

Test 8

There are four parts to the test. You will hear each part twice.
We will now stop for a moment. Please ask any questions now,
because you must not speak during the test.

Part 1 [Track 29]

Now look at the instructions for Part 1. For each question, choose the correct answer. Look at Question 1.

1. What will the children see last?

Woman: Now, boys and girls, follow me into the art gallery. In this room you can see pictures of beautiful places around the world made by young artists. **(1)** Next door are pictures of famous athletes by the artist and former tennis champion, Mario Brown. We'll visit that at the end of the tour, in order to have some time to talk to Mario and ask him whatever you want. But before that, I'll take you into the garden where some modern bracelets and necklaces are displayed. You can buy a piece if you want - they are on a special offer.

2. What is the boy's mum going to order?

Boy: Do you need any help with the shopping mum for my birthday party?

Mum: Well, I thought I'd just get it online. It's a lot easier and if I spend over thirty pounds there is no delivery charge. I need quite a lot of food for tonight. **(2)** I got the soft drinks yesterday but I'll order a few more.

Boy: But I'm going to town anyway. Shall I get fresh vegetables from the shop there?

Mum: Well, you could. I could get those online but they are fresher in town. We need bread from that bakery too.

Boy: Right. Ring me if you think of anything else.

3. What is the weather forecast for tomorrow?

Man: Good evening. And here's the weather forecast for the whole country for the week. Well, we started on Monday with cloudy weather for most of us, but that cleared up yesterday so it only lasted a day. As you can see we are in for some sunshine and warmer weather over the weekend. (3) However, before we get there, we are going to have heavy rain and thunderstorms starting from tonight and continuing for two days until Friday. But don't worry, after a nice weekend we can expect temperatures to climb and there will be plenty of sunshine!

4. What did the boy do on Sunday?

Girl: Did you have a good weekend?

Boy: Yes, I went out with some friends on Sunday.

Girl: Where did you go?

Boy: Well, they wanted to play either hockey or rugby. (4) I said I'd rather play badminton, but they weren't so keen on the idea. Anyway we tried to get into the rugby court, but there was a big rugby competition going on in there. We also can't get into the hockey court because it is closed on Sundays. So (4) we did what I wanted in the end and it was really great.

5. Which activity hasn't the boy done while on holiday?

Girl: Hi Lucas, how was your winter holiday? Did you do lots of skiing?

Boy: I did yeah. I'm pleased I did a course last year. It meant that this year I didn't have any problem moving on the snow. And I was able to try horse riding too. It wasn't that easy actually.

Girl: (5) Did you do ice skating, too?

Boy: No. In fact I haven't tried it at all. Maybe I should have a course at first as I did for skiing and then have a try. I think it's a bit dangerous.

6. What will the girl bring for the picnic?

Girl: Hi, it's Lucy. Just phoning to see if I should bring anything for the picnic? I can bring some delicious sausages my mum bought yesterday from the supermarket.

Boy: We already have lots of sausages. Thanks.

Girl: Then, I could bring some burgers.

Boy: Well, Maria's made about ten.

Girl: Oh, what will I bring then? **(6)** Maybe a dessert? Don't tell me that someone else has made a dessert?

Boy: **(6)** Dimitra had said that she had made a chocolate cake but she didn't at last. So you can bring this.

Girl: Great!

7. Where can you buy ice cream?

Man: Good afternoon boys and girls. You still have 10 minutes before the play begins if you'd like to get a programme from one of our programme sellers by the main entrance. **(7)** They will also be selling ice creams during a short, 15-minute interval outside the theatre cafe. Fresh juice may be purchased from the bar which is next to the cafe. You will see your teachers there having a drink. I do hope that you will enjoy the show today and I look forward to seeing you all at our next play very soon!

Part 2 [Track 30]

Now look at part 2. For each question, choose the correct answer.

8. You will hear two friends talking about a new TV show.

[Pause 8 seconds.]

Boy: Have you watched that new talent show on TV yet?

Girl: Oh. You mean the one with the singers? Yes, I saw it last week for the first time. I thought it was quite good. **(8)** I think you have to have a lot of courage to go on TV and have everyone watch you. I'd be embarrassed to do that.

Boy: Really? I think it would be fun.

Girl: **(8)** I'm not sure I'd want to have loads of people watching me. I

think people watch these shows for the wrong reason. They like to see people get upset when they fail. It's not just about watching talent.

9. You will hear a girl telling her friend about a new jumper she has bought. [Pause 8 seconds.]

Girl: I bought this jumper from the big department store last week. I would like to return it.

Boy: What's the matter?

Girl: **(9)** As soon as I wore it a huge hole appeared in the sleeve. And then another one here ... look!

Boy: You must return it and take a new one without any hole. Do you have the receipt? Because they only accept returns with a receipt.

Girl: Oh, no. I threw it away as I didn't expect to have any problems. What should I do now? I want to wear it in the school performance next week. It suits me fine.

Boy: I think that you'll have to buy a new one.

10. You will hear a girl telling a friend about a camping trip.

[Pause 8 seconds.]

Boy: I phoned you at the weekend. Where were you?

Girl: Oh! I was camping with a friend. She asked me if I'd like to go and stupidly I said yes! Never again!

Boy: I love camping! What was the problem? The weather?

Girl: No, that was OK. Look, I understand why people like camping. Being close to nature and all that, although I have to say the insects are not so great. I was eaten by mosquitoes! **(10)** But, getting woken up by the light so early is awful. I'm exhausted!

Boy: Yes, I guess that can be difficult if you are not prepared.

11. You will hear two friends talking about a lesson. [Pause 8 seconds.]

Boy: Well, I'm glad that's over!

Girl: I thought it was good! That's the first time I've really understood everything. What did you think of the teacher?

Boy: I prefer the other one. He is more interesting. This one goes on about the same thing for too long.

Girl: But that's the point. He explained it so well. We can't all understand maths as easily as you. I need to practise the same thing in order to really understand it. **(11)** And the fact that he allows us to use a calculator is an advantage.

Boy: You're right there. At least it makes everything quicker. But I still prefer the other teacher.

12. You will hear two friends talking about a film. [Pause 8 seconds.]

Girl: Well, that was interesting. It was better than I expected.

Boy: I thought it was really good. The actors were brilliant. I really felt like I was part of the action.

Girl: I suppose so. I thought the main character was a bit weak and the ending was a disappointment. But generally, it was not bad.

Boy: Look. The only problem for me was the story. **(12)** I get depressed by war movies. I'd prefer a more positive topic. I know it's history but I want to leave the cinema feeling relaxed.

Girl: Ah! OK. Next week we'll see that new comedy!

13. You will hear two friends talking about TV programmes.

[Pause 8 seconds.]

Girl: **(13)** I didn't expect you to be watching a romantic comedy!

Boy: Actually, I switched on too early, that's why. I was hoping I'd get to the end of the adverts before my film starts.

Girl: Oh, I remember. You were telling me about it earlier. Rather you than me! You know how much I hate action films! There's no real story. It's just people shooting guns and fighting each other.

Boy: Well, **(13)** I'm glad I'm going to watch it alone, then!

Part 3 [Track 31]

Now look at part 3. For each question, write the correct answer in the gap. Write one or two words or a number or a date or a time. Look at questions 14-19 now. You have 20 seconds. [Pause 20 seconds.]

You will hear a teacher giving some information to students about a special destination for their school trip.

Man: Well, today I want to share with you some amazing ideas for our school trip next month. I've been looking into a new holiday company called Exodus which promises the traveller an unforgettable experience. So let's start with their walking holiday on The Great Wall of

China! It took over two thousand years to build and is five thousand and five hundred miles long...! Okay, you won't walk all of that, but it will take you far away from the crowds and the **(14) amazing views** really make it worth it!

There is also another extreme walking and climbing experience on Everest! This is a ten-day extreme holiday only for experienced walkers. You join a group and climb to the base camp of the highest mountain on Earth! However, this does not happen in the summer months due to the rainy season, **(15) so the last one leaves on the 15th of April.** Until last year there was another one on the 25th of April, but there isn't anymore.

But, if walking is not your thing, how about a food holiday on a Vietnam or China Food Adventure Tour! Both holidays have cookery classes and you will get a chance to **(16)** shop for ingredients at the food markets which are an amazing experience!

For me the best part is going to the Panda Rescue Centre ... you know ... those lovely black and white bears that you only find in China. You can have a cookery class there and **(17)** learn to make panda rice balls ... great for kids' parties!

By the way, if you are chocolate mad, then the Mexico Food Adventure is the one for you. You get to **(18)** go to the chocolate museum and see how it is produced, plus lots of chocolate cookery classes!

If you want I'll give you the website address to have a look at all the amazing experiences they offer both you and your parents. **(19)** It's www dot exodus dot holiday dot com. I'll spell that for you: E-X-O-D-U-S.

Part 4 [Track 32]

Now look at part 4. For each question, choose the correct answer. Look at questions 20-25 now. You have 45 seconds.

[Pause 45 seconds.]

You will hear an interview with a 16-year-old girl called Sarah, who writes a blog for and about teenagers.

Man: Sarah, you write a regular blog for and about teenagers. How did you learn how to do that?

Sarah: **(20)** I'd started reading other blogs that people were writing and thought it was a good idea. None of my friends were doing it so I looked on You Tube to get information as to how to start a blog. I

thought it would be interesting for school children and young people at college.

Man: Why did you focus on teenage issues?

Sarah: It's not that I wanted to keep older people away from my blogs. In fact older people are really interesting and can give some good advice to teenagers. It's just that I'm a teenager **(21)** so it made more sense to write about things that affect my generation because I know how they feel.

Man: How were you feeling about writing your blog in the beginning?

Sarah: I was excited because I had plenty of free time to write it, **(22)** but I wasn't sure how well it would do and if anyone would even be interested in what I had to say. After all it would have been embarrassing if no one read it or no one joined in with the discussions.

Man: How much time do you spend working on your blog?

Sarah: Actually I spend quite a lot of time working on my blog as it has become an important part of my life. **(23)** I work on it every day for about four to five hours even at the weekends. Sometimes it's during the day and sometimes it's in the evenings. It depends on what I am doing. Some days I do a bit of work in the morning then I go back to it in the evening.

Man: What would you say is the topic that is of most interest to teenagers today?

Sarah: You'd expect it to be music, sport and education but without a doubt young people are really worried **(24)** about the world around them. There is a growing movement among young people these days to try and make governments more seriously informed about

(24) pollution and the protection of animals and plants.

Man: Finally Sarah, how has writing a blog changed your life?

Sarah: I have had to become better at using a computer, but I'm no expert. I wouldn't say I have made new friends from it even though I obviously talk to people about subjects that come up. I can say however that **(25)** I have learned a lot about many different subjects through the replies that people send to my blog.

Man: Thank you for talking to us Sarah.