Cambridge Assessment English

KEY ENGLISH TEST

Reading and Writing

Sample Test

Time 1 hour

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this question paper until you are told to do so.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number on your answer sheet if they are not already there.

Read the instructions for each part of the paper carefully.

Answer all the questions.

Read the instructions on the answer sheet.

Write your answers on the answer sheet. Use a pencil.

You **must** complete the answer sheet within the time limit.

At the end of the test, hand in both this question paper and your answer sheet.

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

Part 1

Questions 1 – 6

For each question, choose the correct answer.

1

A The bicycle that's for sale was built for a child.

B Some parts of the bicycle must be changed.

C Debbie is selling the bike because she's too big for it now.

2

A Tim thinks Ben should look on the concert website.

B Tim hopes that Ben will be able to come with him.

C Tim wants to know if Ben can pay him back today.

3

A You get into the park by going this way.

B It is more expensive to go here alone.

C You will have fun if you come with friends.

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A Emma knows that Lynne can't be at the party when it starts.

B Emma wants to go to the party a bit later than Lynne.

C Emma wants to go out with Lynne but not to the party.

5

A The ice cream shop is open for only 2 hours.

B Two ice creams will cost the same as one.

C You can get free ice creams all afternoon.

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Why did Sophie write this message?

A to check if Anna has completed her homework

B to let Anna know what they did in class today

C to ask Anna to contact her about the homework

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Part 2

Questions 7 – 13

For each question, choose the correct answer.

		Tasha	Danni	Chrissie
7	Who writes both a magazine and a blog?	**A**	**B**	**C**
8	Who says that studying and writing a blog at the same time can be hard?	**A**	**B**	**C**
9	Who answers questions from other people who read her blog?	**A**	**B**	**C**
10	Who plans to stop writing her blog soon?	**A**	**B**	**C**
11	Who didn't have many people reading her blog in the beginning?	**A**	**B**	**C**
12	Who asks a member of her family to help her write her blog?	**A**	**B**	**C**
13	Who says writing a blog is easier than some other types of writing?	**A**	**B**	**C**

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Young blog writers

Tasha

Last year I wrote for my college magazine, which I found really difficult, but I don't think it's hard to write a good blog. Mine is about things from daily life that make me laugh. My older brother also has a blog, but we're writing about different subjects. We don't discuss what we're planning, but we read each other's blogs sometimes. I like giving advice to people who write in asking for it – it's good to know I've helped.

Danni

I started writing my popular film blog because I love movies. I like it when readers send me articles by email about a film they've seen, and I put these on my blog for everyone to read. I'm still at college, so I'm careful about spending too long on my blog, which is difficult as writing well takes time. I don't think I'll write it for much longer. I'm busy, and it's time to do something new.

Chrissie

I began writing on a school magazine. I stopped after a few years, but I missed it, so I started my own – I'm still writing it now! The blog's new for me, and I write about daily life. I get ideas from friends or my sister when I can't decide what to write about – we always think of something interesting, sad or serious. At first, almost nobody visited my site, but now more do, I've had some lovely comments.

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Part 3

Questions 14 – 18

For each question, choose the correct answer.

A family of dancers

The women in the Watson family are all crazy about ballet. These days, Alice Watson gives ballet lessons, but for many years, she was a dancer with the National Ballet Company. Her mother, Hannah, also had a full-time job there, making costumes for the dancers.

Alice's daughter Demi started learning ballet as soon as she could walk. 'I never taught her,' says Alice, 'because she never let me.' Now aged sixteen, Demi is a member of the ballet company where her mother was the star dancer for many years.

Alice's husband, Jack, is an electrician. They met while he was working at a theatre where she was dancing and got married soon after. 'When Demi started dancing, the house was too small for her and Alice to practise in so I made the garage into a dance studio. Now the living room is nice and quiet when I'm watching television!' he says.

Last month, Demi was invited to dance in the ballet *Swan Lake*. Of course, Alice and Hannah were in the audience and even Jack was there, which made it very special for Demi. Jack says, 'I'm not that interested in ballet myself but it's fantastic seeing Demi taking her first steps with Alice's old company!' Demi was wearing a dress that Hannah made for Alice many years before.

'It was very exciting for all of us,' says Hannah. 'Demi's way of dancing is very like Alice's. I know I'm her grandmother, but I think she has a great future!'

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14 What is Alice Watson's job now?

A dancer

B teacher

C dress-maker

15 Demi had her first ballet lessons

A at a very young age.

B at the National Ballet Company.

C from her mother.

16 Jack helped his wife and daughter by

A moving to a larger house.

B letting them use the living room for dancing.

C making a place for them to practise in.

17 What was the best thing about the *Swan Lake* show for Demi?

A It was her first show with the company.

B All her family were there.

C She was wearing a new dress.

18 Hannah says that Demi

A will be a star one day.

B is her favourite granddaughter.

C dances better than Alice did.

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Part 4

Questions 19 – 24

For each question, choose the correct answer.

William Perkin

William Perkin was born in London in 1838. As a child he had many hobbies, including model making and photography. But it was the **(19)** …… of chemistry that really interested him. At the age of 15, he went to college to study it.

While he was there, he was **(20)** …… to make a medicine from coal. This didn't go well, but when he was working on the problem, he found a cheap **(21)** …… to make the colour purple. At that **(22)** …… it was very expensive to make clothes in different colours. William knew he could make a business out of his new colour. Helped by his father and brother, William **(23)** …… his own factory to make the colour. It sold well, and soon purple clothes **(24)** …… very popular in England and the rest of the world.

19	**A**	class	**B**	subject	**C**	course
20	**A**	thinking	**B**	trying	**C**	deciding
21	**A**	way	**B**	path	**C**	plan
22	**A**	day	**B**	time	**C**	hour
23	**A**	brought	**B**	turned	**C**	opened
24	**A**	began	**B**	arrived	**C**	became

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Part 5

Questions 25 – 30

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

Example:

0	you

From:	Maria
To:	John

I hope **(0)** …… are well. I'm having a great holiday here in Thailand. Our hotel is very nice and there are a lot of good restaurants near it.

Yesterday morning, we went to **(25)** …… lovely beach. We had to leave before lunch because it was very hot. We went to a party **(26)** …… the evening in the centre **(27)** …… the town. Everyone had a good time and we got back at midnight. Tomorrow, we want to **(28)** …… on a boat trip or **(29)** …… tennis.

I'll show you my photos **(30)** …… I get back.

See you soon,

Maria

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Part 6

Question 31

You want to go swimming on Saturday with your English friend, Toni.
Write an email to Toni.

In your email:

- ask Toni to go swimming with you on Saturday
- say where you want to go swimming
- say how you will travel there.

Write **25 words** or more.

Write the email/story on your answer sheet.

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Part 7

Question 32

Look at the three pictures.
Write the story shown in the pictures.
Write **35 words** or more.

Write the email/story on your answer sheet.

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