



**ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE  
EXAMINATIONS**

**MAY  
2008**

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**LANGUAGE ATTAINMENT ASSESSMENT SYSTEM**

**Level A1**

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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

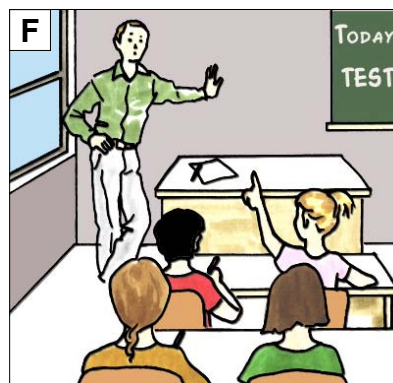
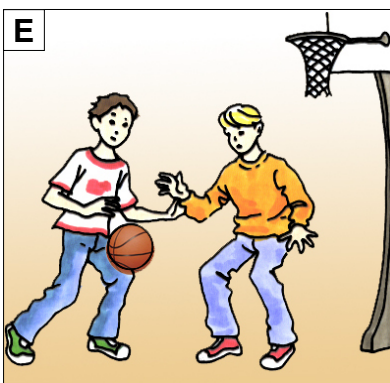
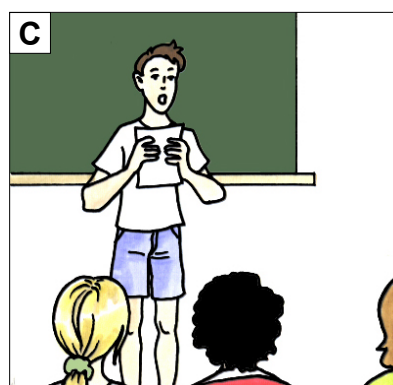
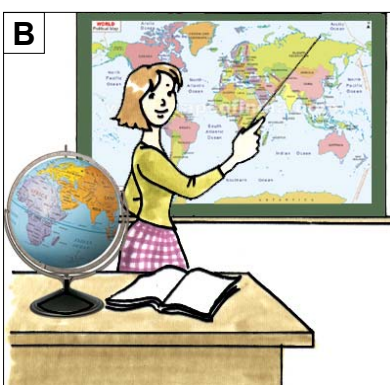
# A

## 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

## THIS YEAR AT SCHOOL



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.

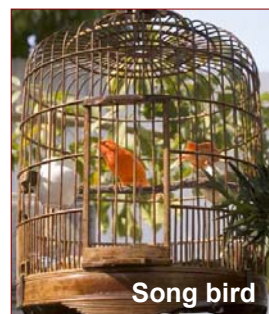
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|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| 1. ____ | 2. ____ | 3. ____ | 4. ____ | 5. ____  |
| 6. ____ | 7. ____ | 8. ____ | 9. ____ | 10. ____ |

**LISTENING EXERCISE 2: Numbers 11 to 20****BIRDS IN THE SKY**

Decide whether statements 11 to 16 are true or not.

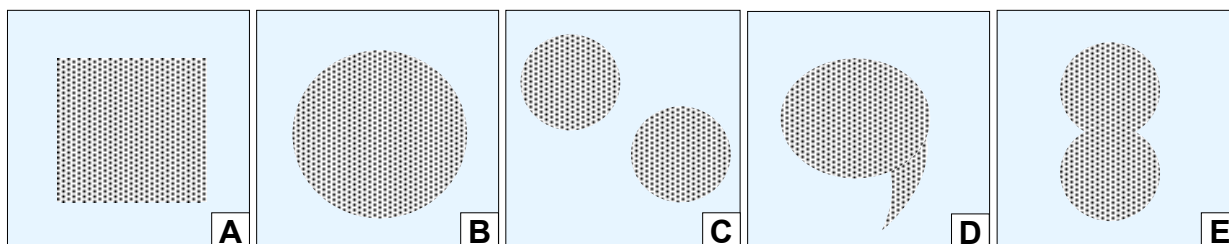
Write A for True or B for False in the space next to the number.

11. \_\_\_\_ The birds in the sky were probably pigeons.  
12. \_\_\_\_ Most people like pigeons on their balconies.  
13. \_\_\_\_ Jill says the birds looked lovely.  
14. \_\_\_\_ In Thessaloniki, Nick saw only one group of birds.  
15. \_\_\_\_ Some pigeons return home when the sun goes down.  
16. \_\_\_\_ Jill saw more than 100 birds together.



Choose the correct picture to complete each statement.

Write its letter, A to E, in the space. You will use only four of the pictures.



When the birds were flying, they made these shapes.

17. First they made this shape. \_\_\_\_  
18. Then, they made this shape. \_\_\_\_  
19. The circle became this shape. \_\_\_\_  
20. Finally, the birds made this shape. \_\_\_\_

# 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.

## Summer Jobs for Young People

Blue Mountain Summer Camp is looking for young people aged 16-18 to help some of our campers. Every year, we have some young children at the camp who can't walk. Maybe they have a broken leg. Maybe they have a problem with their feet. They need your help!

We can't pay you – because we don't make the children pay – but if you can help us, we'll make sure you have a great summer!

### Here's what we need:

1. **Friends for our campers.** It's hard for these young children at our camp to walk about. We need friends to go with them and help carry things like towels for the beach. Can YOU be a friend?
2. **Helpers in the dining room.** We need young people to carry the food to the tables and to help clean up the tables after meals. The work isn't difficult. And you'll only work an hour at breakfast, an hour at lunch and an hour at dinner. Can YOU help in the dining room?
3. **Arts helpers.** You'll get the paper, paints, scissors and other things from the cupboards. And put them away afterwards. Can YOU help someone do their art projects?
4. **Bedtime helpers.** It's hard for these young children to get their beds ready. We need people to go around to each room and turn down the blankets. Then the beds are all ready for bedtime. Can YOU be a bedtime helper?

### If you can do any of these jobs, here's what we'll give you:

1. A room to stay in with a bed, desk and chairs for visitors
2. All of your meals
3. Plenty of time to go swimming and do sports
4. A LOT of new friends
5. A letter of thanks to show to your parents and teachers

Can YOU be a helper at Blue Mountain Camp? If you can, then send us a letter and tell us all about yourself.

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

- Some young children at Blue Mountain Camp need \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. help                                  B. money                                  C. jobs
- Why doesn't Blue Mountain Camp pay the helpers?  
A. Because they make the children pay the helpers  
B. Because they don't get money from the children  
C. Because they have to pay the children's doctors
- What will a 'friend' have to do?  
A. Help a child to run                  B. Carry things                          C. Carry a child
- How long will a 'dining room helper' have to work every day?  
A. All day long                          B. All morning                          C. For three hours
- What will an 'arts helper' have to do?  
A. Get and carry things              B. Make art projects                  C. Throw things away
- Why can't the children get their beds ready for bedtime?  
A. They're too tired.                  B. The beds are too high.            C. It's too difficult.
- What can a Blue Mountain Camp helper expect to get?  
A. Time for fun and thanks at the end  
B. Money at the end of the summer job  
C. A visit from their teachers and parents

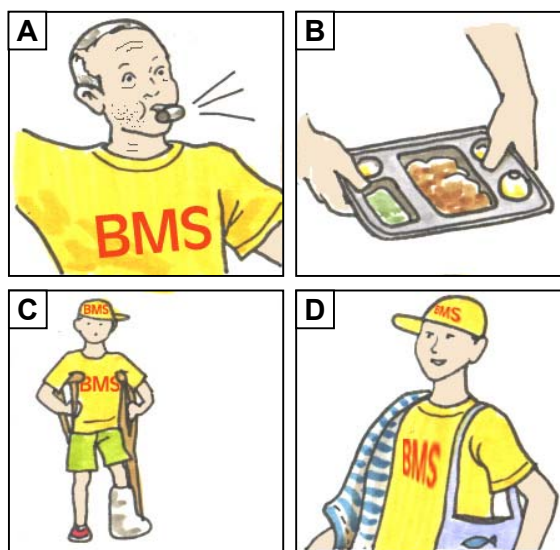
**Choose the correct picture to answer each question.**

**Mark its letter, A to D, on Answer Sheet B.**

**You will use only three of the pictures.**

Which picture shows ...

8. a young child at Blue Mountain Camp?
9. a helper at Blue Mountain Camp?
10. a job to do in the dining room?





**READING & USAGE EXERCISE 2: Numbers 11 to 15****WHAT JOBS DO THESE PEOPLE DO?****Choose the correct word or phrase to fill each gap.****Mark its letter, A, B, C or D, on Answer Sheet B.**

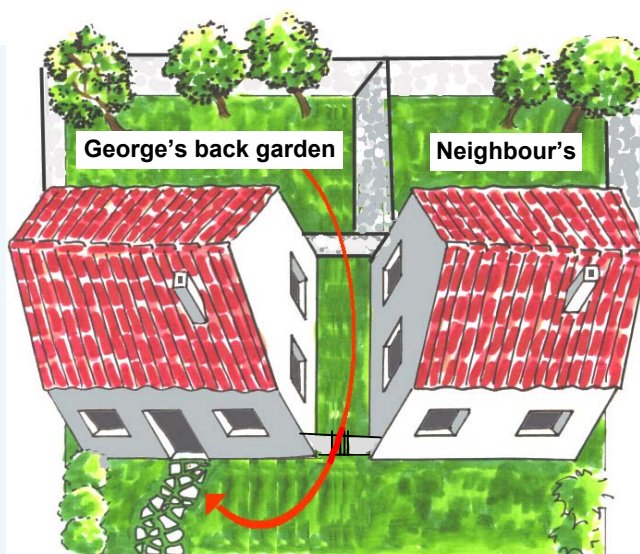
11. Ruth is a doctor, so she works in \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. a factory      B. a hospital      C. a bookshop      D. a church
12. As a child, Julian drew very good pictures. Of course, he became a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. great painter      B. good dentist      C. famous actor      D. detective
13. Because Dave wanted to work outside, he got a job as a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. postman      B. teacher      C. greengrocer      D. baker
14. Nikos is very important. He's the \_\_\_\_\_ of a very big ship.  
 A. servant      B. sailor      C. captain      D. writer
15. Barbara stays at home all day because she's \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. a chemist      B. an engineer      C. a milkman      D. a housewife

**READING & USAGE EXERCISE 3: Numbers 16 to 20****Read this story about Rita the dog.****Choose the correct word from the box to fill each gap.****Mark its letter, A to F, on Answer Sheet B.**

A. inside      B. between      C. around      D. out      E. over      F. on

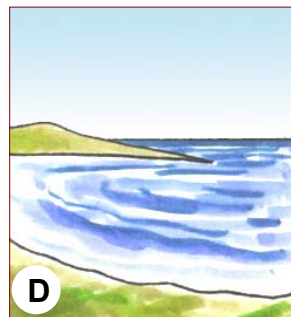
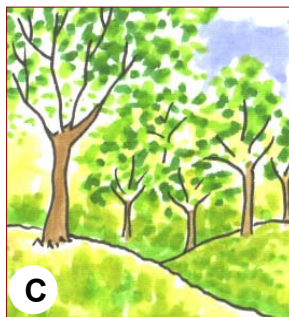
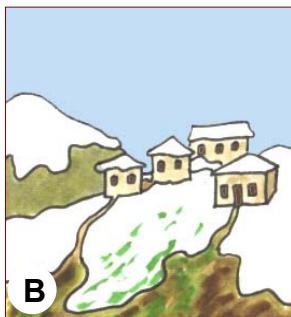
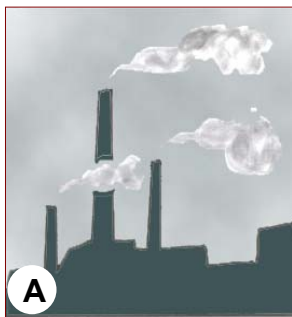
**RITA GOES IN CIRCLES**

Rita is a big dog that lives in George's back garden. There's a high wall (16) the garden. The neighbour's garden is on the other side of the high wall. There is also a little wall (17) George's house and the neighbour's house, so Rita can't get (18) of his garden and run into the street. But, Rita is able to jump (19) the little wall and she often does that. Then she stands at George's front door when she wants to go (20). She never tries to go in his back door. George thinks that Rita likes to go in circles ... out the back door and in the front.

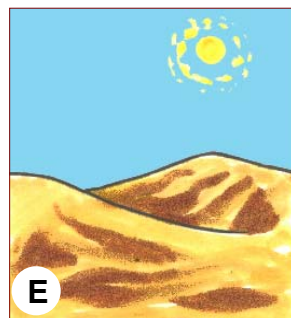


**READING & USAGE EXERCISE 4: Numbers 21 to 25**

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



21. Harry loves to go swimming in the summer. Afterwards, he lies in the sun and puts his toes in the sand.
22. My dad worked in a factory near our home. The place was dirty, and the air around our house was dirty, too.
23. In the summer, Sara goes to the mountains and walks in the forest. She loves to hear the birds and smell the flowers.
24. It never rains near Ahmed's home. It's always very hot. The only animals there are some snakes and rabbits.
25. Last year, we had a lot of snow and it was very cold. We had to stay in the village for a week.

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

Match one of Tom's replies with each thing Clara says.

Mark its letter, A to G, on your Answer Sheet. You will use only five of the letters.

Example: Clara: What time is the dance tomorrow night?

Tom: EX

The answer is A. I think it starts at 8 p.m.

A B C D E F G H

Clara: What time is the dance tomorrow night?

Tom: (EX)

Clara: So, will you pick me up at about 7:30?

Tom: (26)

Clara: Really? Why not?

Tom: (27)

Clara: Can't you do it tonight?

Tom: (28)

Clara: That's too bad. Well, we'll miss you!

Tom: (29)

Clara: That's right! You're the best dancer in town!

Tom: (30)

Clara: Please try! I really want you to come tomorrow!

A. I think it starts at 8 p.m.

B. Oh, because I have a lot of maths homework to finish.

C. Yes, yes, I know! You can't dance without me, can you?

D. Yes. That's a great idea!

E. Well, no, I don't think I can go.

F. Well, I have to help my dad tonight at the bookshop. His assistant is ill.

G. No, I'm not. But I hate to miss the fun. Maybe I can finish my maths after the bookshop tonight.

# 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 this picture of some people in a sports shop.  
**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: 'Anne is shopping in a sports shop. ... '**



Anne - shop - sports shop  
want - buy - gift - brother  
look - scarf - hat  
shop assistant - help

boy - look - football shirt  
try - find one - team - colour  
Bob - hold - shirt - up  
make sure - shirt - right size

Sally - buy - new shoe  
play - tennis - this summer  
not know - pair - get  
shopping - not - easy



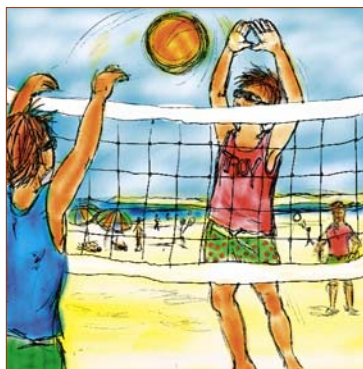
## OR THIS TOPIC

**TOPIC B:** Look at the pictures of Troy and his friends at a beach café.

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

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

**Begin like this: 'Troy spent his whole holiday at the beach. ....'**



spend - holiday - beach  
go swim - play volleyball



after - go - café - friend  
always have - chips - drink



one day - be - new waiter  
bring - ice cream - coffee



tell waiter - take back - food  
ask - bring - right thing



this time - bring - salad - milk  
unhappy - call owner



owner - come - give - chips  
not have - pay

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A1- ELEMENTARY	
Part A	Part B
1 A	1 A
2 E	2 B
3 B	3 B
4 A	4 C
5 D	5 A
6 F	6 C
7 E	7 A
8 C	8 C
9 D	9 D
10 F	10 B
11 A	11 B
12 B	12 A
13 A	13 A
14 B	14 C
15 A	15 D
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