

Student Name

CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH EMPOWER

B1 PROGRESS TEST

Test 5

Time 90 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

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

Read the instructions for each part of the paper carefully.

Answer all the questions. Write your answers on the question paper.

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

There are five parts to the test.

Part 1 is a listening part.

All questions carry one mark.

There are **40** questions.

Part 1

Questions 1 – 8

You will hear eight short sentences. For each one, choose the best reply. You will hear each sentence twice.

1 **A** Don't worry about it - it's fine!

B Of course, it's no problem.

C Yes, maybe you could.

2 **A** They'd love to do it.

B You're welcome.

C Yes, that's a good idea.

3 **A** Yes, I think that's everything.

B Sure, we'll take it.

C OK, that would be great.

4 **A** Do you think that will help me?

B Do you understand it?

C Do you want me to help you?

5 **A** There's just one more thing.

B That would really help.

C Yes, I can do that for you.

6 **A** It's no problem - I'll be all right.

B Yes, that'd be great.

C Okay, it doesn't matter.

7 **A** That's OK, I'm late too.

B Don't worry about it this time.

C Let's talk about the plan on Friday.

8 **A** That's OK, if you don't mind.

B Would you like me to prepare the room?

C Will you organise tomorrow's meeting?

Part 2

Questions 9 – 16

Read the sentences about work and jobs.

Choose the missing word **A**, **B** or **C** for each space.

9 I wouldn't like to be a because they speak in front of lots of people.

A plumber **B** politician **C** gardener

10 Most electricians complete several years' with a company before they can work alone.

A training **B** skills **C** homework

11 Many actors work because that is when more people can go to the theatre.

A long hours **B** at weekends **C** every day

12 Receptionists do an important job but they don't usually earn a good

A salary **B** environment **C** money

13 We took our cat to the because she had a broken tooth.

A dentist **B** farmer **C** vet

14 Doctors and nurses make very important about their patients' health.

A problems **B** qualifications **C** decisions

15 Why doesn't the company get a to help with ideas for the new reception area?

A plumber **B** waiter **C** designer

16 The worked hard in good and bad weather to complete our new house on time.

A accountants **B** builders **C** carers

Part 3

Questions 17 – 24

Read the sentences about work and jobs. What are the missing words? The first letter is already there. There is one space for each other letter in the word. For questions **17 – 24**, write the words.

17 To work as an **a** _____ and design buildings, you need to pass many exams.

18 Jude works from 7am to 8pm every day - very **I** ___ **h** ___ !

19 Some people prefer to work in a **t** ___ instead of working alone.

20 You need good **q** _____ to show that you know how to do certain jobs.

21 A **j** _____ reports the news, possibly on the radio or TV or in newspapers.

22 John plays the violin really well and wants to be a **m** _____.

23 What time does the **p** _____ usually bring the letters in the morning?

24 If money is very important to you, then you will want to earn a good **s** _____.

Part 4

Questions 25 – 32

Read the blog about someone's first job as a hairdresser.
Choose the best answer (**A**, **B** or **C**) for each space.

For questions 25 – 32, mark **A**, **B** or **C**.

My first job!

I've just got my first job as a hairdresser! To apply for jobs, you have (25) a qualification - I got mine last month. The job is fun but also tiring. I stand most of the day and (26) only sit down for a few minutes at break times.

Our customers are very important. There's a sign in our staff room: 'EMPLOYEES (27) EVER BE RUDE TO CUSTOMERS.' It's a rule! Another rule is that we need to look nice, but we can choose our own clothes. I'm glad that we (28) wear boring work clothes.

Although this (29) be my perfect job, I'm happy for now. It's a great place to work so I'm confident (30) be a good start to my career. I need this experience, so I've decided that I (31) change jobs for at least a year.

(32) be a safe career for the future? I think so - a computer can't cut your hair ... at least, not yet! But it might be possible in the future!

25	A get	B to get	C got
26	A have to	B mustn't	C can
27	A don't have to	B don't	C must not
28	A don't have to	B mustn't	C can't
29	A might not	B do not	C is not
30	A it is	B it will	C it might
31	A aren't	B don't	C won't
32	A This will	B Will this	C Will I

Part 5

Questions 33 – 40

Here are some sentences about work and jobs.

For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. **Use no more than three words.**

33 You can choose to start working anytime between 8 and 10am.

You have to start working exactly at 8am.

34 Those musicians are maybe going to start a new orchestra in future.

Those musicians might perhaps a new orchestra in future.

35 Visitors to our company fill in a form with their details - it's a rule.

Visitors to our company fill in a form with their details.

36 Do you think there are definitely going to be postmen in the future?

..... there definitely be postmen in the future - what do you think?

37 It is necessary for receptionists to speak clearly on the telephone.

Receptionists to speak clearly on the telephone.

38 It is possible that Kate will decide to change her job.

Kate decide to change her job.

39 When are they allowed to take a break at work?

When they take a break at work?

40 Without experience, Karim is certainly not going to get an interview.

Without experience, Karim certainly not get an interview.

Part 6

Questions 41 – 47

Read the following article

I have the answer to the world's problems: work less

Listen, I have a secret, the answer to all our problems: we need to work less. I know it seems crazy but I believe it will make the world a better place. Years ago, I used to work very long hours. I was doing about 15 hours overtime per week. Then I decided to work only four days a week. It changed my life. And I think it can change your life, too. Let me explain.

For a start, people do a better job if they work less. In one major study, workers produced more work if they worked fewer than 40 hours a week. When I worked long hours, I was always tired and I never had good ideas. I often made mistakes, too. If we all work long hours, we don't have time to spend with the people we love, our friends and families. We are also more stressed and we have less energy, so we often sit on the sofa and watch television at the end of the day, worrying about work. That can make us overweight and ill. Working fewer hours gives us more time to do other things outside work. We can do exercise, look after the family more and see our friends more often. This gives us a healthy work-life balance, which can then have a positive effect on our work. Also, if everyone works less, there will be more jobs for other people. More people will have more money to spend, so it's good for shops and businesses.



People also think it's impossible to work fewer hours because customers want more and more products. The point is we want too much. We want to go shopping in the evenings and we want things delivered to our homes at the weekends. Our shops and businesses are now often open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. How can this continue, people ask, if everyone is working less? Well, it can't continue. And that's a good thing.

There will always be people who disagree. They think that long hours and hard work are good for you, but I think this is really a 19th century idea. We only get one life. Personally, I don't want to spend it all working. I chose to work less and I've never been happier. Try it. It's the future!



Comments

 I disagree with the writer's opinion. Working hard is good for you! It makes you a better person. It makes you more confident, too. *Alexander, Russia*

 I think it would be a good idea to work less. When you work too many hours, you can't concentrate properly and your work is less efficient. If you don't have time to exercise each day, it's bad for your health, too, and that affects the quality of your work. *Laura, Spain*

 For me, work is more important than holidays and free time. You spend most of your life working. You have to enjoy it! I'm a doctor and I love it! *Gabriela, Brazil*

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In the writer's opinion, are these statements true or false? Correct the false sentences.

41 Working less makes the writer's life better, but it won't make everyone's life better.

42 If you work more, you have more ideas.

43 If people work less, they sit on the sofa and watch more TV.

44 Working less can make us healthier.

45 If everyone works shorter hours, more people can work.

46 Shops and businesses are open in the evenings because people work long hours.

47 People in the 19th century thought it was impossible to work less

Questions 48 – 52

Work in pairs. Read the comments section. Answer the questions with A (Alex), L (Laura) or G (Gabriela). Who says that ...?

48 it's important to like your job.

49 people don't work well when they work long hours.

50 hard work helps people become more confident.

51 working less can be good for your health.

52 having free time is less important than working.

Part 7

Questions 53 – 65

Use the notes below to write a paragraph with a topic sentence. The paragraph reports on three universities and reasons why students failed. Use the past simple in your report.

Other reasons for poor academic results

- three universities in (country)
- different reasons for failing
- some students – study wrong subject – course work difficult – bad grade
- also – family / emotional problems – negative effect
- small number of students – not motivated – didn't keep up with course work – failed