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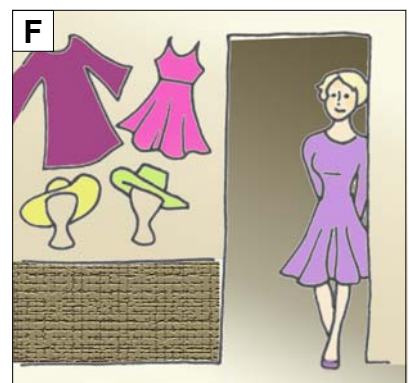
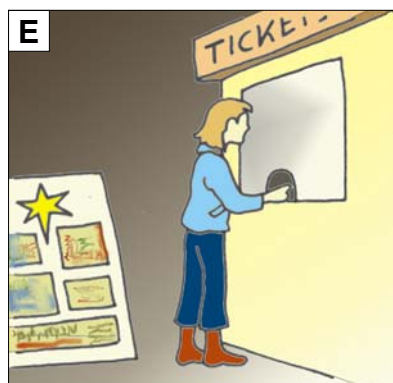
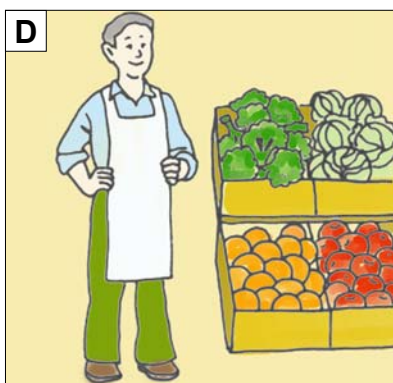
- Be sure you have written your name at the top of this page.
- Do not open this booklet until the exam starts.
- The order of the exam papers is: PART A Listening, PART B Reading & Usage, PART C Writing.
- Time allowed for all three parts: 90 minutes

# 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

### PLACES IN OUR TOWN



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.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_  
6. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_ 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_\_

**LISTENING EXERCISE 2: Numbers 11 to 20**

**TWO FARMS**

Choose the correct word or phrase to complete each statement.






Circle its letter, A, B or C.

- 11. Spyros and Maria are \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. aunt and uncle    B. brother and sister    C. cousins
- 12. When he was young, Maria's father worked \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. in a restaurant    B. on a boat    C. in a hotel
- 13. Spyros was \_\_\_\_\_ to learn there are farms in New York.  
A. happy    B. sad    C. surprised
- 14. The weather in New York is \_\_\_\_\_ than on Crete.  
A. hotter    B. colder    C. drier
- 15. Maria says the sea near her New York home is not as \_\_\_\_\_ as the sea in Greece.  
A. clean    B. warm    C. blue



Put a tick (✓) in the column beside each picture.

Tick A if it's only on the farm on Crete, B if it's only on the farm in New York, or C if it's on both farms.

		A. CRETE	B. NEW YORK	C. BOTH
	16.	A	B	C
	17.	A	B	C
	18.	A	B	C
	19.	A	B	C
	20.	A	B	C

## **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 the text. Then do the exercises on page 4.

## *Kostas and Oscar*

When he was 20, Kostas left his family on Rhodes to go to study in Athens. He lived in a very nice, old flat that his family had bought. It was good, Kostas thought, to live alone for the first time in his life. He felt very grown-up.

After a while, though, he also felt lonely. His friends were busy with their studies, and so was he. His parents only came from Rhodes to visit once a month, because his father was a busy doctor.

So, Kostas decided to buy a pet. He liked dogs and cats, but he didn't have much time to walk a dog or play with a cat. He didn't want a bird or a fish, because he wanted something warm and furry. He bought a rabbit, and he named it Oscar.

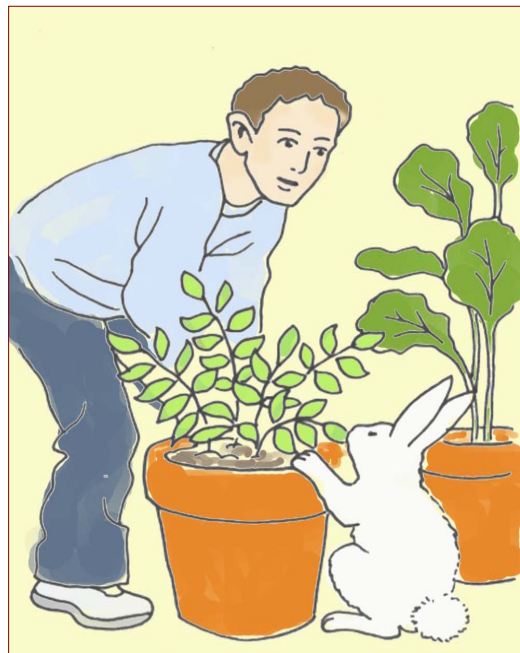
Oscar lived in a big plastic box in Kostas' bedroom. He had one or two toys and his dry food. Oscar thought that was a bit boring. So, when Kostas was out of the house, Oscar went to sleep. When Kostas came home, Oscar used his back feet and made a lot of noise in the plastic box. He wanted to get out to play! Kostas put him out on the balcony, and Oscar ran about and ate a few leaves from Kostas' plants.

When Kostas went home to visit his family in the holidays, Oscar went with him on the ferry. The big plastic box stayed in Athens, and Oscar went in a smaller one that was easy to carry. He had another plastic house on Rhodes.

Oscar loved Kostas and he loved to visit the family. The plants in the garden were much tastier than the ones on Kostas' balcony. The only thing Oscar didn't like was the trip on the boat. He always felt a bit ill.

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

1. Who was Kostas?  
A. A little boy      B. A young teenager      C. A young man
2. What did Kostas like about his life in Athens?  
A. He went out a lot.      B. He felt older.      C. He had a modern flat.
3. Why did Kostas get a pet?  
A. He was lonely.      B. His friends had pets.      C. His flat was warm.
4. Where did Oscar live?  
A. On Rhodes      B. In Kostas' room      C. With a family
5. When Kostas was away, what did Oscar do?  
A. He ate.      B. He slept.      C. He played.
6. How did Oscar 'tell' Kostas he wanted to play?  
A. He jumped up and down.  
B. He hit his box with his feet.  
C. He went back to sleep.
7. How often did Kostas go home to Rhodes?  
A. Every two weeks  
B. Once a month  
C. Three or four times a year
8. How many plastic boxes did Oscar have?  
A. One  
B. Two  
C. Three
9. What was Oscar's favourite food?  
A. Kostas' plants  
B. The plants on Rhodes  
C. Dry rabbit food
10. How did Kostas travel to visit his family?  
A. By plane      B. By boat      C. By train



**READING & USAGE EXERCISE 2: Numbers 11 to 15****Buy This Phone!**

Choose the correct word to fill each gap.

Mark its letter, A to F, on Answer Sheet B.

You will use only five of the letters.

**The NEW SMS Cam-Phone!**

This is the (11) mobile phone you can buy!!

And it has the lowest (12)

One month (13) €6.95

For 3 months, you (14) just €18.00

That's (15) €6.00 a month!



**Don't miss this great offer!**

- A. price
- B. only
- C. best
- D. higher
- E. pay
- F. costs

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

Choose the correct word or phrase to fill each gap.

Mark its letter, A, B, C or D, on Answer Sheet B.

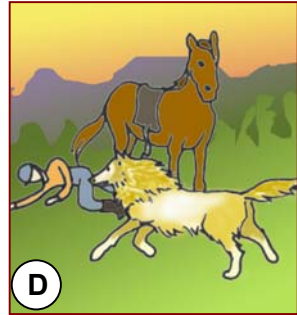
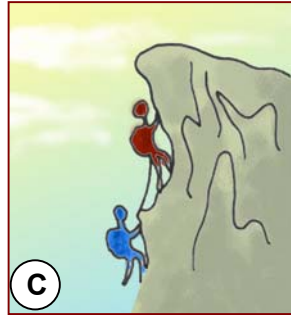
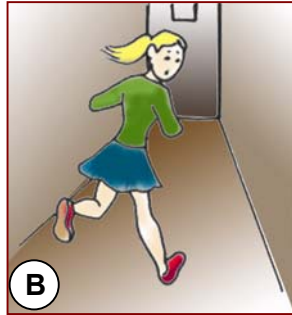
**ALL ABOUT SPORT**

16. Who \_\_\_\_ faster? Rodriguez or Matthews?  
A. run                      B. to run                      C. running                      D. can run
17. Daniella \_\_\_\_ the ball, but Barry didn't catch it.  
A. throws                      B. will throw                      C. threw                      D. is throwing
18. \_\_\_\_ the Stars win this match, they'll take the Cup.  
A. If                      B. Then                      C. Because                      D. Will
19. When the team ran \_\_\_\_ the stadium, the fans shouted and sang.  
A. over                      B. under                      C. into                      D. off
20. \_\_\_\_ do you think the score will be at the end of the match?  
A. Who                      B. What                      C. How                      D. Which

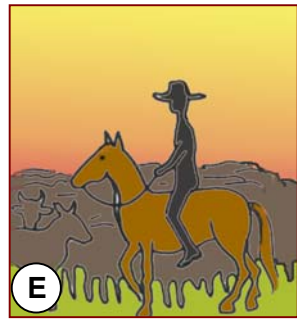


**READING & USAGE EXERCISE 4: Numbers 21 to 25**

Here are some pictures from films.  
 Match a picture with each statement.  
 Mark its letter, A to E, on Answer Sheet B.  
 You will use each picture once.



- 21. We had climbed about 500 metres when the storm began.  
We couldn't see anything!
- 22. Let's stop for the night. The cows are thirsty and the horses are tired ... and so am I.
- 23. Wait! Don't open that door!
- 24. Oh, John, you're the most wonderful man in the world!
- 25. Go on, Lassie! Go and get help! Run! I'll be all right!



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

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

Example: Sally: You've just moved to a new flat, haven't you?  
 Brad: EX

The answer is A. Yes, but I don't really like it.

A B C D E F G H

- Sally: You've just moved to a new flat, haven't you?  
Brad: (EX)
- Sally: Really? Why not?  
Brad: (26)
- Sally: Is it? How many rooms does it have?  
Brad: (27)
- Sally: So all your things are in one room?  
Brad: (28)
- Sally: And where do you cook?  
Brad: (29)
- Sally: So you can cook dinner for me one evening!  
Brad: (30)
- Sally: That sounds great! Thanks!

- A. Yes, but I don't really like it.
- B. I've got a small cooker by the desk.
- C. Well, it's very small.
- D. No. That's not a very good idea.
- E. That's right. My desk is right next to my bed.
- F. Sure! Do you want to come round on Friday?
- G. Only one, and the bathroom, of course.

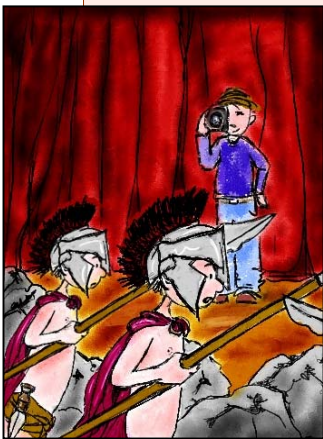
# C WRITING (25 points)

- 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 either Topic A or Topic B.  
Write your task in about 70 words on Answer Sheet C.

## EITHER THIS TOPIC

- TOPIC A:** Look at these pictures of Jim and the students at his school.  
**In about 70 words, describe the pictures and say what is happening in them.**
- Use the words under the pictures.
  - Add any other words you wish.
- Begin like this: 'Jim's class is making a film about Greek history. ...'**



Jim - class - make - film  
Greek history  
Jim - use - video camera  
boy - wear - costume - act

Tom - make - costume  
cut - cloth - Pat - hold  
Polly - help - put on - hat  
look - ancient Greek

student - watch  
teacher - talk - Jim's mum  
student - do - good job  
have - great time!



## OR THIS TOPIC

**TOPIC B:** Look at the pictures of Tonia and her piano teacher, Mr. Lind.

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

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

**Begin like this: 'Every day after school, Tonia went to her piano lesson. ....'**



Every day - school  
Tonia - go - piano lesson



Mr. Lind - play - well  
be - good teacher



each day - give - Tonia  
new piece - music - learn



go home - do - homework  
then - practise



Tonia work - hard  
sometimes - arm - hand hurt



next lesson - play - piece  
listen - happy - student

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A1 - ELEMENTARY			
Listening		Reading	
1	F	1	C
2	B	2	B
3	E	3	A
4	D	4	B
5	F	5	B
6	A	6	B
7	C	7	C
8	E	8	C
9	C	9	B
10	A	10	B
11	C	11	C
12	A	12	A
13	C	13	F
14	B	14	E
15	C	15	B
16	B	16	D
17	A	17	C
18	A	18	A
19	B	19	C
20	C	20	B
		21	C
		22	E
		23	B
		24	A
		25	D
		26	C
		27	G
		28	E
		29	B
		30	F