



**ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE  
EXAMINATIONS**

**MAY  
2016**

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**LAAS**

**LANGUAGE ATTAINMENT ASSESSMENT SYSTEM**

**Level A1**

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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

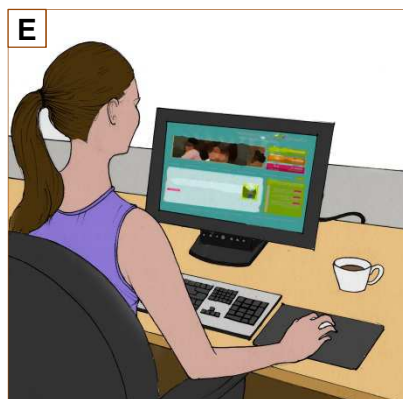
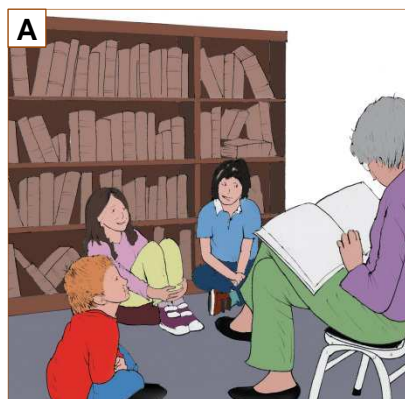
# A

## 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

## We Help People and Animals



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.

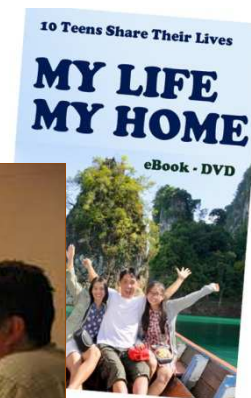
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| 1. ____ | 2. ____ | 3. ____ | 4. ____ |
| 5. ____ | 6. ____ | 7. ____ | 8. ____ |

**LISTENING EXERCISE 2: Numbers 9 to 15****RADIO: Two Books**

Choose the correct word or phrase from the box to answer each question, 9 to 15.

Write its letter, A to H, in the space beside each number.

You will use only seven of the letters.



When can students read these books? 9. \_\_\_\_

What does Dan like to do with a book? 10. \_\_\_\_

How many books are in *The Coldfire Trilogy* set? 11. \_\_\_\_

Where do the people in *The Coldfire Trilogy* live? 12. \_\_\_\_

How can we read *My Life, My Home*? 13. \_\_\_\_

What is in *My Life, My Home* but not in *Coldfire*? 14. \_\_\_\_

Who may like *My Life, My Home*? 15. \_\_\_\_

- A. lots of pictures
- B. on a computer
- C. in the summer
- D. on a planet far away
- E. words
- F. three
- G. everyone
- H. turn the pages

# 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 text. Then do the exercise on page 4.

## Email to an Old School Friend

**From:** Nasos  
**To:** Christine  
**Subject:** Summer School  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 11

Dear Christine,

How are you? I hope you like your new town and new school.

I have some good news. I'm going to the Hopkins Summer School next month. Well, they call it a school but it's fun, too. Hopkins, a famous American university, runs the programme here in Greece. It's only for very clever school kids and I had to take its tests to get in. I can choose the classes I want to do. I'm going to do Maths, Chemistry and Biology, because I really love these lessons.

The programme also has some sports, like football and basketball, but I'm going to go swimming and learn tennis. And they will take us on a couple of trips to see things near the college. One of them is a castle. It's about 600 years old. I don't like History at school, but I think it will be fun to walk around the castle and see all the old walls.

Mum looked at a lot of summer schools like this on the Internet. She wants me to practise my English, so she looked at programmes in America and the UK. Those are very far away and Mum worried, because it will be my first time away for more than a night or two. Then she found this one. It lasts for two weeks and it's only about two hours away by train.

This programme is expensive, but Mum has enough money. Her brother lives in the US and he has a good job and no kids. So, he's paying for the camp. I'm so happy. I can't wait to go! I hope you're doing something fun this summer, too. Write and tell me.

Your friend,

Nasos



**Hopkins University  
in the USA**

**The Hopkins  
Summer School**



**Choose the correct word, phrase or picture to complete each sentence, 16 to 25.  
Mark its letter, A, B or C, on your Answer Sheet.**

16. The Hopkins programme is for \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. adults                      B. students                      C. teachers
17. To get into the programme, Nasos had to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. choose his classes  
B. take some tests  
C. show his school work
18. Nasos will have classes and he will also \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. learn four sports  
B. play basketball  
C. do swimming and tennis
19. Nasos wants to visit the castle but he doesn't like \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. History lessons              B. walking                      C. old buildings
20. Nasos' mum wanted him to \_\_\_\_\_ summer school.  
A. travel a long distance to  
B. practise his English at  
C. stay at least a month at
21. Nasos' mum likes the Hopkins school because it \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. is not far away  
B. lasts all summer  
C. only takes two nights
22. Nasos will travel to the summer school on \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. an aeroplane                      B. a train                      C. a bus
23. The money for the summer school came from Nasos' \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. father                      B. brother                      C. uncle
24. Picture \_\_\_\_\_, on the right, shows something Nasos loves.
25. Picture \_\_\_\_\_, on the right, shows something Nasos will not do.



**Classes you'll like!**



**Time for sports!**



**Travel and Learn!**



**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.

**Princess Kate and Prince William**

Kate is a princess in England. Her \_\_(26)\_\_ is Prince William of England, one of Queen Elizabeth's grandsons. Before that, Kate was a \_\_(27)\_\_ with William at university. They became friends and then fell in love.

Everyone thinks Kate is beautiful. She has long, \_\_(28)\_\_ brown hair and a pretty face. But she also has a good heart, and so does William. They



are very \_\_(29)\_\_, but they try to be like other English people. They have two children now, George and little Charlotte. They play with their children and drive their \_\_(30)\_\_ car, like other people. They also help people if they can. Someday, William may be King of England, and Kate may be the Queen. Will they still be like other people then? We'll have to wait and see.

- A. straight
- B. husband
- C. children
- D. rich
- E. student
- F. own

**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.

**Billou Finds a New Home**

If you have a pet, you \_\_(31)\_\_ it to be happy. It needs food and a warm place \_\_(32)\_\_. Poor Billou lived in the streets.

One cold winter, he was walking on a roof and he \_\_(33)\_\_.

But he stopped at the end and \_\_(34)\_\_ all night, high up in the cold air. Sally saw him and called her dad. He climbed up and got Billou down. Now Billou has a nice home and lots of food. He \_\_(35)\_\_ has a new name ... Snowball.

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|-----|-------------|----------|----------------|
| 31. | A. went     | B. want  | C. won't       |
| 32. | A. to sleep | B. sleep | C. is sleeping |
| 33. | A. fall     | B. fell  | C. feel        |
| 34. | A. sat      | B. sit   | C. set         |
| 35. | A. and      | B. may   | C. also        |



**READING & USAGE EXERCISE 4: Numbers 36 to 40****BAD WEATHER**

Here are some pictures of weather.

Choose a picture to match each statement about the weather.

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

You will use one letter more than once.



36. Jen and Kim got very wet. It started to rain, but they only had one umbrella.  
 37. It was so hot! Our houses were hot, too. So we played in the water to cool off.  
 38. The rain stopped, but the wind was still blowing hard. We almost lost our umbrellas.  
 39. A car went off the road into the snow last night. In the morning, the police came to help.  
 40. Sometimes good weather is bad weather. I love the sun, but I don't like it when it's too hot.

**READING & USAGE EXERCISE 5: Numbers 41 to 45**

Bob wants Jim to play football. Jim wants to do other things.

Match one of Jim's answers with each thing Bob says.

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

Example: Bob: Do you want to go out and play football?

Jim: (EX)

The answer is A. Yes, but I think it's going to rain.

A B C D E F G H

Bob: Do you want to go out and play football?

Jim: (EX)

Bob: No, it's not. Look! Do you see any clouds?

Jim: (41)

Bob: Well, let's go now. It's still sunny.

Jim: (42)

Bob: When will it finish?

Jim: (43)

Bob: And then you'll have to do your homework!

Jim: (44)

Bob: What do you have to do after that?

Jim: (45)

Bob: If you're going to use the computer, I'm going home! You're never going to play!

- A. Yes, but I think it's going to rain.  
 B. That's right. I forgot to write my story for Mrs Xentidi!  
 C. In about an hour. At 7 o'clock.  
 D. No, but it may get cloudy later.  
 E. I don't like playing football.  
 F. Well, I want to check my email.  
 G. Okay, but I want to see the end of this TV show.

# 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

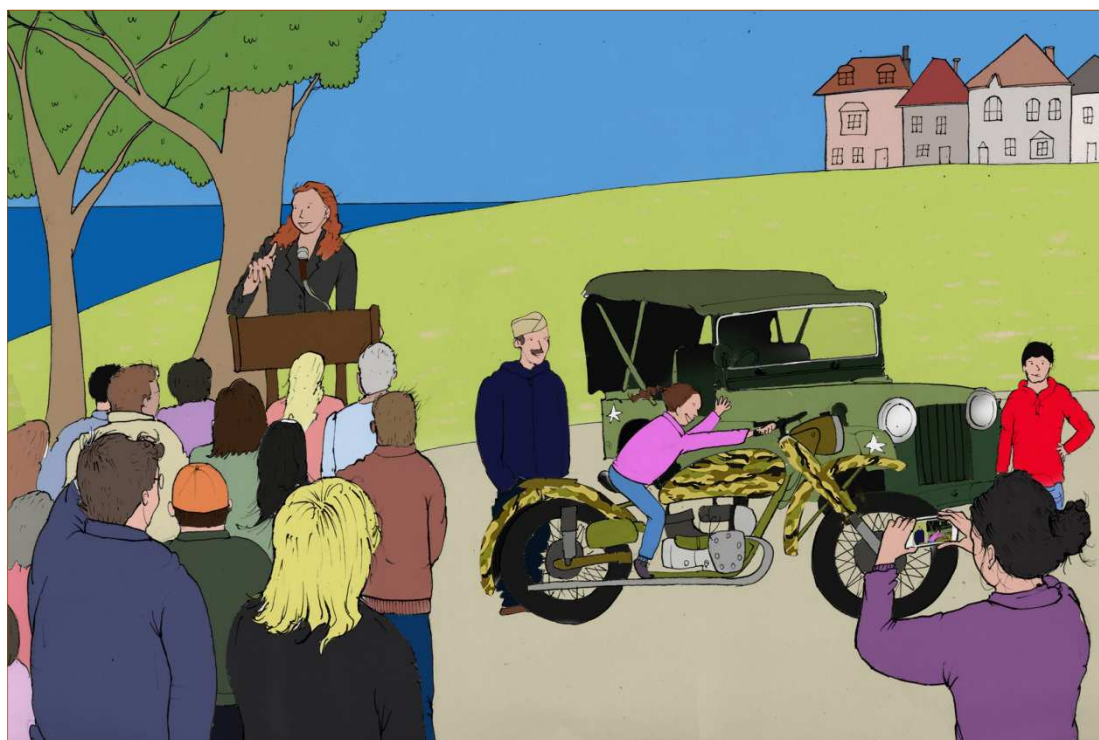
**TOPIC A:** Look at this picture of a holiday in Theo's town.

**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:** *Today is a holiday in Theo's town. ...*



today-be-holiday-Theo-town  
lot-people-stand-town park  
listen-teacher  
talk about-history-town

Theo-dad-look-old car  
wear-old army hat  
sister-sit-motorbike  
Mum-go-take-picture

everyone-smile-because-  
want-be-picture  
all-be-hungry  
soon-go-out-lunch



## OR THIS TOPIC

**TOPIC B:** Look at the pictures of Kim and her new phone.

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

Use the words below each picture.

Add any other words you wish.

**Begin like this:** *Kim's school was far away. ...*



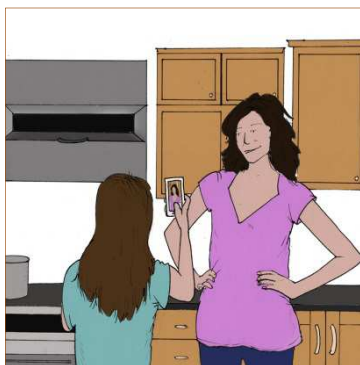
Kim-school-be far away  
so-dad-give-mobile phone



after school-go-market  
call-mum-buy-eggs-for her



at home-call-friend-Stella  
talk about-other friends



phone-have-good-camera  
Kim-take-picture-mother



then-make-video-cat  
try-catch-fly-be-very funny



parent-like-video  
phone-be-good-idea!