

PLACEMENT TEST

LanguageCert Achiever B1

Listening Part 1

You will hear some sentences. You will hear each sentence twice. Choose the best reply to each sentence.

1. a) Yes, it's been fun.
 b) I'll be right there.
 c) It isn't this evening.

2. a) Oh, what a shame.
 b) I don't have that.
 c) Yes, of course.

3. a) She often does.
 b) I can't remember it.
 c) Everyone knows her.

4. a) Oh, don't you know it?
 b) I can sing very well.
 c) It's great, isn't it?

5. a) Not too bad, thank you.
 b) I've still got the same job.
 c) It's not only my problem.

6. a) He hasn't said.
 b) I don't think so.
 c) Next Wednesday.

7. a) What day is that?
 b) What time is best?
 c) Thanks for doing it.

Listening Part 2

You will hear some conversations. You will hear each conversation twice. Choose the correct answers for each conversation.

Conversation 1

1. Why does the man want help with his ticket?
 - a) He wants to change it.
 - b) He has paid too much.
 - c) There are no seats.
2. The man thinks the five-dollar fee is
 - a) much too expensive.
 - b) surprisingly cheap.
 - c) a serious problem.

Conversation 2

3. The man is
 - a) in an office.
 - b) at a hairdresser's.
 - c) in a travel agency.
4. What does the woman think about her summer plans?
 - a) Going abroad will be exciting.
 - b) Her holidays aren't long enough.
 - c) The summer won't be relaxing.

Conversation 3

5. The woman is helping the man to
 - a) apply for something.
 - b) contact someone.
 - c) decide what to study.
6. The man feels
 - a) frightened.
 - b) confident.
 - c) nervous.

Listening Part 3

You will hear someone talking. You will hear the person twice. Complete the information. Write short answers of one to three words.

Welcome talk

1. Time Centre opens:

2. Where to book computers:

3. Best place to meet teachers:

4. Number of centre's language teachers:

5. Topic of art exhibition:

6. Type of music this evening:

7. Floor for lunch:



Listening Part 4

You will hear a conversation. You will hear the conversation twice. Choose the correct answers.

1. Which subject is Katya most concerned about?
 - a) History.
 - b) Science.
 - c) Geography.

2. Why does Katya think she has low marks? She
 - a) finds it difficult.
 - b) gets no help from teachers.
 - c) doesn't know why.

3. Why does Katya worry about projects? They're
 - a) harder than exams.
 - b) work done at home.
 - c) part of the final mark.

4. Why does Katya find using the web difficult?
 - a) Her computer's confusing.
 - b) There's too much material.
 - c) It takes ages to start.

5. Mr Finlay wants Katya to
 - a) get help from a teacher.
 - b) talk to all her teachers.
 - c) ask friends to explain.

6. What does Mr Finlay decide to do?
 - a) Ask students for help.
 - b) Teach Katya about IT.
 - c) Provide IT advice for students.

Reading Part 1

Read the texts. Choose the correct answer to complete each text.

1.

Fantastic student rooms to let

- Single or shared accommodation
- Short-term and long-term let
-
- Fully furnished



Contact: rooms@studylet.co.gb

- a) No facilities
- b) No vacancies
- c) Near college

2.

Using your travel card

- Make sure you have enough money on it
- Show card at start of
- Keep card with you at all times
- Report loss immediately



- a) travel
- b) journey
- c) adventure

3.



Thanks for visiting!

We hope you have enjoyed your day out at Harling Fun Park and that you will want to come back. Remember to bring this leaflet and we will let you into the park for half price.

- a) if you've forgotten anything
- b) to get another cheap ticket
- c) when you visit us again

4.

Hot seafood salad



An unusual and exciting new dish for your summer picnics.

Chop tomatoes, onions and cucumbers and add 150 - 200 grams of prawns per person.

Add fresh chilli peppers to salad dressing serving on a bed of cold white rice.

- a) after
- b) before
- c) as

5.

Timetable information

There will be engineering work on the line this weekend. This may cause delays to services.

Check times before you start your journey.

Call 0868 224513 for updates.

- a) some
- b) any
- c) few

Reading Part 2

Read the text. Use the sentences to complete the text. Choose the correct sentence for each gap. There is one extra sentence you will not need.

Karaoke

There are many different types of popular entertainment. The most successful of these are usually very simple. **(1)**_____.

Karaoke is a Japanese word which translates as 'empty orchestra.' The idea is that the music of a song is played without the words. **(2)**_____. The result may not always be of great musical quality. It is, however, usually great fun.

(3)_____. It has been around for as long as people have made music. Karaoke has basically developed a tradition which already existed. **(4)**_____. In a word – technology. Karaoke records both music and words and lets people put them together.

We don't usually know who first had the idea for any type of popular entertainment. These things seem to develop by themselves. **(5)**_____. In fact, it is generally accepted that the idea for Karaoke as we know it today belongs to someone named Daisuke Inoue. Unfortunately, he never registered the name officially and missed the chance to make a lot of money. He did win an award for 'a new way for people to tolerate each other.' **(6)**_____.

- A The idea of singing along to background music is not new
- B With Karaoke, however, this is not the case
- C What it has done is to use something which did not exist in earlier times
- D Nobody knows how Karaoke became so popular
- E People read these from a screen and sing along to the music
- F If Karaoke has done this, it is truly priceless
- G Karaoke is a perfect example of this type of success story

Reading Part 3

Read the four texts. Which text gives you the answer to each question? Choose the correct text (A-D) for each question.

A

Welcome to Grange Lodge. Guests are free to come and go at any time but we would ask you to enter quietly after 11pm as others may be sleeping. Reception is open from 6am to 10pm. For any queries outside these times please phone 0101. Internet and email access is available in all rooms for a small charge. Please vacate rooms and check out by 11am.

B

Please take the time to tell us how you enjoyed your stay. As the Manager, I value any comments our guests make and use these to improve our service. Please give a contact telephone number or email address so that we can follow up any comments you make. Thanks again for your feedback. Jan Bartlett.

C

It's the best place I've ever stayed - you have to try it! They really make you feel at home and do everything they can to help. I've put some photos in with the letter so you can see what it's like. The rooms are great, aren't they? I had a wonderful time staying there and managed to get home with no problems. Love, Jude

D

Thank you for your reservation. We confirm that your online special room rate is \$44. Please confirm that you accept these terms by clicking on *Reply* and entering card details for payment, or faxing these on 0989 776655. Rooms are available to guests from 13:00 onwards. Please contact us if you are going to arrive after 21:00.

Which text:

1. is from a letter to a friend?
2. is for hotel guests to read on arrival?

Which text gives you the answers to the following questions?

3. What's the name of the hotel manager?
4. How can someone see what the rooms were like?
5. When do guests have to leave their rooms?
6. How can guests pay?
7. How can guests get information when there is no-one at the reception desk?

Reading Part 4

Read the text and answer the questions. Use a maximum of three words for each answer.

Superman

Superman is a fictional character with amazing powers. Many people consider Superman the greatest superhero ever. He is certainly the best known. The 1978 Hollywood *Superman* movie made more money than any other film of its time and gave Superman a worldwide audience.

You have to look before 1978 for Superman's appearance in comics. The character was created in the early 1930s and in June 1938, the familiar figure was first seen by the public in *Action Comics*. Since then, he has been on radio and TV and even in a 1960s Broadway musical called *Is it a bird?*

Superman was created by American writer Jerry Siegel, and a Canadian artist colleague drew the character and designed his costume. Superman's powers included great strength, incredible speed and the ability to fly. This last power was added only in the 1940s for new cartoons.

Superman was raised by a farmer and his wife, who gave him the name Clark Kent to protect his superhero identity. The couple found Superman as a baby after his father, a scientist on the distant planet Krypton, sent him into space before the planet exploded.

Superman believed that only he escaped from Krypton. Later, he discovered that his cousin, Kara, also got away. Several super animals joined the story, but Kara was the only other person to survive the planet's destruction.

Superman was called *Man of Steel* because nothing on earth could harm him. Only kryptonite, which was rock from his home planet, could kill Superman. The one thing which protected him from its deadly rays was the common metal, lead. Superman had enemies who tried to kill him. His most famous enemy, Lex Luthor, was actually a childhood friend.

As Clark Kent, he worked as a journalist in Metropolis after his upbringing and education in his home town, Smallville. Whenever there was a crisis, he would swiftly change into his famous Superman costume which was entirely blue and red apart from the distinctive yellow letter S on his chest.

1. In which year did Superman first appear in comics?

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2. What nationality was the person who created comic book pictures of Superman?

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3. What could Superman not do before 1940?

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4. What was the occupation of Superman's father?

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5. How many people does the text say escaped from Krypton?

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6. What could protect Superman from kryptonite rays?

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7. What was the relationship between Superman and Lex Luthor when they were young?

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8. Where did Superman go to school?

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