



English Language Examinations

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LANGUAGE ATTAINMENT ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

LEVEL PRE-A1

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HERE ARE YOUR INSTRUCTIONS:

- Be sure you have written your name at the top of this page.
- Do not open this booklet until the exam starts.
- Read all instructions carefully.
- Answer all 40 questions.
- Give only ONE answer for each question.
- Mark all your answers, in 2H or HB pencil, on the computerised Answer Sheet (Pre-A1).
- Time allowed: **1 hour**.

Task A: numbers 1 to 6**Match: At home!**

Look at the pictures of things in people's houses.

Match a picture with each statement.

Mark its letter, A-H, on your Answer Sheet.

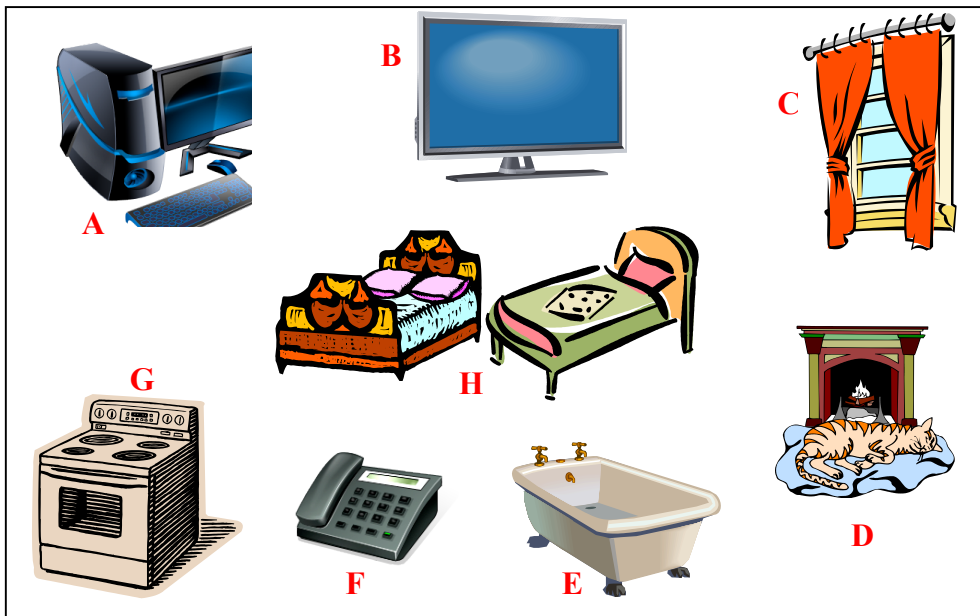
You will use only six of the letters.

Example: Where does your cat sleep?

The correct answer is D. **A B C D E F G H**

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- 1 We often watch TV in the evening.
- 2 You didn't have a bath last night.
- 3 Mum's cooking lunch in the kitchen.
- 4 It's cold! Can you close the window?
- 5 That's my sister's bed and this is my bed.
- 6 Have you got a computer at home?

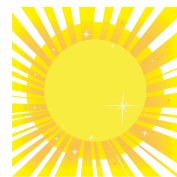


Task B: numbers 7 to 12

Choose the right word or phrase: The weather!

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

Example: The birds are singing and the sun is _____.
A swimming B smiling C shining



The correct answer is C. A B C D E F G H

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7 It's raining so you'll need _____.
A a T-shirt B sunglasses C an umbrella



8 It's cold outside so put _____ your gloves!
A on B off C in



9 What colour is _____? It's white!
A wind B rain C snow

10 If you're hot, _____ off your coat.
A take B make C get



11 A hat and a scarf can keep you _____.
A wet B warm C cold



12 I love going _____ skating in the winter.
A water B snow C ice



Task C: numbers 13 to 20

Choose the right word or phrase: Australia!

Read this email from Alex to his friend Stella.

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

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

Example: How __ (EXAMPLE) __ you?

A am B is C are

The correct answer is C. A B C D E F G H

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Hi Stella,

How __ (EXAMPLE) __ you? I hope __ (13) __ well, and you're enjoying the Christmas holiday.

I'm in Australia! I'm __ (14) __ with my uncle and aunt in Sydney. __ (15) __ having a fantastic time.

__ (16) __ cold in Greece? It __ (17) __ cold here – because it's summer in Australia! In fact, it's really hot. Yesterday we __ (18) __ swimming.

Here's a photo I __ (19) __ of Sydney. You can __ (20) __ the famous Opera House. It's the strange white building on the right. It's beautiful, isn't it?

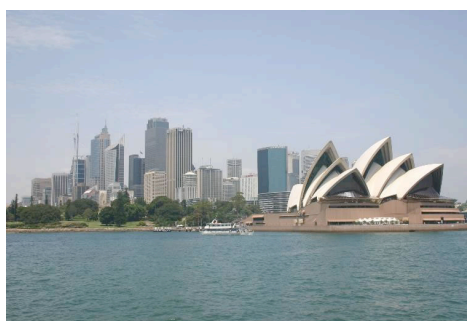
See you in January!

Bye for now!

Love,

Alex

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| 13 | A you | B your | C you're |
| 14 | A stay | B staying | C stays |
| 15 | A We're | B We've | C We |
| 16 | A It is | B Is it | C Does it |
| 17 | A not | B doesn't | C isn't |
| 18 | A go | B went | C going |
| 19 | A took | B take | C taking |
| 20 | A see | B to see | C saw |



Task D: numbers 21 to 25

Choose the right phrase: Roula's birthday!

Sophia is Roula's sister.

Sophia is telling her friend about Roula's birthday.

Read what Sophia says.

Choose the correct phrase to fill each gap in the text.
Mark its letter, A-G, on your Answer Sheet.

Example: Roula's birthday was three days ago .



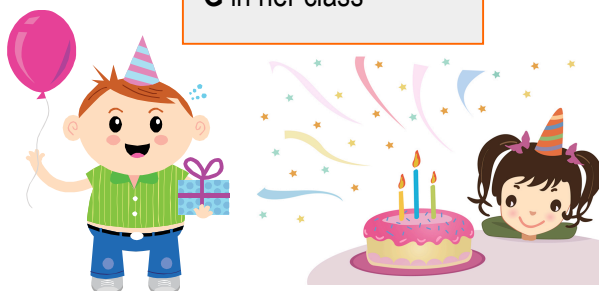
The correct answer is B. A B C D E F G H

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Roula's birthday was ____ (EXAMPLE) ____ .

- 21 In the morning, we gave Roula ____ .
- 22 I gave her a book, ____ gave her a new coat.
- 23 After breakfast, ____ to school.
- 24 Everyone ____ sang 'Happy Birthday' when she arrived.
- 25 On Saturday night, Roula's going ____ with all her friends.

A Roula went
B three days ago
C to have a party
D and Mum and Dad
E was very happy
F her presents
G in her class



Task E: numbers 26 to 30

Complete the dialogue: Shopping!

Jim is talking to his friend Andreas at school.

Look at Jim's questions.

Choose the correct reply to fill each gap in the dialogue.

Mark its letter, A-G, on your Answer Sheet.

You will use only five of the letters.

Example:

Jim: Andreas, what are you doing on Saturday afternoon?

Andreas: I don't know. Why?

The correct answer is **G**. **A B C D E F G H**

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Jim: Andreas, what are you doing on Saturday afternoon?

Andreas: ____(EXAMPLE)____

Jim: Do you want to go shopping?

Andreas: ____(26)____

Jim: Me too! What time shall we meet?

Andreas: ____(27)____

Jim: Good idea. You know where I live, don't you?

Andreas: ____(28)____

Jim: Yes, that's right. Shall we walk from my house to the town centre?

Andreas: ____(29)____

Jim: Good idea. What do you want to buy when we get there?

Andreas: ____(30)____

Jim: I want some new clothes too!



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| <p>A It's 45 North Street, isn't it?</p> <p>B Yes, that's a great idea! I love shopping!</p> <p>C Some DVDs, books and clothes. You?</p> <p>D No, it's a long way. Let's take the bus.</p> <p>E I'll come to your house at one o'clock, if you like.</p> <p>F I haven't got any money.</p> <p>G I don't know. Why?</p> |
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Task F: numbers 31 to 35

Fill the gaps: Time!

Read the text about time and look at the picture.

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

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

Example: Angelos is _____ years old.

A ten

B eleven

C twelve

The correct answer is B. A B C D E F G H

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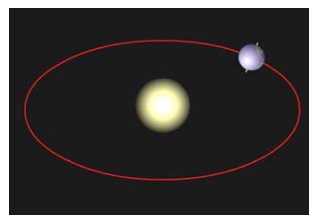
Time

by Angelos Romessis, aged 11

There are 60 seconds in a minute, 60 minutes in an hour, 24 hours in a day, 7 days in a week and 52 weeks in a year. There are also 365 days in a year. But $7 \times 52 = 364$, not 365. Where is the missing day?

The answer is that there aren't exactly 52 weeks in a year. That's why January 1st is sometimes on a Monday, sometimes on a Tuesday, sometimes on a Wednesday, etc. If there were exactly 52 weeks in a year, it would always be on the same day!

Also, there aren't always 365 days in a year. A 'year' is the time it takes for the Earth to go round the Sun. It actually takes about 365.25 days to go round the Sun. Because of this, every 4 years we have a 'leap year'. This is when there are 366 days in a year. How do we get an extra day? It's easy! Usually, February only has 28 days, but in a leap year we also have February 29th.



The Earth goes round the Sun.

- 31 Angelos says that there are _____ minutes in one hour.
A six B sixteen C sixty
- 32 He says that January 1st is _____ on a Thursday.
A always B sometimes C never
- 33 It actually takes _____ 365 days for the Earth to go round the Sun.
A more than B less than C exactly
- 34 In a leap year, February has _____ days.
A twenty-eight B twenty-nine C thirty
- 35 The _____ is in the middle of the picture.
A Earth B Sun C Moon

Task G: numbers 36 to 40**What do you say?: Food and drink!**

Here are some things that happen when we eat and drink.

For each situation, choose what you say when it happens.

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

Example: Your friend says: "Do you like orange juice?" What do you say?

A "Yes, I am!"

B "Yes, I do!"

C "Yes, I can!"



The correct answer is B. A B C D E F G H

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36 You can't find any bread in the supermarket. What do you say?

A "How much is the bread?"

B "How old is the bread?"

C "Where is the bread?"



37 Your dad asks: "Are there any apples in the kitchen?" What do you say?

A "No, they aren't."

B "No, you aren't."

C "No, there aren't."



38 A friend phones you on your mobile phone. "What are you doing now?" she asks. What do you say?

A "I'm having lunch at the moment."

B "I had lunch yesterday."

C "I have lunch every day."



39 You want to have spaghetti for dinner. What do you say to your parents?

A "Did we have spaghetti for dinner tonight?"

B "Can we have spaghetti for dinner tonight?"

C "Do we have spaghetti for dinner every night?"



40 Your mum says: "What do you want for lunch today?" What do you say?

A "Chicken with potatoes!"

B "At two o'clock!"

C "Yes please, Mum!"

