Test 1

Reading

Reading Part 1 Exam Tips

- The question and the text will tell you the same thing, but in a different way because they use different words. Try to see which of the 3 sentences has the same meaning with the text.
- Also, you will have to read notices or messages about places (like a museum, swimming pool or school). It is important to know vocabulary related to such places.

PART 1 **Questions 1-6**

For each question, choose the correct answer.

1.

City Library

Reading Competition:
Starts at 9 a.m.
Finishes at 12 p.m.

Open to all students aged between 10 and 17 years old

A. The library is open for three hours.

B. Students of all ages can take part in the competition.

C. Adults can't take part in the competition.

2.

9:47 AM

Hi James,

Today you can buy two meals for the price of one in the new fast food restaurant. I know that you finish work at 8. Shall we go at 8:30 p.m.?

Emma

A. Emma knows that James can't go out before 8 p.m.

B. Emma and James will both have a free meal today.

C. Emma wants to meet James in the morning.

3.

Train Timetable Changes

No buses on Saturday and Sunday. There will be two trains an hour for the extra people. Only Platform One will be used this weeekend.

Why have the train times changed?

A. More passengers prefer the train than the bus.

B. One platform cannot be used.

C. Buses will stop running at the weekend.

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Reading Part 1 Exam Tips

- Read the text and choose the sentence which goes with the short text.
- Look at the layout and the graphics, as this will help you to understand what it is about.
- Read the three possible answers.
- Check all the possible answers with the text before choosing your answer.
- Read the answer you have chosen again to check that it sounds right.

4.

A. Jim will wait for Anna to take the next bus.

B. Jim wants Anna to tell the teacher about his delay.

C. Jim tells Anna that he will go to school on foot.

5.

A. The offer is available all week.

B. 2 kilograms of sweets cost £1.50 more than 1 kilogram.

C. You can buy chocolate at half its usual price.

6.

Why did Marina write this message?

A. to ask Susan to help her find her school bag

B. to tell Susan what happened to her

C. to tell Susan that she has done her homework

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PART 2 Questions 7-13

For each question, choose the correct answer.

		Greg	Susie	Alex
7.	Who says their hobby makes them money?	A	B	C
8.	Who plans to stop their hobby soon?	A	B	C
9.	Who has just started doing their hobby?	A	B	C
10.	Who does their hobby with someone in their family?	A	B	C
11.	Who pays a lot of money to do their hobby?	A	B	C
12.	Who says their hobby makes them healthier?	A	B	C
13.	Who says their hobby helps them with school work?	A	B	C

Reading Part 2 Exam Tips

- You will be given three things. It might be three places, books, people, films etc. You must read the text carefully and not just look at the words on their own. Read about each person/thing one at a time and match them to the questions.
- Read all the questions to find the information you need to look for in the texts.
- Read the texts quickly and try to find the right information for each question.
- When you find the answer, read the piece of text carefully again and check that it does answer the question.
- Before you choose the answer, check that it doesn't answer another question. If it does, you must choose which one is the closest answer.

Our Hobbies

Greg

I think a lot of people would say that my hobby is quite unusual these days. I collect stamps from all over the world. My hobby started many years ago when my uncle worked in many different countries. He sent letters and postcards to us with beautiful stamps on them. Also, my grandfather collects stamps and he helps me to make my collection bigger. I learn a lot about different countries because of my stamp collection and it has made me really good at geography. Actually, I am top of my geography class.

Susie

I only started gardening as a hobby a few months ago. I was watching a TV programme about a family that grow all their own fruit and vegetables and I thought it was a really good idea. I didn't know it but I am really good at growing things. This month we have lots of salad vegetables and strawberries. Actually, we have too much food so I sell some of it to our neighbours. I am saving the money to buy some beautiful flowers for our garden. Sometimes gardening is really hard work but that's a good thing because it means that I don't need to go to the gym.

Alex

My hobby is snowboarding. I started snowboarding when I was very young. We were on holiday in Switzerland but I didn't like skiing with the rest of my family. I tried snowboarding instead and loved it. The big problem is that there isn't much snow where I live so I have to travel a lot and that is very expensive. My parents said I need to save my own money if I want to go snowboarding often, so I think I am going to find a new hobby very soon. But I am a bit sad about that.

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PART 3 Questions 14-18

For each question, choose the correct answer.

My life as an actor *by Tanya Robinson*

My mother is an actor and my father is a musician. When I was sixteen, I started to work as an ice-cream seller in our local theatre but I always wanted to be an actor. But neither of my parents wanted me to act. They wanted me to go to university and get a job that pays lots of money.

When I started primary school, my school didn't teach drama. My mother didn't have time to teach me and she said that I couldn't have lessons at a drama school for children. What she didn't know was that one of my friends had a drama teacher come to her house and her parents let me do the lessons with her.

When I went to secondary school my drama teacher, Mrs Burton, said: "I have never seen such a good actor at your age. You could be famous one day." It was the first time someone made me believe that I could do what I wanted to do.

After secondary school I went to drama school. My parents were still not happy with my decision. My father said: "In the future you will wish that you had listened to us." This made me feel very sad as I wanted my parents to be happy for me. I almost changed my mind but I knew acting was the right thing for me to do.

Now of course I am famous. I have worked hard but I have also been lucky. Now my whole family agrees that I made all the right decisions when I was younger and my parents are very happy for me.

14. What did Tanya's parents hope she would do?
- **A.** become an actor
- **B.** get a job in a university
- **C.** have a job that would make her rich

15. Tanya had her first acting lessons
- **A.** from her mother.
- **B.** with a friend.
- **C.** at her primary school.

16. Mrs Burton told Tanya
- **A.** to believe in herself because she is good.
- **B.** that she will never become a good actor.
- **C.** that she should only be an actor if her parents agree.

17. Tanya's father
- **A.** made her feel bad about having acting lessons.
- **B.** made her change her plans.
- **C.** made her feel happy about her decision.

18. What does Tanya say about her family now?
- **A.** They don't think she is a good actor.
- **B.** They are angry that they were wrong.
- **C.** They are pleased that she did what she wanted to do.

Reading Part 3 Exam Tips

- Quickly look through the text to find out what it is about.
- Next, read the text more carefully.
- Look at each question and then check each possible answer with the text before choosing one.
- Check the answer that you have chosen with the text again.
- After you have chosen an answer, look at the other two possible answers and make sure that they are wrong.
- For some questions think about the main idea. Read the whole text. Try to understand which information is very important and which is less important.
- You should underline words that will help you choose the correct answer.

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PART 4 Questions 19-24

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The Olympic Games

Every four years, 200 or more countries send their best athletes to **(19)**..... part in the Olympic Games. Millions of people from all around the world **(20)**..... the Olympic Games on television. The Olympic Games began more than 2,000 years **(21)**..... . The modern Olympics began in Athens, Greece, in 1896.

The number of sports played at the Olympics **(22)**..... from year to year. Some of the most popular Summer Olympic sports are swimming, cycling, volleyball and horse riding. The Winter Olympic sports include ice hockey, **(23)**..... and ski jumping.

Personal and team **(24)**..... is the most important part of the Olympics. There is no prize money.

19.	**A.** try	**B.** take	**C.** turn
20.	**A.** watch	**B.** visit	**C.** look
21.	**A.** since	**B.** ago	**C.** past
22.	**A.** becomes	**B.** improves	**C.** changes
23.	**A.** windsurfing	**B.** snowboarding	**C.** sailing
24.	**A.** business	**B.** rest	**C.** success

Reading Part 4 Exam Tips

- Look through the text quickly to find out what it is about.
- You will need to choose the correct answer from similar words e.g. time, size, area or space. They will also all be the same Part of Speech (nouns, verbs, adjectives, prepositions, etc.)
- Look at each question, read the whole sentence and then choose the correct word.
- After you have chosen the correct answer, check the two other answers and make sure that they are wrong.
- When you have chosen all the answers, read the whole text again to make sure that it is correct.

PART 5 Questions 25-30

For each question, write the correct answer. Write ONE word for each gap.

From: John
To: Sally

I'm on holiday with **(0)**....my..... parents in Bali. The weather is great. I'm **(25)**..... to play beach volleyball later. It is really nice here. The hotel is big and it **(26)**..... got a large swimming pool.

I have taken **(27)**..... of photographs which I will show you when I return home. It's such **(28)**..... shame you couldn't come with us. I think you'll like this place **(29)**..... well.

Wish you were **(30)**..... .

Love,
John

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