



ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXAMINATIONS

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INSTRUCTIONS

- 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

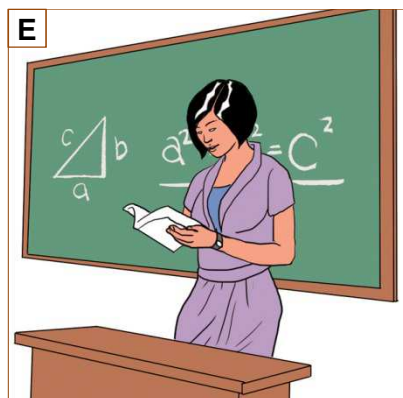
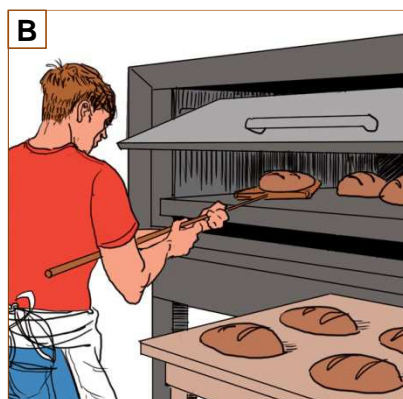
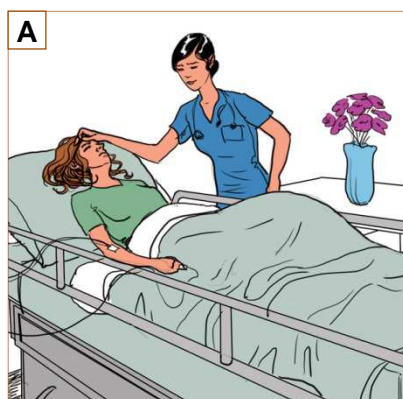
A

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 your Answer Sheet. Mark them in 2H or HB pencil.

LISTENING EXERCISE 1: Numbers 1 to 8

PEOPLE AT WORK



Write the letter of a picture, A to F, in each of the spaces, 1 to 8.
You will use some letters more than once.

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| 1. ____ | 2. ____ | 3. ____ | 4. ____ |
| 5. ____ | 6. ____ | 7. ____ | 8. ____ |

LISTENING EXERCISE 2: Numbers 9 to 15**PHONE CALL: Dad and Sally**

Choose the correct words or picture to answer each question, 9 to 15.

Mark its letter, A, B or C, in the space beside each number.

9. ____ Who is at home when Sally answers the phone?

- A. Sally and the dog
- B. Sally and her brother
- C. Only Sally

10. ____ Why can't Bobby come to the phone?

- A. He's riding his bike.
- B. He's painting his bike.
- C. He's painting a picture.



11. ____ Where is Sally's mum?

- A. At Sally's school
- B. At a party
- C. At home




12. ____ What time will Mum come home?

- A. 
- B. 
- C. 

13. ____ Where is Dad right now?

- A. At his office
- B. At the supermarket
- C. In his car

14. ____ What does Dad have to buy at the supermarket?

- A. 
- B. 
- C. 

15. ____ How does Dad feel about the shopping list?

- A. He's happy because it's short.
- B. The list is long and he's unhappy.
- C. He likes long shopping lists more than short ones.

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.

READING & USAGE EXERCISE 1: Numbers 16 to 25

Read the texts. Then do the exercises on page 4.

Ways to Travel



City bikes

City bikes are a great way to go round a town or city. They look like the bikes cyclists use for races, but they're cheaper and don't go as fast. They're light, so you can easily pick them up and put them on the train to go into town. Then, you can ride around, do some shopping or visit friends. You can put a basket on a city bike to carry bags and small boxes. There's only one seat, which is called a 'saddle'. You get good exercise on a bicycle, so riding one is very good for you. But be careful around cars!

Motorbikes

Children can't ride motorbikes, but some adults like riding them. Motorbikes go faster than bikes. In fact, most motorbikes can go as fast as cars on city streets. But on big roads between cities, cars go a lot faster and that can be dangerous for people on motorbikes. Also, long rides can make you tired. So, it's best to use a motorbike for short journeys in town to go shopping or to get to work. Most motorbikes have a second seat behind the driver, so two people can ride together.



Segways

Have you ever seen a Segway? It's a fun way to travel around – standing up! Segways have two wheels. You stand between the wheels and hold a T-shaped bar. The bottom of the Segway is heavy so it won't fall over, but it's only big enough for one person. They make Segways in the USA, but now you can see them all over Europe and Asia. Segways are popular with people on holiday. They use them to look round a city so their feet don't get tired. If you're in Athens or another holiday area this summer, you may see people riding Segways!

Choose the correct letter to match each sentence, 16 to 19.

Mark its letter, A to C, on your Answer Sheet.

You will use one letter more than once.

- 16. You can't sit down when you ride this.
- 17. If you ride this every day, your legs will become very strong.
- 18. This is great when you need to travel quickly with someone else.
- 19. You can't ride this if you're still a child.

A. City bike
B. Motorbike
C. Segway

Choose the correct word or phrase to complete each sentence, 20 to 25.

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

- 20. City bikes are _____ racing bikes.
 - A. more expensive than
 - B. not as expensive as
 - C. the same price as
- 21. City bikes are _____.
 - A. not usually dark colours
 - B. not very heavy
 - C. heavy
- 22. City bikes have 'saddles' but _____ don't.
 - A. racing bikes
 - B. motorbikes
 - C. Segways
- 23. On big roads outside of towns, motorbikes are usually _____ cars.
 - A. as fast as
 - B. slower than
 - C. faster than
- 24. The writer says that motorbikes are not so good for _____.
 - A. long trips
 - B. short trips
 - C. adults
- 25. They make the Segway in a factory in _____.
 - A. China
 - B. America
 - C. Europe

READING & USAGE EXERCISE 2: Numbers 26 to 30

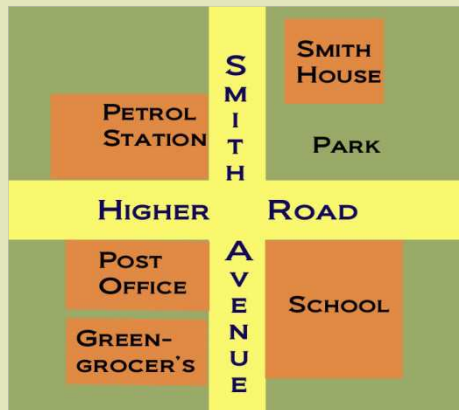
Choose the correct word to fill each gap.

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

You will use only five of the letters.

MY VILLAGE IS VERY SMALL

It's easy to go round my village. It's very small. There are only two (26), Higher Road and Smith Avenue. Walter Smith (27) the first house in the village and he gave the street his name. His grandson (28) there now.



The post office is on the (29) of Higher Road and Smith Avenue in the centre of the village. The greengrocer's is next to the post office.

The (30) is across the street. We borrow books from its library because we don't have a bookshop. I told you – it's a very small village!

- A. corner
- B. lives
- C. streets
- D. factories
- E. built
- F. school

READING & USAGE EXERCISE 3: Numbers 31 to 35

Choose the correct word or phrase to fill each gap in the text.

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

TWO FRIENDS, TWO FAVOURITE TEAMS

Every day after lessons, Jim and his friend, Harry, play football at (31) school. Then they go home (32) homework. If there's a football match on TV in the (33), they always watch it. The next day at school, they talk (34) the teams and players. Jim likes Real Madrid, a team from Spain, but Harry thinks Arsenal, from the UK, is the (35) team in the world. They never agree!

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| 31. | A. there | B. their | C. they're |
| 32. | A. to do | B. do | C. are doing |
| 33. | A. tonight | B. midnight | C. evening |
| 34. | A. for | B. because | C. about |
| 35. | A. best | B. better | C. good |



READING & USAGE EXERCISE 4: Numbers 36 to 40**THINGS FOR SCHOOL**

Here are some pictures of things we sometimes use at school.

Choose a picture to match each statement about the things.

Mark its letter, A to D, on your Answer Sheet.

You will use one letter more than once.



36. Chris has a lovely mobile phone, but his teachers don't usually let him use it in class.
 37. Mary writes short stories on her computer and then sends them to her teacher.
 38. Mary's dad went to school 30 years ago. He wrote poems in a notebook with a blue cover.
 39. Rules for the test: Students may not leave the room and they may not call their friends.
 40. Write your answers in pencil. Thank you!

READING & USAGE EXERCISE 5: Numbers 41 to 45

Lyn's room is dirty but she doesn't want to clean it.

Match one of Lyn's answers with each thing her mum says.

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

Example: Mum: You need to clean your room.

Lyn: ____ (EX) ____

The answer is A. Oh, Mum, I did it yesterday!

A **B** **C** **D** **E** **F** **G** **H**

Mum: You need to clean your room.

Lyn: ____ (EX) ____

Mum: Well, look at it! Clothes on the floor and ...

Lyn: ____ (41) ____

Mum: What's that on your desk? Is that bread?

Lyn: ____ (42) ____

Mum: And why are all those books on the floor?

Lyn: ____ (43) ____

Mum: Good. And, are those pens under your bed?

Lyn: ____ (44) ____

Mum: So, where do you need to put them?

Lyn: ____ (45) ____

Mum: Thank you! Can you finish it before dinner?

A. Oh, Mum, I did it yesterday!

B. Yes, it's a sandwich I was eating last night.

C. Maybe. I was drawing a picture.

D. No, I've never done that, Mum.

E. Those are my pyjamas.

F. In my pencil case. Sorry, Mum!

G. I was reading them. I'll put them back in the bookcase.

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 the back of your Answer Sheet in pencil or pen.

You have ONE writing task to do. Choose either Topic A or Topic B.

Write your task in about 70 words on your Answer Sheet.

EITHER THIS TOPIC

TOPIC A: Look at this picture of Nel 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: *Nel's family are taking a short trip. ...*



Nel-family-take-short trip
go-ride-bicycles-in-country
father-put-bicycles-on-car
each person-have-bicycle

brother-look out-window
watch-father
Nel-hold-picnic basket
be heavy-want-put-car

Mum-lock-door
bring-jacket-everyone
leave-in five minute
have-great time

OR THIS TOPIC

TOPIC B: Look at the pictures of Mike and his dogs.

In about 70 words, write what happened.

Use the words below each picture.

Add any other words you wish.

Begin like this: *Mike had a big dog named Sox. ...*



Mike-have-big dog-Sox
be-friend-often play-together



one day-be-beach-find-dog
she-be-lost-thin-hungry



take-home-feed
be-white-call-Snowy



Mike-call-all-friend
try-find-home-for Snowy



finally-decide-keep-Snowy
every day-take-dog-walk



play-together
Sox-Snowy-love-Mike!