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ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXAMINATIONS

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FIRST STEP | PRE-A1 | **A1** | A2

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LANGUAGE ATTAINMENT ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

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INSTRUCTIONS

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

PART **A** **LISTENING**

PART **B** **READING & USAGE**

PART **C** **WRITING**

- Time allowed for all three parts: **90 minutes**

LIVEWORKSHEETS

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.

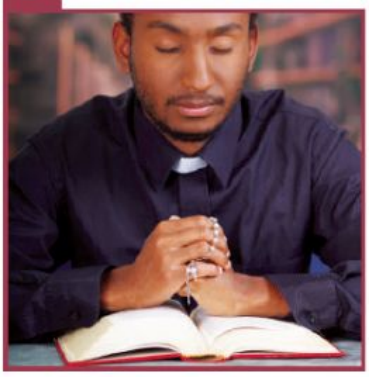
EXERCISE 1
Numbers: 1 - 8

Who's wearing these clothes?

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**.

A

B



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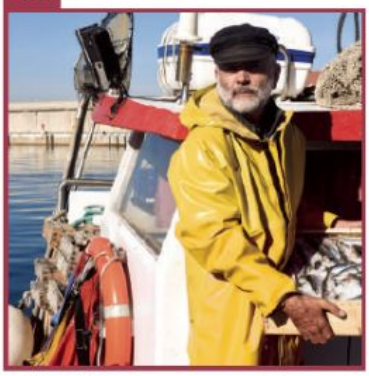

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F

1. ☐ 2. ☐ 3. ☐ 4. ☐ 5. ☐ 6. ☐ 7. ☐ 8. ☐

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EXERCISE **2**
Numbers: 9 - 15

Flowers for an important day

EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS: Choose the correct word, phrase or picture to complete each statement, 9 to 15. Circle its letter, A, B or C.

9. Mr Watson and Mary Kaiser are talking ____.
   A. by telephone
   B. in the flower shop
   C. on their computers

10. Mr Watson wants to send flowers to his ____.
   A. wife
   B. mother
   C. children

11. The flowers are for an important day ____.
   A. in the future **B.** at the kids' school **C.** on last month's calendar

12. Mr. Watson chooses the ____.

A

B

C

13. Mr. Watson decides to get the ___ to put the flowers in.

A

B

C

14. Mr. Watson pays for the flowers with ____.

A

B

C

15. The flowers will arrive at the Watsons' house ____.
   A. later today **B.** in the morning **C.** tomorrow afternoon

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PART B 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

Bill, are you sure you want a balloon?

EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS: Read the text. Then do the exercise on page 5 by choosing the correct word or phrase to fill each gap. Mark its letter, A, B or C, on your Answer Sheet.

Five years ago, Bill's older sister, Pam, took her first English exam. Bill went with Mum to take Pam home. The exam took a long time. But, when Pam left, the teacher gave her a big balloon. All the kids who took the exam got one.

The air in the balloons made them go up. If you let go of them, they flew up in the sky. One balloon got away, and then all the other kids let go of their balloons, too. Soon, 100 balloons were flying away over the exam centre. "Wow!" Bill thought. "That's beautiful!"

Last year, Bill took his first English exam. He wanted to get a balloon, too. But, when he left, they gave him a ruler with the name of the exam on it. Bill was a little sad and, on the way home, he asked his mother, "Why didn't we get balloons?"

"Well, Bill," Mum said, "we live and we learn!"

"What have we learned about balloons?" Bill asked.

Mum smiled, "Do you remember your science lesson about the sea? And the fish and other animals in the sea?"

Yes, Bill remembered! They read about balloons. Balloons lose their air after a few hours and can fall into the sea. There, the animals may eat them. But balloons are not real food. They don't help the animals grow strong.

Also, we use balloons only once. After that, we throw them away. That's not very good for nature.

Now Bill understood. The people at the English exam didn't want to hurt nature or the sea animals! So, they gave a different gift to students.

Bill thought about his father. Dad had a drawer full of rulers, and three of them were his favourites. One very expensive ruler was 50 centimetres long, and Dad used it for his work. An old one, from Bill's granddad, was 30 centimetres long. So was the third one from Dad's trip to England.

"Nice idea!" Bill thought. He decided to get lots of rulers, like his dad, and this one was his first.

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16. After Pam's exam, five years ago, ____ got a balloon.
    A. the boys **B.** the best students **C.** all the students

17. When a person let go of the balloon, it ____ .
    A. broke **B.** flew away **C.** fell on the floor

18. Bill took his first English exam ____ his sister.
    A. before **B.** after **C.** the same day as

19. Last year, Bill wanted to get a ___ after his exam.
    A. balloon **B.** ruler **C.** ride home

20. Bill read about balloons in his ____ lesson.
    A. science **B.** swimming **C.** English

21. Bill remembered: Balloons ____ sea animals.
    A. are good for **B.** usually help **C.** can hurt

22. Another problem with balloons is that ____ .
    A. they stay full of air
    B. we only use them once
    C. they're not very pretty

23. The people at Bill's English exam ____ .
    A. didn't know about balloons
    B. did the same thing every year
    C. tried a new kind of gift

24. In his desk drawer, Bill's dad had ____ rulers.
    A. a lot of
    B. three expensive
    C. three 50-centimetre

25. Bill ____ rulers.
    A. already had several
    B. decided to get more
    C. didn't want any more

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EXERCISE 2
Numbers: 26 - 30

Lost letter

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.

Mrs. Thanopoulos [**26**] ____ an important letter to a bank in the United States. After three weeks, she called the bank. The letter was still not [**27**] ____! So, she asked her Greek Post Office to look for it and she quickly got an [**28**] ____:

Your letter [**29**] ____ Athens by aeroplane and arrived in the US the next day. But someone put your letter back on the plane, and it's been in Italy for 20 days!

We [**30**] ____ the Italian Post Office to send it back to us.

A	**left**
B	**told**
C	**there**
D	**sent**
E	**postman**
F	**answer**

EXERCISE 3
Numbers: 31 - 35

You hear a message at the mall

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

Shoppers, before you leave The Mall, be sure [**31**] ____ to Champion Sport Clothes shop. Today, all our trainers [**32**] ____ half price! That means you [**33**] ____ buy two pairs but it will only cost you the money [**34**] ____ one pair! Then, come back next weekend. All [**35**] ____ t-shirts will cost only €10! All sizes, all colours! Don't miss it!

31.	**A.** came	**B.** to come	**C.** are coming
32.	**A.** are	**B.** is	**C.** been
33.	**A.** to	**B.** have	**C.** can
34.	**A.** for	**B.** to	**C.** where
35.	**A.** our	**B.** them	**C.** they

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EXERCISE 4
Numbers: 36 - 40

We hear or read these things

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

A

B

C

D

36. ___ **Jack, can you come to Crete? Aug 23-30? Can you get a boat ticket?**
Write back soon!

37. ___ **Hello? Clara! Sorry, I can't talk now. I'm cooking an egg.**
Can we talk in half an hour?

38. ___ **Haircuts for fathers and sons, €10! We're at 371 Main Street.**
Come in today!

39. ___ **Miss Jackson, this is my mum, Therese Baylor.**
Mum, this is my teacher, Miss Jackson.

40. ___ **Now, don't cry. You're going to look so nice, like your dad!**
Afterwards, you'll get a sweet!

EXERCISE 5
Numbers: 41 - 45

Greg's hard work

EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS: Read the text. Then say if each statement is true or not.
Mark A for True or B for False on your Answer Sheet.

School ended for the summer, and Greg was tired! For the first week, he slept for 14 hours every night, watched TV and ate fast-food hamburgers. But, he wanted to play football at school in the autumn. So, for the rest of the summer, Greg got up very early and ran in the park for an hour. Then he worked in the garden till lunch time. His mum cooked fish or chicken with potatoes for lunch. Later, Greg went swimming and then played football with his friends. In September, the football coach asked him to be the captain of the school team. And of course, Greg said yes!

41. ___ **Greg was lazy at the start of summer.**
42. ___ **Greg didn't like sport.**
43. ___ **To be ready for autumn, Greg changed his programme.**
44. ___ **Greg ate fast food for lunch all summer.**
45. ___ **In the end, Greg became team captain.**

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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.
Choose either Topic A or Topic B.
Write your task in about 60-80 words on your Answer Sheet.

CHOICE OF TOPIC A — You are going to a party next week.

INSTRUCTIONS:
Write an e-mail to a friend of yours and tell him/her about it.
In about 60 – 80 words answer the following:

- Who is having the party?
- Where is the party taking place?
- What present are you going to buy?
- How do you feel about it?

Begin like this: Dear...

Look at the pictures to get some ideas **or use any of your own**.

birthday / best friend

pocket money / smartwatch

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CHOICE OF
TOPIC B

You went on a trip last week.

INSTRUCTIONS:
Write an email to a friend of yours and tell him/her about it.
In about 60 – 80 words answer the following:

- Where did you go?
- Who did you go with?
- What did you see?
- How did you feel about it?

Begin like this: Dear...

Look at the pictures to get some ideas **or use any of your own**.

school trip / theme park

animals /excited

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