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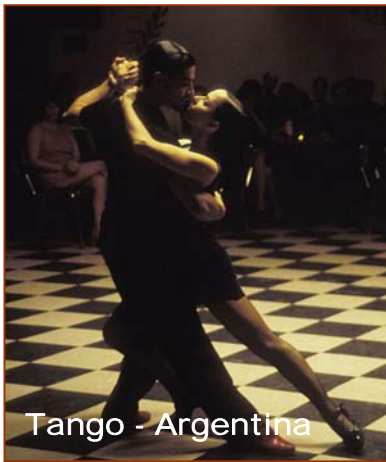
INSTRUCTIONS

- 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: 120 minutes

# A 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



### TANGO! SAMBA! SALSA!

## Dances From South America

Decide whether statements 1 to 10 are true or not. Write A for True or B for False in the space next to the number.

  A   EX. *South American dances have become popular here.*

*The answer is A True*

A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H

- 1. The tango was started by rich people.
- 2. The tango is new in Greece.
- 3. The tango shows strong feelings.
- 4. The tango looks easy to do.
- 5. Salsa music uses African instruments.
- 6. People who went to find work took salsa to the USA.
- 7. Sometimes people dance salsa to win prizes.
- 8. The samba comes from Argentina.
- 9. In the samba, each dancer can do what he or she wants.
- 10. You can learn these dances in dance schools.

**LISTENING EXERCISE 2: Numbers 11 to 20****THE RECYCLING CENTRE!**

Choose a word or phrase to complete each sentence, 11 to 16.

**Circle** its letter, A, B or C.

11. Joe and Shari take things to the recycling centre \_\_\_\_ .  
A. on foot    B. by car    C. by bus
12. At first, Shari thinks the centre is \_\_\_\_ .  
A. pretty    B. ugly    C. plain
13. Joe likes this centre because it takes \_\_\_\_ .  
A. different types of rubbish  
B. only newspapers  
C. only heavy things
14. One problem with this centre is that \_\_\_\_ .  
A. the bags are too small to fit the holes  
B. it doesn't take plastic and glass  
C. the holes are too small for some things
15. The aluminium Shari has brought includes \_\_\_\_ .  
A. drinks cans and pizzeria dishes  
B. drinks cans and pet food tins  
C. just drinks cans
16. Joe and Shari will take their large plastic bottles to \_\_\_\_ .  
A. the supermarket near their home  
B. another recycling bin  
C. the other side of this centre



### The Three R's

Reduce!  
Reuse!  
Recycle!

**Decide if statements 17 to 20 are true or not.**

**Write A for True or B for False in the space next to each number.**

17. \_\_\_\_ The recycling centre takes old mobile phones.
18. \_\_\_\_ Shari has bought only one mobile phone.
19. \_\_\_\_ Joe says the *Three R's* will help create less rubbish.
20. \_\_\_\_ Shari thinks she'll buy fewer phones in the future.



# B

## READING & USAGE (50 points)

- You are advised to spend about 1 hour 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 this letter from Max to his grandson, Peter.  
Then do the exercises on page 4.

*Dear Peter,*

*Well, I have been having a lot of fun ... as usual. Your grandmother and I had planned to go to Venice, Italy, this year, to see the Carnival. A month before our trip, Grandma Mary broke her ankle. She couldn't walk very far, so she decided to stay at home. She was disappointed, but she insisted that I should still go by myself.*

*I didn't want to, at first, but now I'm glad I went. Venice was wonderful! The streets were full of tourists and local people. Many of them wore costumes, and some were really fantastic. I especially liked one I saw in bright colours - red, green, blue and yellow - with a huge hat which had a big ball hanging from one of its points. Another man was dressed like an Indian prince in a round blue hat with a red feather. And I was right there with them, all dressed up in a long red cape and a red and gold hat. I brought the coat and hat home with me and your grandmother took my picture in our living room.*

*People in Venice are famous for the masks that they wear for Carnival. No one can tell who you are until you take off your mask. I liked wearing a mask! Of course, not everyone does that. I took a picture of a young woman who had painted her face instead.*

*While I was in Venice, I did all the other things tourists do. Venice has canals - rivers that run from one part of town to the other. There are bridges over the canals, and small streets go into the neighbourhoods and squares. Nowadays, there are also roads in the newer parts of the city, but in the old town people still travel around by boat. Of course, I did that, too. So, I'm sending you a picture I took while I was in the boat. The city is beautiful with many large, old buildings, and you can see a lot of them from the boat. I got tired walking around, but I had such a good time that I didn't care. Next time, I'm taking you with me, Peter! And Grandma Mary, of course!*

*Love,  
Grandpa Max*



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

1. Grandma Mary didn't go to Venice because \_\_\_\_ .  
A. it was too far away  
B. she wasn't well  
C. she doesn't like Italy
2. Grandpa Max \_\_\_\_ Venice alone.  
A. is sorry he went to  
B. didn't like being in  
C. enjoyed himself in
3. \_\_\_\_ in Venice wore costumes for Carnival.  
A. Both tourists and local people  
B. Only tourists  
C. Only local people
4. In Venice, you \_\_\_\_ .  
A. must travel everywhere by boat  
B. can drive a car everywhere  
C. can travel by boat and car
5. Grandpa Max \_\_\_\_ to Venice again.  
A. does not want to go  
B. will take Peter when he goes  
C. will not take Mary if he goes

**Choose the correct picture to match each phrase.  
Mark its letter, A to F, on Answer Sheet B.**

**This is the photo Grandpa Max sent to Peter of:**

6. \_\_\_\_ someone dressed like a man from India
7. \_\_\_\_ a woman who wasn't wearing a mask
8. \_\_\_\_ someone in a canal boat
9. \_\_\_\_ a bridge and some buildings in Venice
10. \_\_\_\_ Grandpa Max in his costume



A



B



C



D



E



F

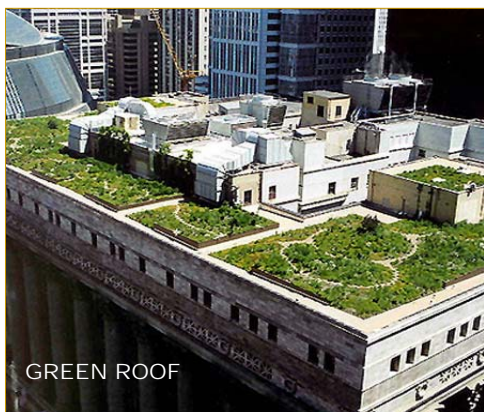
**READING & USAGE EXERCISE 2: Numbers 11 to 20**

Read this article about roofs made with plants.  
Choose the correct word or phrase to fill each gap.  
Mark its letter, A, B or C, on Answer Sheet B.

**GREEN ROOFS KEEP BUILDINGS COMFORTABLE!**

Green roofs **(11)** around for thousands of years. Of course, when people lived in caves, the top **(12)** the cave was a natural roof. After that, people made roofs of **(13)** they had nearby. Some cut long grass and tied it **(14)** to make a thick roof, called 'thatch'. In England, where the weather is wet, little plants grew in the grass roof. In drier places, people dug up the grass and **(15)** the squares of grass and dirt on the roof. These are called 'sod' roofs. In some parts of the world, they **(16)** do this today.

In the past 100 years, roofs have been **(17)** of many things, including wood, cement, and metal. These roofs get hot in the summer and let heat out in the winter. So, people have become interested **(18)** 'green' roofs again. They fix the roof so water can't get in, and then plant grass or even trees there. But companies are also looking for new ways to make planting **(19)**, and they're testing the ideas on their own buildings. Some of these ideas are expensive, **(20)** they can save a lot of electricity while they keep the building comfortable!



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|-----|--------------|------------|----------------|
| 11. | A. have been | B. are     | C. to be       |
| 12. | A. in        | B. up      | C. of          |
| 13. | A. nothing   | B. things  | C. thing       |
| 14. | A. near      | B. beside  | C. together    |
| 15. | A. to put    | B. put     | C. putting     |
| 16. | A. still     | B. already | C. yet         |
| 17. | A. make      | B. making  | C. made        |
| 18. | A. about     | B. in      | C. for         |
| 19. | A. easier    | B. easiest | C. more easily |
| 20. | A. but       | B. so      | C. if          |

**READING & USAGE EXERCISE 3: Numbers 21 to 25****PLACES**

Match a reply from the box with each question on the left.  
Mark its letter, A to F, on Answer Sheet B. You will use only five of the letters.

21. Mum, have you seen my jacket?
22. And my shoes, what did I do with them?
23. Oh, no! It's not raining again, is it?
24. Will you be here when I get home for lunch?
25. Well, who's going to cook my lunch?

- A. No, I'll be at the dentist's with Sally.
- B. If you hung it up, it's in your wardrobe.
- C. I'll leave it in the fridge for you.
- D. Well, they're usually under your bed.
- E. Don't worry. You won't get lost.
- F. Yes, you'd better take your umbrella.

**READING & USAGE EXERCISE 4: Numbers 26 to 30****THE CINEMA**

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

26. Sara really likes horses, so her favourite films are \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. comedies                      B. westerns                      C. thrillers
27. Francis couldn't act very well, but he became a great \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. director                      B. scene                      C. play
28. Some films, such as *The Piano*, are about people and their musical \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. organs                      B. players                      C. instruments
29. *Harry Potter* was so popular that we had to stand in a long \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. audience                      B. queue                      C. time
30. The \_\_\_\_\_ is important on the theatre stage, but, in the cinema, it's hardly ever used.  
A. seat                      B. ticket                      C. curtain

**READING & USAGE EXERCISE 5: Numbers 31 to 35****ARE YOU GOING TO THE MATCH?**

Here's some advice about going to an important football match.  
Put the sentences in the correct order.  
Mark the letter of each sentence, A to G, on Answer Sheet B.  
You will use only five of the letters. The first one is done for you.

EX. Sentence 1 \_\_\_\_\_

The answer is A. If you want to go to an important 'cup' match, you'd better buy your ticket early!

A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H

EX. Sentence 1 A

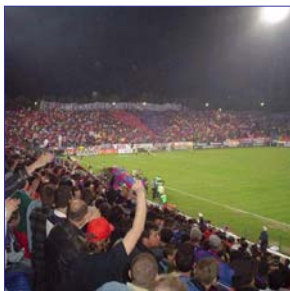
31. Sentence 2 \_\_\_\_\_

32. Sentence 3 \_\_\_\_\_

33. Sentence 4 \_\_\_\_\_

34. Sentence 5 \_\_\_\_\_

35. Sentence 6 \_\_\_\_\_



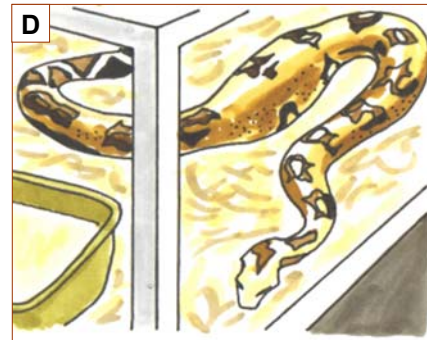
- A. If you want to go to an important 'cup' match, you'd better buy your ticket early!
- B. Look through the programme for the series of matches and decide which one you all want to see.
- C. On the day of the match, go right to your gate and then find your seats. You won't have to stand in line. Just enjoy the fun!
- D. Why? Well, it may be very crowded on the day of the match, and you may not be able to find a seat. So, here's what I suggest.
- E. Remember, football fans sometimes cause problems!
- F. To begin with, ask your friends if they want to go, too. It will be more fun if you all sit together.
- G. Then go to the stadium, about a month before the match, and buy tickets for everyone.



**READING & USAGE EXERCISE 6: Numbers 36 to 45****OWNING A PET**

**Match a picture with each of the statements.  
Mark its letter, A to E, on Answer Sheet B.  
You will use some letters more than once.**

36. \_\_\_ "When I'm not home, my neighbour comes to feed my two 'boys'. They get a bit worried when it's time to eat and they're always happy to see him."
37. \_\_\_ "My parrot, Jasper, came to me when he was a baby. Now he's almost 25 years old. His colours are beautiful and his tail is almost a metre long."
38. \_\_\_ "I don't know why I like Sheila so much. Most people are afraid of her. But a snake like this is a good pet and it only has to eat about once a week."
39. \_\_\_ "Cats don't have to 'go out for a walk', but Cowboy does. Every night, I take him out. I suppose it could be dangerous, but not with Cowboy there to protect me!"
40. \_\_\_ "I named the first one Smudge because he looked like a dark mark on white paper. Then the young one, I named Q. He was so smart and he liked to watch the computer screen."
41. \_\_\_ "Maybe it's unusual for a young man to have a furry, little white pet. But since I moved from home to Athens to go to university, Roubini really keeps me company. It was my mum's idea."
42. \_\_\_ "I couldn't find anyone to feed my parrot when I went on holiday, so I left him at the pet shop. The other birds tried to cheer him up, but he was really sad."
43. \_\_\_ "When my friends come to visit, he runs down the stairs and walks back up with them. If they don't pet him and talk to him, he gets all upset and starts to bark."
44. \_\_\_ "The pet shop told me to put a mouse in his cage every week or so. I really couldn't do that. So, now I give him an egg. He swallows it whole, and he's quite happy. Thank goodness!"
45. \_\_\_ "If I forget to let her out for a run, she scratches her plastic cage and makes a lot of noise. If I do let her out, she eats my plants."





# C

## WRITING (25 points)

- You are advised to spend about 40 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 either Topic A or Topic B.

Write your task in about 120 words on Answer Sheet C.

Choose **ONE** of these two topics. Do the task in about 120 words.

**TOPIC A:** There are bins in your town where you can take old bottles, plastic, newspapers and drinks cans. But there aren't any near your home, and they don't accept all the things you want to recycle.

Write a **letter** to the mayor, Mrs. Pappas.

Tell her what you think would improve the situation.

- more recycling bins
- bins that are easier to use
- information about where to find the bins



OR

**TOPIC B:** What did you do at Carnival this year?

Write a **story** about your Carnival celebration.

- Did you join or watch a parade in the city?
- Did you celebrate Carnival in a village?
- Did you go to any parties?
- Did you wear a costume?
- Did you have a good time?



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6 A	6 B
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8 B	8 F
9 A	9 E
10 A	10 A
11 B	11 A
12 A	12 C
13 A	13 B
14 C	14 C
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