## Name:

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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE <br> EXAMINATIONS

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## FIRST STEP

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## INSTRUCTIONS

- Do not open this booklet until the exam starts.
- The order of the exam papers is:


PART B © READING \& USAGE
part C WRITING

- Time allowed for all three parts: $\mathbf{9 0}$ minutes



## part A © LISTENING

## POINTS: 25

TIME: APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- 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.


## EXERCISE 1 <br> Numbers: 1-8

## Having Fun!

EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS: 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.


1. $\square$
2. $\square$
3. 

$\square$
4. $\square$ 5.

6. $\square$ 7. $\square$
8. $\square$

## EXERCISE 2 <br> Numbers: 9-15

## The Birthday Party

EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS: Choose the correct word, phrase or photo to complete each statement, 9 to 15 . Circle its letter, A, B or C.
9. The party is on $\qquad$ -
A. Saturday
B. Sunday
C. Saturday and Sunday
10. They will arrive at Melissa's house at about $\qquad$ .
A. five o'clock
B. half past five
C. six o'clock
11. When Lizzie calls, Dad will be at $\qquad$ .
A. home
B. Melissa's house
C. Grandma's house
12. Dad wants to be at home before $\qquad$ .

13. Melissa has a lot of $\qquad$ .


B


14. Tomorrow, Lizzie will buy a $\qquad$ .

15. Dad gives Lizzie $\qquad$ euros.
A. five
B. ten
C. twenty

## PART B（i⿴囗⿱一一⿴囗十一 READING \＆USAGE

## POINTS： 50

## TIME： 40 MINUTES ARE ADVISED

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS：

－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．

## EXERCISE 1 Numbers：16－25

## Volunteering to Clean the Road

EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS：Read the text．Then do the exercises on page 5.

Will was fourteen，and lived in a big town with his parents．In Will＇s area，lots of people threw paper and other things in the streets and they didn＇t care．Will and his friend from school，Alice，were unhappy about this．They decided to volunteer to pick everything up．

young volunteers

Will spoke to his mum and dad to ask them for help．They told Will he needed a few things，like gloves to keep their hands clean and plastic bags to put things in．Will went to the supermarket and got everything he needed．Alice tried to find people to help．She spoke to two other friends at school，Simon and Eva．They agreed to help．

The next day，the four schoolfriends met．Will and Eva lived near each other，and they all met near Eva＇s house．They walked to a road．Three of them put gloves on and took a plastic bag．Simon decided to watch for cars．When cars came，Simon told the others to be careful．

Soon，their bags were full．Eva carried the full bags to her house around the corner．Will and Alice took new bags and continued．While they were doing this，two other children walked past．They wanted to help，and Will gave them gloves and plastic bags．Soon，the road was clean．They all agreed to meet the next weekend to clean another area．

EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS: Choose a word or phrase, A, B or C, to complete each statement, 16 to 20.
16. Will wanted to do something about a problem $\qquad$ .
A. where he lived
B. at his school
C. with his parents
17. Will asked his mum and dad to $\qquad$ .
A. clean the streets
B. buy him some things
C. help him
18. Alice asked her friends to $\qquad$ .
A. find other people
B. help her and Will
C. go to the supermarket
19. The friends met each other near $\qquad$ .
A. Simon's house
B. school
C. Eva's house
20. After they cleaned the road, they decided to $\qquad$ .
A. meet another day
B. wash their gloves
C. buy more plastic bags

EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS: Match an action from the box, A to F, with each person, 21 to 25.
You will use only five of the letters.

A. said what things they needed
B. told people to stop dropping paper
C. took full bags home
D. bought things they needed
E. helped everyone stay safe
F. found people to help

## EXERCISE 2 <br> Numbers: 26-30

## The Dance Stars!

EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS: 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.

## Enter the Dance Stars Competition!

Do you want to be in our dance [26] $\qquad$ the Dance Stars? We're having a competition to find great [27] $\qquad$ Make a short video
 on your mobile [28] $\qquad$ of your dancing and send it to us. If we like it, we'll ask you to come and dance in [29] $\qquad$ of us! After that, we'll [30] __ two people to dance with the Dance Stars!
A. phone
B. choose
C. win
D. group
E. front
F. dancers

## EXERCISE 3 <br> Numbers: 31-35

## Selling lemonade to help

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

Our school needed money to build a new playground. My friend Alex and I wanted [31] $\qquad$ get some of the money. It was summer and we had [32] __ lemons. So we decided to make and sell lemonade! First, we cut the lemons, and then got the juice [33] __ of them. Then we put [34] __ water and sugar in the juice. It was sweet! After that, we put a table with glasses and the lemonade on it outside my house. It was a hot day and people [35] __ thirsty! We sold all of our lemonade and made a lot of money. Our teachers at school were very happy!


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31
32.
A. helping
B. help
C. to help
C. lots of
C. from
33.
A. lots
B. lot of
B. out
B. any
C. all
35.
34. A. some
B. were
C. being

## EXERCISE 4 <br> Numbers: 36-40

## On holiday

EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS: Here are some pictures of people on holiday. Choose a picture to match each statement. Mark its letters, A to D, on your Answer Sheet. You will use one letter more than once.

36. $\qquad$ Last year, we went skiing in the mountains and it was very cold.
37. $\qquad$ I love holidays on the beach because you can swim in the sea.
38. $\qquad$ When you go on holiday to a city, there's lots to see and do.
39. $\qquad$ A walking holiday in nature is a great way to see flowers and animals.
40. Let's catch a bus to the museum and see what they have there.

## EXERCISE 5

Numbers: 41-45

## Animals in the garden

EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS: Read the text. Then say if each statement is true or not.
Mark A for True and B for False on your Answer Sheet.
When you think of a garden, you might think of flowers and trees. But lots of insects and animals live in gardens, and many of them are very interesting. Some insects help people, like bees. They make honey for us to eat. And other animals like spiders and frogs catch flies, which makes having a picnic in the garden nicer! How can you help these animals? One way is to stop cutting the grass! Let it grow longer so insects can hide there. You can also put sticks together in a corner of the garden. Spiders love dark places where they feel safe. Finally, choose your flowers carefully. Butterflies, for example, like some flowers more than others.
41. $\qquad$ Bees are insects that help us.
42. $\qquad$ It's bad when frogs eat flies in your garden.
43. $\qquad$ Insects like to hide in short grass.
44. __ Spiders feel safe where it's dark.

45. $\qquad$ Butterflies love all flowers the same.

## PART C WRITING

## POINTS: 25

TIME: 30 MINUTES ARE ADVISED
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- 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.
Choice of Topic A OR Topic B.
Write your task in about 60-80 words on your Answer Sheet.


## CHOICE OF

TOPIC A

## You are on holiday with your family

## INSTRUCTIONS:

You are on holiday with your family. Write an email to a friend and tell him/her about it. In about 60-80 words, answer the following:

- Where are you staying?
- What is the place like?
- Are you having a good time? Why / why not?
- What are you going to do later today?

Begin like this: Dear...
Look at the pictures to get some ideas or use any ideas of your own.


## CHOICE OF

## TOPIC B

## You cleaned a beach

INSTRUCTIONS:
You helped to clean a beach. Write an email to a friend and tell him/her about it.
In about 60-80 words, answer the following:

- When and where did you do this?
- Who did you go with?
- What different things did you do there?

- How did you feel about it?

Begin like this: Dear...
Look at the pictures to get some ideas or use any ideas of your own.

put on gloves / pick up bottle / put in bag

be hard work / have fun / happy / do a good job

