

VOICES PRE-INTERMEDIATE**UNIT 1 Assessment****VOCABULARY****1 Complete the sentences with these words.**

_____ creative friendly honest patient professional

- 1 Please be _____ and tell me the truth.
- 2 Anya is very _____. She loves painting and writing stories.
- 3 Darius hates waiting for things. He isn't very _____.
- 4 My sister is very _____ and loves meeting new people.
- 5 When Jamal is at work, he's always polite and _____.

SCORE: /5**2 Choose the correct options to complete the text.****Making new friends**

Many people feel worried about making friends when they start a new job or college. Even if you are usually a ¹*honest / reliable / confident* person, and feel positive about yourself, it is sometimes difficult to get to know people. Of course, making new friends isn't always quick or easy, so take your time and be ²*serious / patient / professional*. Find out if there are any clubs where you can meet others with the same interests. Be ³*honest / patient / creative* and tell people that you don't know anyone and want to meet people. Most importantly, don't just talk to people – listen to them, too. Be kind and ⁴*professional / friendly / serious* and show you are interested in what people are saying. If you do what you say you will and show that you are a ⁵*patient / reliable / confident* person, you will soon make friends. Good luck!

SCORE: /5**GRAMMAR****3 Choose the correct adverb of frequency to complete the sentences. Use the information in brackets.**

- 1 He _____ drinks coffee. (0%)
a always b never c rarely
- 2 I _____ go to bed late. (5%)
a usually b sometimes c rarely
- 3 They are _____ happy to go out and make new friends. (100%)
a often b always c usually
- 4 She _____ goes for a walk in the morning. (75%)
a often b occasionally c never
- 5 I _____ have eggs for breakfast. (20%)
a usually b always c occasionally

SCORE: /5**4 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.**

- 1 She _____ the bus to work this week because her car is at the garage.
a takes b 's taking
- 2 He _____ cake for breakfast, but it's his birthday today!
a doesn't usually have b isn't usually having
- 3 We _____ where our teacher is today.
a don't know b aren't knowing
- 4 _____ English at college this term?
a Do you study b Are you studying
- 5 _____ swimming on Thursdays?
a Do you always go b Are you always going

SCORE: /5

READING

How's your social life?

Steffi

I really enjoy meeting new people. I have a very busy social life and I usually go out two or three times a week. I've got friends from college, my book club and my old job. I'm a member of a badminton club as well, and I know a lot of people from there. But I always like to keep Sundays free. That's my time for staying at home, relaxing and getting ready for the next week.

Bella

I'm not very good at making new friends. I get a bit shy when I'm in a new place or with people I don't know. Most of my friends are from my old college, but I often go out with my sister and my flatmate at the weekend. We don't really have the same interests, but we get on really well and we always have a great time together.

Tomasz

I think most people would describe me as quite friendly. I like talking to people and I go out with friends from the office once or twice a month. My two brothers love sport and they often ask me to join their football team or play tennis with them, but I'm not really into that. At the weekend, I nearly always like to stay in. I occasionally invite one or two good friends to my house for Sunday lunch and then we'll watch a film or play video games.

5 Read the texts. For each question, choose the correct answer.

	Steffi	Bella	Tomasz
1 Who spends time with a family member at the weekend?	A	B	C
2 Who says that they don't enjoy sport?	A	B	C
3 Who thinks that they don't make friends easily?	A	B	C
4 Who doesn't see friends on Sundays?	A	B	C
5 Who sometimes goes out with people from work?	A	B	C

SCORE: /5

6 Read the texts again. Complete the sentences with these words. Not all of the words are needed.

always almost never often on Sundays never sometimes

- 1 Steffi doesn't go out _____.
- 2 Steffi _____ goes out during the week.
- 3 Bella _____ enjoys spending time with her sister and flatmate.
- 4 Tomasz _____ has lunch with his friends at the weekend.
- 5 Tomasz _____ goes out at the weekend.

SCORE: /5

LISTENING

7  1.1 Listen. You will hear Yasmin talking about her weekend. Are the statements true or false?

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| 1 Yasmin rarely gets up before six during the week. | True | False |
| 2 Yasmin goes running with her friend on Saturday morning. | True | False |
| 3 After the park, Yasmin has a shower, then she has breakfast. | True | False |
| 4 Yasmin usually goes to the cinema on Sunday morning. | True | False |
| 5 Yasmin prepares lunch for her parents and grandmother on Sunday. | True | False |

SCORE: /5

8  1.1 Listen again. Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 Yasmin *always / occasionally* gets up at half past five on work days.
- 2 At the weekend, Yasmin reads the news *after / before she gets up*.
- 3 Yasmin and Lola always run *four / ten* kilometres.
- 4 Yasmin goes shopping with her *friends / family*.
- 5 The whole family has lunch at Yasmin's *parents' / grandmother's* house on Sundays.

SCORE: /5

WRITING

9 You have joined a new gym. Write a short profile of yourself for other gym members to read.

In your profile:

- explain why you joined the gym
- describe your interests
- say how often you do exercise.

Write 25 words or more.

SCORE: /10

TOTAL MARKS, ALL SECTIONS: /50

END OF TEST

VOCABULARY

4 Match the school subjects (1–5) with the pictures (a–e).

1 Drama



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2



3 Physics



4 Biology



5 Chemistry



SCORE: /5

5 Complete the sentences with these words. Not all of the words are needed.

art biology drama geography history
PE maths

6 My daughter painted a picture of a horse in her _____ class.

7 I loved learning about the past, so my favourite subject at school was _____.

8 At my school, we wore trainers, shorts and a T-shirt for _____.

9 I was the last person in my _____ class to learn the 12 times table.

10 My little brother is learning about lakes and rivers in _____ this week.

SCORE: /5

GRAMMAR

10 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verb in brackets.

1 He _____ (spend) the weekend at his cousins' house.

2 I _____ (eat) a banana and some yoghurt for breakfast.

3 Hassan _____ (not / go) on holiday this summer.

4 The students _____ (make) a model of a volcano in their geography class.

5 Maya _____ (finish) her history project last night.

SCORE: /5

11 Choose the correct option to complete the questions.

6 _____ your favourite sport when you were a child?

a What was b Was what c What do

7 How many students _____ in your English class?

a there are b are there c are they

8 _____ stop studying German?

a Why did you b Did you why c Why you did

9 _____ a lot of homework?

i Gave you your teacher

ii Your teacher did give you

iii Did your teacher give you

10 _____ swim?

a How far did you b

Did you how far c

How far you did

SCORE: /5

READING

Top tips for memorizing

Are you good at memorizing lists of facts for an important exam? If the answer is no, don't worry. There are several different techniques you can use. Here are our top three.

- 6 Use images. Studies show that we can understand pictures 60,000 times faster than words. So, take a fact that you want to learn and change it into a picture. Try to make the picture funny or strange because this will help you to remember it.
- 7 Use mnemonics. A mnemonic is a short phrase or pattern that explains an important rule or fact. For example, to remember how to spell *because*, you can learn: **big** elephants **can** always **understand** small elephants.
- 8 Use groups. With this technique, put small pieces of information together into larger groups. In fact, the majority of people already do this for phone numbers. Research shows that it's very difficult to remember a sequence of nine separate numbers: 5-4-8-9-3-2-7-5-6, for example. But if you group them, for example: 548 932 756 – it becomes much easier.

With all of these techniques, practice is essential. Choose one of the tips and practise it every day. Then test yourself to see how well it works. And don't forget that remembering facts is only one part of studying for any exam. Make sure you also really understand the subject.

5 Read the article. For each question, choose the correct answer.

- 1 Images can help us remember facts because ...
 - a they are funny and strange.
 - b our brain understands them better than words.
- 2 A mnemonic ...
 - helps us to remember phrases and short sentences.
 - uses phrases and short sentences to help us remember information.
- 3 When we use groups to remember facts, ...
 - a we organize large pieces of information into smaller sections.
 - b we put individual pieces of information together.
- 4 The blog advises readers ...
 - a to focus on one of the tips and use it regularly.
 - b to try a different tip every day.

5 According to the blog, ...

- a memorizing facts can help us to understand them.
- b to pass an exam we need to understand things well.

SCORE: /5

6 Read the article again. Are the statements true or false?

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|--|------|-------|
| 1 The blog writer gives evidence to show that these tips work. | True | False |
| We remember images better if they are funny or strange. | True | False |
| Mnemonics can help us remember how to spell words. | True | False |
| Most people don't use grouping to help memorize things. | True | False |
| You will definitely improve your exam performance with these tips. | True | False |

SCORE: /5

LISTENING

7  2.1 Listen. You will hear Eduardo talking about his memories of school. For each question, choose the correct answer.

- 1 Eduardo says that he ...
 - a didn't enjoy lessons, but liked playing sport.
 - b always enjoyed school because he played a lot of sport.
 - c liked some lessons, but not all of them.
- 2 What did he think of his music lessons?
 - a He liked them because he loves music.
 - b He didn't enjoy them but he likes music now.
 - c He doesn't like music so he didn't enjoy the lessons.
- 3 What does Eduardo say about his drama classes?
 - a He liked them but he couldn't act very well.
 - b He didn't like the classes, but he thought the teacher was good.
 - c Most people didn't like the classes because the teacher couldn't act very well.
- 4 Which science lessons did Eduardo enjoy?
 - a biology and chemistry
 - b chemistry and physics
 - c physics
- 5 In which subject did Eduardo get the best marks?
 - a maths
 - b physics
 - c chemistry

SCORE: /5

8  2.1 Listen again. Match the school subjects (1–5) with the descriptions (a–e).

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|-------------|--|
| 1 drama | a Eduardo likes it now, but didn't enjoy it in the past. |
| 2 music | b Eduardo liked the teacher. |
| 3 chemistry | c This was Eduardo's favourite subject. |
| 4 maths | d Eduardo studied this at university. |
| 5 physics | e Eduardo got his best marks in this subject. |

SCORE: /5

WRITING

9 Write a description of a time when you visited friends or family.

Include information about:

- where you went
- who you visited
- what you did
- how you felt

Write 25 words or more.

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and extend across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

SCORE: /10

TOTAL MARKS, ALL SECTIONS: _____/50

END OF TEST