



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: From here to there!**

Look at the pictures of different kinds of transport.

Match a picture with each statement.

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

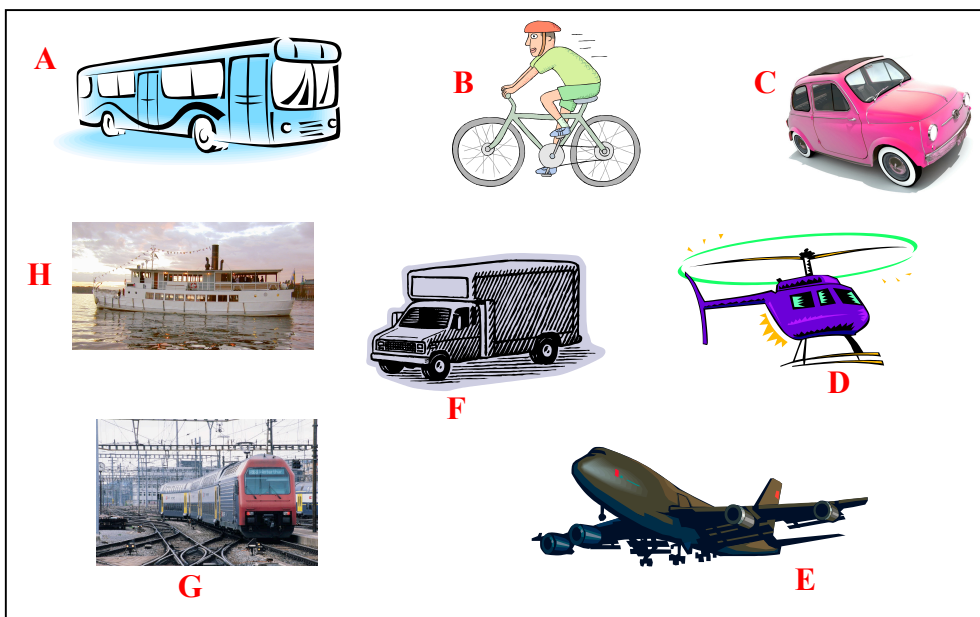
You will use only six of the letters.

Example: We went for a ride in a helicopter yesterday!

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

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- 1 My dad loves his new bike!
- 2 What colour is your mum's car?
- 3 The plane ticket was very expensive!
- 4 Are you going to take the bus into the town centre?
- 5 They're going to the island by boat.
- 6 What time does the train leave?



Task B: numbers 7 to 12

Choose the right word or phrase: In the kitchen!

Choose the correct word or phrase to fill each gap.

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

Example: Use this knife to _____ the vegetables.**A** wash**B** eat**C** cutThe correct answer is **C**. **A B C D E F G H**
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7 Do you want a _____ of tea?**A** cup**B** plate**C** piece**8** Dad's going to open a _____ of wine.**A** bowl**B** dish**C** bottle**9** Mum's _____ lunch at the moment.**A** working**B** making**C** going**10** Those red _____ look lovely!**A** tomatoes**B** bananas**C** potatoes**11** The milk's in the _____.**A** cooker**B** fridge**C** washing machine**12** Oh no! I dropped an egg on the _____.**A** floor**B** wall**C** door

Task C: numbers 13 to 20

Choose the right word or phrase: Juggling!

Read this email from Peter to his friend Stathis.

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 Stathis,

How __ (EXAMPLE) __ you? I hope __ (13) __ mum is feeling better now.

You asked __ (14) __ if I have any hobbies. Well, I do. I like juggling! __ (15) __ you know what that is?

When you juggle, you throw things into the air and then catch __ (16) __ again. Sometimes I throw balls, and sometimes other things.

Here's a photo of me juggling. In the picture, __ (17) __ juggling with some coloured sticks.

Juggling is difficult __ (18) __ at first, but I'm quite good __ (19) __ it now. And I get __ (20) __ every day!

Tell me about your hobbies!

Bye for now!

Peter

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| 14 | A me | B my | C mine |
| 15 | A Have | B Are | C Do |
| 16 | A they | B them | C their |
| 17 | A I | B I've | C I'm |
| 18 | A learn | B to learn | C learning |
| 19 | A at | B in | C on |
| 20 | A good | B better | C best |



Task D: numbers 21 to 25**Choose the right phrase: Susan's rabbit!**

Mrs Parker is Susan's mum.

Mrs Parker is telling her friend about Susan's rabbit.

Read what Mrs Parker says.

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

Example: It was Susan's birthday last Saturday .



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

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It was Susan's birthday ____ (**EXAMPLE**) ____ .

- 21 We gave her ____ . A rabbit!
- 22 It's white, ____ .
- 23 It's a boy rabbit, and Susan decided ____ Barry.
- 24 I ____ why she chose that name!
- 25 Susan loves Barry ____ !

A with funny long ears
B last Saturday
C very much
D gives it food every day
E to call it
F don't know
G a great present

Task E: numbers 26 to 30

Complete the dialogue: A new life in Kavala!

Panos lived in Athens but now lives in Kavala.

His friend Stella is asking him about his new life in Kavala.

Look at Stella'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:

Stella: What's your new house like?

Panos: It's a lovely house. It's quite big!

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

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Stella: What's your new house like?

Panos: (EXAMPLE)

Stella: Is it near the sea?

Panos: (26)

Stella: Do you share a bedroom with your baby brother?

Panos: (27)

Stella: Great! Are the people friendly in Kavala?

Panos: (28)

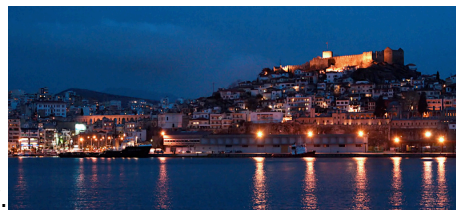
Stella: What's your new school like?

Panos: (29)

Stella: Can I come and visit you?

Panos: (30)

Stella: I will! Maybe at the end of July.



- A No, he's got his bedroom and I've got mine.
 B Of course you can! Come in the summer!
 C We don't go to restaurants very often.
 D Not very near, but you can see the castle from my bedroom!
 E It's nice. The teachers are very kind and help me a lot.
 F Yes, everyone's very friendly!
 G It's a lovely house. It's quite big!

Task F: numbers 31 to 35

Fill the gaps: Boats and ships!

Read the text about boats and ships 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: George is _____ years old.

A two

B twelve

C twenty

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

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Boats and ships

by George Tsenes, aged 12

What's the difference between a boat and a ship?

A ship is a very large boat.

In English, they use some strange words to talk about boats and ships. For example, if you sleep on a boat, you don't sleep in a bedroom. You sleep

in a 'cabin'. And your bed's not called a bed. It's called a 'berth'. Also, we don't talk about left and right with boats. We say 'port' for left and 'starboard' for right. And we don't say front and back either! The front of the boat is the 'bow', and the back of the boat is the 'stern'.

Some people, when they talk about boats and ships, don't say 'it'. They say 'she'. For example, they might say 'She's a beautiful ship, isn't she?'

There are lots of different types of boat. Container ships, for example, carry very big boxes. Cruise ships take people on holiday to different places. In the photo, there's a very large cruise ship, and some smaller sailing boats.



- 31 George says that boats are much _____ than ships.
 A bigger B better C smaller
- 32 On a boat or ship, a _____ is a room.
 A cabin B berth C bed
- 33 If a ship 'turns to the starboard', it turns _____.
 A left B right C back
- 34 If you are at the 'bow', you are at the _____ of the boat.
 A side B back C front
- 35 In the photo, there's a big _____.
 A sailing boat B cruise ship C container ship

Task G: numbers 36 to 40

What do you say?: Talking to friends and family!

Here are some things that happen when we talk to our friends and family.

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

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

Example: Your mum phones you on your mobile phone. She asks where you are.

What do you say?

A "I'm going shopping on Saturday."

B "I'm shopping at the moment."

C "I go shopping every Saturday."

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

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36 Your friend asks: "Is this your DVD?" What do you say?

A "No, it's Eleanna."

B "No, it's Eleanna's DVD."

C "No, Eleanna has a DVD."



37 Your dad gives you a bus ticket. What do you say?

A "Thanks, Dad."

B "Where is it, Dad?"

C "Here's a ticket, Dad."



38 Your friend says: "Do you like my new skateboard?" What do you say?

A "Yes, I do!"

B "Yes, I am!"

C "Yes, I like!"



39 You ask your parents for some money. What do you say?

A "Who wants some money?"

B "Where's the money you gave me?"

C "Can I have some money, please?"



40 Your grandparents come to visit you. What do you say?

A "Goodnight Grandma and Grandpa!"

B "Bye Grandma and Grandpa!"

C "Hi Grandma and Grandpa!"

