

B2 PREP COURSE

NAME: _____

READING AND USE OF ENGLISH

Part 7

Look at the exam task. Answer these questions.

- 1 What's the text about?
- 2 How many people can you choose from?
- 3 What must you find?
- 4 How many questions are there?

Now do the exam task.

Exam task

You are going to read an article in which four people talk about their friends. For questions 1–10, choose from the people (A–D). The people may be chosen more than once.

Which person

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| earns less money than their friend? | 1 <input type="text"/> |
| says the two of them did not like each other at first? | 2 <input type="text"/> |
| denies that their friend is bossy? | 3 <input type="text"/> |
| has had a similar upbringing to their friend's? | 4 <input type="text"/> |
| once fell out with their friend? | 5 <input type="text"/> |
| shares a hobby with their friend? | 6 <input type="text"/> |
| says their friend has a good sense of humour? | 7 <input type="text"/> |
| describes their friend as rather shy? | 8 <input type="text"/> |
| has a friend who is very optimistic? | 9 <input type="text"/> |
| has a very ambitious friend? | 10 <input type="text"/> |

The best of friends

A Nadia Hassan has been friends with Amina since they were fourteen. 'We were born in the same month,' says Nadia, 'and we grew up in the same small town, though the funny thing is we didn't actually know each other until we both took up horse riding, something we still enjoy.' There are, according to Nadia, some differences between them. 'Whereas I tend to be a bit negative about the future, always expecting the worst to happen, Amina is the complete opposite. Maybe between us we just about strike the right balance. Though of course having such different ways of looking at the same thing can lead to tensions, and a couple of years ago we actually stopped speaking for a while, but that didn't last long.'

B Liam Doherty first met his friend Marc when they were both doing summer jobs at a seaside hotel. Marc has since moved to another part of the country, but they still keep in touch by email and chatting online. 'He comes round to my house whenever he's in town, which is actually quite often. He's got a good job and can travel wherever he likes every weekend, which is something I wish I could afford to do on my salary. But he's different from me in that he's always had this strong desire for success in life whereas I prefer to take things a bit easier, with plenty of time for hobbies like hill-walking and reading.'

Maxim Salenko has been friendly with Andriy ever since they were at primary school. 'We grew up in much the same kind of family environment and we usually sat together at school and enjoyed the same sports, though in some ways he's not like me. I'm fairly quiet, perhaps a little shy at times, but Andriy is always a fun guy to be with,' says Maxim. 'He can be noisy and some people say he tries to tell everyone what to do, but I don't think that's true. He just likes to make sure everyone else has a good time, too. Once or twice I've felt a bit irritated by things he said but that was probably because I was in a bad mood at the time, and I don't think he even noticed I was annoyed.'

D Camille Leroy and her friend Lara have known each other for three years now. 'We're from different backgrounds,' says Camille, 'and to be honest when we were introduced at a party we didn't hit it off at all. She seemed a bit unfriendly and it took quite a while before I realised that she was in fact lacking in self-confidence, particularly when meeting new people. To some extent she still is, but once you get to know Lara you realise what good company she is. She always has interesting things to say, and she tells some great jokes, too. I often see her on the bus home from work because nowadays she lives just round the corner from me. She moved there to be close to the golf course, and I'm thinking of taking it up too.'



Grammar

Present tenses

- 1  Some of these sentences written by exam candidates contain mistakes. Correct any mistakes, using the present simple or present continuous.
- 1 I'm belonging to a tennis club and it is my favourite sport.
 - 2 I'll pick you up from the airport when you'll arrive at 9.30.
 - 3 I'm having a lovely holiday here on the island.
 - 4 Every day we are spending about eight hours at work.
 - 5 When you will receive my letter, please tell Mary about this.
 - 6 Pablo is needing to talk to somebody, but he never calls me.
 - 7 Nowadays it becomes more and more important to have a good education.
 - 8 I promise that I'll phone you tonight when I get home.
 - 9 I need to earn some money, and this is the main reason why I apply for this job.
 - 10 They are the kind of people who are driving to work every day in big cars.

- 2 Complete the sentences with the present simple or present continuous form of these verbs. Use each verb only once.

end get hear own rise see take try

- 1 I usually go to work by car, but this week I the train because the road bridge is closed.
- 2 It harder to find a job and youth unemployment is now very high.
- 3 As soon as the college term, I'm going away on holiday.
- 4 Her parents are very rich. They homes in both London and New York.
- 5 I Marcos later this evening, when he leaves the club.
- 6 Please turn the music down a bit. I to sleep.
- 7 In every part of the world, the sun in the east.
- 8 I promise I'll get up as soon as I the alarm clock.

LISTENING

Part 1

Look at questions 1–4 in the exam task. Answer these questions.

- 1 How many speakers will you hear?
- 2 Will they be female or male voices?
- 3 What is the situation?
- 4 What is the focus, e.g. place, opinion, of the question?

02 Now listen and do the exam task.

Exam task

You will hear people talking in four different situations (in the exam you will hear eight). For questions 1–4, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 1 You hear a teenager talking about her new bedroom.
What does she like about it?
A the way it is decorated
B the furniture in it
C its size and shape
- 2 You overhear a conversation on a bus.
Where is the man going first?
A to a shop
B to the library
C to work
- 3 You hear a man talking on the phone.
Why is he calling?
A to apologise
B to ask for information
C to complain
- 4 You hear part of an interview with a businesswoman.
What does she do?
A She hires out bicycles.
B She hires out cars.
C She hires out motorcycles.

Exam task

For questions 1–8, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example: 0 SURPRISING

Staying safe online

One of the most (0) _____ features of the computer age is the huge amount of time that young people spend communicating with each other. Whereas a generation ago children would go home after a (1) _____ day at school and watch TV, nowadays they are likely to do something much more (2) _____, such as chat online with their friends.

SURPRISE

TIRE

SOCIETY

Others exchange information on (3) _____ popular social networking sites such as Facebook. What some parents find rather (4) _____, however, is how easily they can make online 'friends' who they have never actually met, and also the amount of information that their children are so (5) _____ putting onto these websites for anyone to see.

INCREASE

WORRY

ENTHUSIASM

Parents are right to be (6) _____, but with many children spending hours a day online it is simply (7) _____ for adults constantly to watch over them. All they can do is advise them to be extremely (8) _____ about contact with strangers, and to warn them not to put personal information such as their phone number or home address online.

ANXIETY

PRACTICE

CAUTION



Yay! You made it!

