays
7. Topics about _____ are preferred for the contest.
A any personal topic **B** the beauty of nature **C** relationships
8. Entries can be sent in _____.
A before February 15 **B** right up to April 17 **C** only until April 13
9. The magazine will publish _____ in May.
A the top three poems **B** only the winning poem **C** all the contest poems
10. The new radio show talks about _____.
A poets in history **B** feelings in poems **C** romantic poems

INSTRUCTIONS: You will hear three short conversations. For numbers 11–16, fill in the correct letter (A, B or C) on your answer sheet.

Conversation 1: Colleagues talking about where they eat

11. What does the man say about the new restaurant?
- A He was quite pleasantly surprised.
 - B The service spoiled his night out.
 - C It was far worse than the old one.
12. Why does the woman prefer eating at home?
- A because it's much cheaper
 - B to control what she eats
 - C Cooking is her favorite hobby.

Conversation 2: Moving into a new apartment

13. What do they say about their new apartment?
- A They're pleased that everything is in order.
 - B It's too small and their things won't fit.
 - C They have a plan to make it comfortable.
14. What is the first thing the couple will fix?
- A the bookshelves
 - B the bathroom light
 - C the air conditioning

Conversation 3: Friends sharing news about school

15. What does the man think about his class?
- A The class was hard for him from the start.
 - B It's his own fault that he did poorly in class.
 - C The level of difficulty of the class changed.
16. What does the woman say about the event?
- A The construction project will not be a problem.
 - B There are too many changes to the event this year.
 - C She'd rather not meet authors because it's stressful.

INSTRUCTIONS: Now you will hear a longer conversation. Complete each gap with a word, number, or phrase from the words you hear. For numbers 17–21, write NO MORE THAN THREE words or a number in the correct space on your answer sheet. There is an example.

EXAMPLE**CORRECT ANSWER**

0. Concert type:

jazz

INTERNATIONAL

MUSIC HOUSE

Reservations



Concert type: **(0)** jazz

Seating area chosen: **(17)** _____

Cost per ticket: **(18)** \$ _____

How tickets were paid: **(19)** _____

First name for the reservation: **(20)** _____

Latest entry time: **(21)** _____