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# PALSO Level A1

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXAMINATIONS

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#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Be sure you have written your name at the top of this page.
- Do not open this booklet until the exam starts.
- The order of the exam papers is: PART A Listening, PART B Reading & Usage, PART C Writing.
- Time allowed for all three parts: 90 minutes



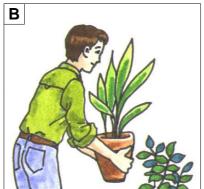
### LISTENING (25 points). Time: approximately 20 minutes

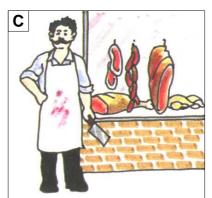
- As you listen to the recording, mark your answers in this booklet.
- Answer all the questions. Give only one answer for each question.
- After the end of the recording, you will have 3 minutes to transfer your answers onto Answer Sheet A. Mark them in 2H or HB pencil.

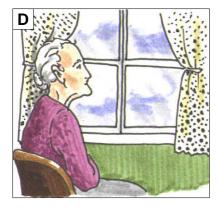
#### LISTENING EXERCISE 1: Numbers 1 to 10

## PEOPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD













Write the letter of a picture, A to F, in each of the spaces, 1 to 10. You will use some letters more than once.

6. \_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_ 9. \_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_

## LISTENING EXERCISE 2: Numbers 11 to 20

## HARRY'S DAD AND HARRY

20. Harry doesn't know if \_\_\_\_\_.

A. the factory will need fewer machines B. he will have a good job in the future C. he will have to move to China

Choose the correct word, phrase or picture to answer each question. (Circle) its letter, A, B or C.

11. Before the factory, Harry's dad v A. in a school	worked B. on a farm	C. in a bank
12. Harry's dad went to work in the A. more money	factory because he wanted B. an interesting job	 C. an easy job
13. This is what the factory makes. A.	В.	C.
14. Harry's job is  A. a lot like his dad's  B. quite different from his da  C. in a different factory	nd's	
15. At work, Harry uses A. heavy iron	B. a hot oven	C. a computer
16. Harry's job is than his dad' A. cleaner	s job. B. hotter	C. more difficult
17. This is a picture of Harry at work A.	В.	C.
18. Harry gets upset if  A. he has to walk around  B. the machines don't work was compared to the compa	well	
<ul><li>19. Harry's dad is proud because he</li><li>A. never got upset at work</li><li>B. studied at university</li><li>C. was able to buy things for</li></ul>		

# B

### **READING & USAGE (50 points)**

- You are advised to spend about 40 minutes on this part of the test.
- You may mark your answers on this booklet while you are working on them.
- Answer all the questions. Give only one answer for each question.
- When you have finished, mark your answers on Answer Sheet B using a 2H or HB pencil.

#### READING & USAGE EXERCISE 1: Numbers 1 to 10

Read Steve's story. Then do the exercises on page 4.

# **Coffee and Flowers**

There are two things my mum likes a lot: flowers and coffee. Now, you may wonder how these go together. Well, here's one way. You put a pretty flower in a coffee cup and keep it near a window in your room. That's what I do to bring a bit of nature indoors, because we don't have a garden and my balcony is very small. City flats are like that, unfortunately.

My mum has lots of coffee cups. She's got one really good set of 12 cups that she only uses in the living room for special guests. Those cups are small white ones with a gold ring around the top. Most of the time, Mum has her coffee in the kitchen and uses her other cups. These are different colours, but usually with some orange or yellow like our kitchen. And they're cheap, because Mum buys them at the supermarket when she sees one she likes.

Because she likes the colours and she didn't pay much for them, Mum uses these cups every day. So, they get broken more often. And that's when I get them for my flowers.

My cousin, Stemi, lives three streets away from us. At her house, coffee and flowers go together in the opposite way. Stemi's house has a garden, and she takes care of it every Saturday morning. There are trees everywhere, steps, and colourful flowers.

Stemi's mum has two beautiful blue coffee cups. She's had them a long time, and she's very careful not to break them. And, that's okay because Stemi doesn't need cups for flowers in her room.

Every afternoon, when her dad wakes up from his sleep, he and her mum have their coffee in the garden. Of course, they use the blue cups. Most days, if she's finished her homework, Stemi sits with them in the garden. She enjoys this time because they talk about her school, her dad's job, things her mum needs for the house and, of course, the weather.

#### Choose one of the three pictures to answer each of the questions. Mark its letter, A, B or C, on Answer Sheet B.

- 1. Which flowers belong to Steve?
- 2. Which flowers are Stemi's?







- 3. Which cups does Steve's mum use everyday?
- 4. Which cups does Stemi's mum use everyday?

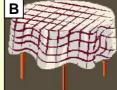






- 5. Where does Steve's mum usually have coffee?
- 6. Where does Stemi's mum usually have coffee?







Choose the correct word or phrase to answer each question. Mark its letter, A, B or C, on Answer Sheet B.

- 7. Which of the young people drinks coffee?
  - A. Steve
- B. Stemi

- C. The story doesn't say.
- 8. How often does Stemi sit with her parents in the garden?
  - A. every day
- B. when she has time
- C. not very often

- 9. Why does Stemi enjoy the coffee hour?
  - A. She can work in the garden and take care of the plants.
  - B. It's a good time to talk about things with her parents.
  - C. It's the only time she can see her father.
- 10. Who lives in a village?
  - A. Steve
- B. Stemi
- C. Neither Steve nor Stemi

#### READING & USAGE EXERCISE 2: Numbers 11 to 15

### **Vocabulary: Clothing**

Choose the correct word or phrase to fill each gap. Mark its letter, A, B, C or D, on Answer Sheet B.

11. In the wint	er, I like my sweater	r with long, l	out not now. It's too hot!	
A. pockets	B. belts	C. sleeves	D. socks	
12. On cool da	ys in the spring, Jan	e always a ja	cket to school.	
A. dresses	B. wears	C. takes off	D. puts on	
13. Most peop	le think clothii	ng is the most com	fortable in the summer.	
A. cotton	B. grass	C. leather	D. plastic	
14. Bob's in autrainers.	n important basketba	all match at the we	ekend, so he has to buy a new	of
A. lots	B. two	C. pair	D. few	
15. Men some	times wear a o	ver their shirt.		
A. sock	B. tie	C. dress	D. scarf	

#### READING & USAGE EXERCISE 3: Numbers 16 to 20

Choose the correct word or phrase to fill each gap in the story. Mark its letter, A, B or C, on Answer Sheet B.

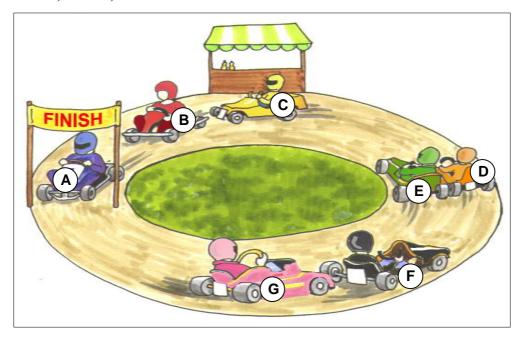
This summer, my family and I are going on a 'healthy holiday' with fresh food and lots of exercise. We'll leave here on the first of August and go  $\_(16)\_$  train to the mountains. Mr. Koutsokostas will meet us at the station and drive us  $\_(17)\_$  his hotel. It's a very old one in a small village. The next morning, we'll leave for a three-day trip in the mountains. We're going to  $\_(18)\_$  horses, sleep in tents and go swimming in the river. I think this will be great! When we get back, we'll stay  $\_(19)\_$  the hotel for a few more days. We can buy food from the village and visit the other villages nearby, all  $\_(20)\_$  foot, of course. Very healthy! On the last night, there'll be a big party. I can't wait!

16.	A. on	B. by	C. with
17.	A. at	B. in	C. to
18.	A. ride by	B. ride with	C. ride
19.	A. at	B. to	C. for
20.	A. with	B. on	C. by



#### READING & USAGE EXERCISE 4: Numbers 21 to 25

Choose a go-cart to match each statement. Mark its letter, A to G, on Answer Sheet B.



- 21. This driver tried very hard, but he's still between the winner and the third cart.
- 22. Poor Pinky! She's going to come last.
- 23. If this driver is lucky, he'll go ahead of the orange driver and be in fourth place.
- 24. This driver is in front of the place to buy food. Do you think she's hungry?
- 25. This cart is under the sign at the end of the race.

#### READING & USAGE EXERCISE 5: Numbers 26 to 30

Match one of Jack's replies with each thing Mary says. Mark its letter, A to G, on your Answer Sheet. You will use only five of the letters.

*Mary:* You seem upset. What's the matter? Example:

*Jack:* \_\_\_EX\_\_\_

*Mary:* You seem upset. What's the matter?

Mary: But you studied, didn't you?

 $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}(EX)_{\underline{\hspace{1cm}}}$ Mary: Why is that? Jack: (26)

Jack: \_\_(27)\_\_ Mary: Why not? Jack: \_\_(28)\_\_

Jack: \_\_(29)\_\_

Mary: Jack:

Jack:

The answer is A. I'm worried about my maths test today.

Mary: Oh, I see. You had to study history first.

Mary: Well, try not to worry. I hope it goes okay.

Did you get enough sleep?

<b>A.</b>	I'm worried about my maths test today.
	Not very much. I didn't have time to study.
C.	Not really. I only got about four hours!
	First of all, I'm sure the test will be difficult.
	Right. So, then I had to stay up late to study my maths.
F.	I had a history test yesterday.
G.	Yes, because the teacher wasn't there.

A B C D E F G H

# C wr

## **WRITING (25 points)**

- You are advised to spend about 30 minutes on this part of the test.
- You may use a blank sheet of paper as a draft.
- Write your task in the space provided on Answer Sheet C in blue or black pen.

You have ONE writing task to do. Choose <u>either</u> Topic A <u>or</u> Topic B. Write your task in about 70 words on Answer Sheet C.

#### EITHER THIS TOPIC

**TOPIC A:** Look at this picture of Beth and her family.

In about 70 words, describe the picture and say what is happening in it.

- Use the words under the picture.
- Add any other words you wish.

Begin like this: 'Beth and her family are going camping. ... '



Beth – family – go – camping father – put up – tent have – trouble – fall down try – not – laugh – very funny Tom - climb - tree hang - bag - food - branch not want - animal - get food - night Mum – Alice – look for – more wood – fire Bob – cook – sausages later – go swimming

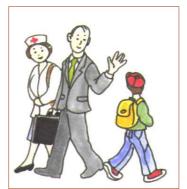
#### **OR THIS TOPIC**

**TOPIC B:** Look at the pictures of BJ on his way to school.

#### In about 70 words, write what happened.

- Use the words below each picture.
- Add any other words you wish.

Begin like this: 'It was BJ's first day at a new school .... '



parent – go – work go – school – alone



wait – bus stop bus come – get on



not see – child – there be – wrong bus!



next stop – get off start – walk



not know – street – well stop – ask – greengrocer



finally arrive – school student – go in – lucky!

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