

Practice exam

PAPER 1 – READING AND WRITING

Reading

PART 1

Questions 1–5

Look at the text in each question.

What does it say?

Mark the correct letter, – A, B or C.

In the actual exam you will mark your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

Example:

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM IN CAPITAL
LETTERS USING BLACK INK

A Use a pen with black ink and write in capital letters.

B Write your name on the form in capital letters.

C You must sign this form in black ink.

Answer:

0	A	B	C
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1

Please be quiet in
this corridor – exam
in progress in
the library

A Don't make a noise when you enter the library.

B Wait quietly in the corridor until you are told to begin the exam.

C Don't disturb students taking the exam in the library.

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Please remember
to lock the
door behind you
when you leave
the building

A Don't leave the building without locking the door.

B Don't lock the door when you are in the building.

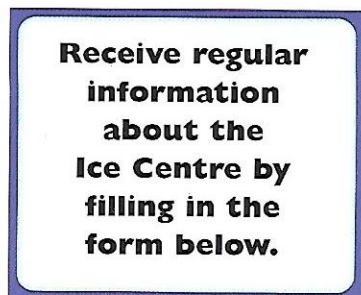
C Don't leave the building by the back door.

3



- A The computer should be turned off in five minutes.
- B There is another computer available for use.
- C Wait five minutes before using the computer.

4



- A If you fill in the form, you can use the Ice Centre.
- B We will send you a form with information about the Ice Centre.
- C Fill in the form to get up-to-date information about the Ice Centre.

5



- A There will be ice on the roads in the morning.
- B It will be impossible to drive on some roads tonight.
- C Be careful of the ice on the roads during the night.

PART 2**Questions 6–10**

The people below all want to rent a video to watch.

On the opposite page there are descriptions of eight videos.

Decide which video would be most suitable for each person or family.

For questions 6–10, mark the correct letter (A–H).

In the actual exam you will mark your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

6



Janey is a drama student. She likes reading true stories, especially about the theatre. She prefers stories and films that have a happy ending.

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Sarah and Chris want a video they can enjoy watching with their two sons aged ten and twelve. The boys like adventure and lots of action.

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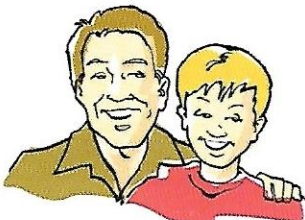
Trudi, 13, enjoys reading teenage magazines and school stories. She likes animals, especially horses, but hates childish films.

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John is an engineer. He likes true-life stories and is interested in anything to do with machines, but he won't watch anything with singing or dancing in.

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Nick is organising a children's party for his son's fourth birthday. He's planned lots of games, and there will be food and drink. He wants a video that's not too long or noisy for the children to watch after they've had their food.

A

From the horse's mouth 75 mins

When Dobbin the horse learns to speak, there's trouble on the farm. Young children have been enjoying this cartoon film for the last 40 years, and it has one of the most exciting and fast-moving endings around.

B

Moon landing 136 mins

Although most people who remember the real moon landing will know what is going to happen in this film, the events are still exciting. Will Sykes plays the captain trying to get his men back to Earth alive when technical problems put all their lives in danger. A real-life story which is sometimes difficult to follow, but worth the effort.

C

Elvis! 136 mins

Based on the true story of Elvis Presley, the film shows his amazing success as a young man, with original recordings of some of his greatest songs, but it is at its best in the second half where we follow his troubled personal life and the health problems of his later years.

D

Danger ahead 112 mins

Starting in New York in the present day, this fast-moving science fiction film moves quickly into the future. The amazing scenes of spaceships flying over New York have to be seen (and heard) to be believed! Not for those who want a story they can believe in, but first-class entertainment for both young and old.

E

Sing to the top 141 mins

This film of the amazing real life story of Sylvia Stebbs won the prize for best musical of the year. Set in Hollywood in the 1930s, it tells the story of how Sylvia rises to become one of the most famous singers and actresses of her day.

F

Magic class 121 mins

Amy-Beth needs some magic in her life – but she's not too successful when she goes to evening classes in Magic Studies. When she tries to use her special knowledge to make the boy next door fall in love with her, the results are out of this world!

G

Captain Cheese saves the day 30 mins

This story follows the adventures of Captain Cheese, a mouse with special powers who meets a lion with a big problem – he's lost his voice. A peaceful, gentle story, very different from most other children's cartoons.

H

The black shoes 135 mins

When Igor finds a pair of black ballet shoes, he gives them to Natasha, his dancing partner, and she finds they fit her perfectly. Wearing the shoes, she dances as she has never done before, until the horrifying final performance. Not suitable for children under 15.

PART 3

Questions 11–20

Look at the sentences below about a zoo.

Read the text on the opposite page to decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect.

If it is correct, mark **A**.

If it is not correct, mark **B**.

In the actual exam you will mark your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

- 11 The zoo is just outside the town of Seaport.
- 12 Visitors to the zoo can go swimming in a pool with dolphins.
- 13 You can get off the 'Animal Train' in different parts of the zoo.
- 14 Children must be with an adult when they go to the children's zoo.
- 15 Posters at the main entrance give details of animal feeding times.
- 16 Zoo workers finish their work at 6.00 p.m.
- 17 The animals are fed at eight o'clock in the morning.
- 18 Older children can help the keepers to look after the elephants.
- 19 In summer there are four places where you can buy presents and souvenirs.
- 20 You can reach the zoo by bus or by car.

Welcome to Seaport Zoo

Seaport Zoo is only two miles from the centre of Seaport, one of Britain's most popular holiday towns. Set in beautiful countryside, it is home to over 400 animals from all over the world, including lions, tigers and elephants. It also has many special attractions, including Monkey Mountain and our new 'Dolphin-mobile', a special boat which allows you to get close to the dolphins in their sea-water pool.

Visitors of all ages will enjoy a ride on the 'Animal Train' which travels from the main entrance to the far side of the zoo. It passes through beautiful woodland and offers views of some of our animals. There are stops near all the main attractions, including our children's zoo, which gives our young visitors the chance to touch and maybe even feed some of our smaller animals. Please note that children are not allowed in this area unless they are with an adult.

The work in the zoo is non-stop and our staff make sure that the animals get all the care and attention they need. The first job of the day is to clean the animals' homes – this starts at eight o'clock and has to be done every day, to make sure that the animals are kept happy and healthy. We feed the animals at the zoo six bags of carrots, six boxes of bananas, eight boxes of apples and ten bags of potatoes every week. The zoo gates close at 6 p.m. but the work still goes on as there are plenty more things to do before bedtime. The last job of the day is to feed the elephants their supper, and then it's goodnight and sleep tight.

If you want to know more about your favourite animal, then come along to one of the short talks given by our staff. The talks change every day, so check the posters at the main entrance to make sure you don't miss anything. Or for something really different, why not try an 'Elephant Experience'? Helped by our fully-trained keepers, you can actually help wash and feed these wonderful animals. Note: You must be at least 16 years of age for an 'Elephant Experience'.

The zoo has a large restaurant, and drinks and snacks can also be bought from machines next to the picnic area. In addition, a gift shop is open throughout the year at the main entrance. Two smaller gift shops are also opened during the summer.

The zoo is open every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There is a large car park, and in addition regular buses run between Seaport Station and the zoo.

PART 4**Questions 21–25**

Read the text and questions below.

For each question, mark the correct letter, **A, B, C** or **D**.

In the actual exam you will mark your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

POP STAR

You need the right songs and a good voice to be a pop star, but you also need to be a great performer – and it's an advantage if you can dance well, especially if you want to be part of a group. To be successful, you have to be a special kind of person as well as a good singer. People will only notice you if you have a different 'look', but at the same time you need to keep your own identity. All those long hours travelling between interviews and photo shoots will make you very tired, but you must always be warm and friendly, because if people don't like you, you won't get far. They won't put pictures of you in their magazines, they won't ask you to come on their television shows and they won't play your CDs. You must be super-confident because you'll be meeting lots of new people regularly – from interviews with journalists to chatting on television shows. It's your job to sell yourself – you've got to have something to say, and your attitude is really important! You have to want to be famous, and be prepared to work extremely hard at it. It's not going to be easy!

- 21 What is the writer trying to do in this text?
- A give information about people who are pop stars
 - B explain why being a pop star is not a safe job
 - C explain why he or she wants to be a pop star
 - D give advice on how to become a pop star
- 22 What can a reader learn from this text?
- A Pop stars must always look up to date.
 - B Pop stars have to be good dancers as well as good singers.
 - C Pop stars need to get on well with people.
 - D Pop stars have more free time than other people.

23 What does the writer say about being a pop star?

- A It's a wonderful job.
- B It's difficult.
- C It can make you very rich.
- D It can be very lonely.

24 The writer talks about travelling to show that

- A being a pop star is tiring.
- B a pop star's life is expensive.
- C pop stars are often on their own.
- D pop stars see a lot of the world.

25 Which person is the most likely to become a successful pop star?

A *I love dancing, and going out with my friends. I think being a pop star would be great – nothing to do but sing and wear lovely clothes!*

B *I like dancing and I love singing – but my studies are important too. But that's no problem – I could study in the day, and sing at concerts in the evening.*

C *I love going places and meeting people and I can't wait to be famous – it's all I want to do!*

D *I'm a bit nervous when I meet people I don't know – but everyone says I have a really good voice.*

PART 5**Questions 26–35**

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space.

For each question, mark the correct letter, **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**.

In the actual exam you will mark your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

Example:

0 A out B at C on D in

Answer:

0	A	B	C	D
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

AN AMAZING PILL

Doctors have a new way to find (0) what is happening in your stomach. All you (26) to do is take a small pill. The pill, which is about the same (27) as a thumb nail, contains a light and a video camera. When it gets to the stomach, the camera starts to (28) pictures which are recorded by equipment on a special belt (29) around the patient's stomach. The pill can (30) to work for up to seven hours and can be used to see (31) the patient has any stomach problems (32) as bleeding. The amazing tablet was (33) by the American space agency NASA, and can certainly go where no medical equipment has gone before! Doctors say that it is a (34) cheaper and safer way of discovering the (35) of stomach pain than having an operation.

- 26 A must B should C have D can
- 27 A taste B size C use D type
- 28 A take B make C show D paint
- 29 A carried B worn C shown D dressed
- 30 A continue B keep C press D move
- 31 A as B unless C whether D because
- 32 A like B same C such D so
- 33 A done B found C built D invented
- 34 A very B most C much D more
- 35 A causes B reasons C directions D places

Writing

PART 1

Questions 1–5

Here are some sentences about a holiday by the sea.

For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

Use no more than three words.

Write only the missing words.

In the actual exam you will write your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

Example:

- 0 My house is a long way from the nearest beach.

There isn't a beach my house.

Answer: 0

near

- 1 I have never visited this beach before.

It is that I have ever visited this beach.

- 2 My friend said that she thought it was a good place.

My friend said, '..... it is a good place.'

- 3 However, the weather's colder than I expected.

However, the weather's not I expected.

- 4 I can't go swimming because the waves are so big.

The waves are too big for swimming.

- 5 I am not having a very good time.

I am not myself very much.