



Final Exam

Intermediate Level

Reading and Writing Examination

Paper Number: **Sample 3**

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Candidate Instructions:



Make sure you have the correct candidate label in the box above.



Time allowed – Two hours



Answer ALL the questions.

Good Luck!
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Writing Section [50]

Reading Section [50]

Section R1 (13 marks)

Read the following article and answer all the questions.

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The Missing Flamingos

Flamingos are large, pink birds, which get their colour from eating a particular kind of seafood, *shrimps*. In 1988, ten flamingos were taken from Tanzania to a zoo in Utah, USA. To stop flamingos flying away, the feathers on their wings are cut slightly. After arriving at the zoo, the flamingos were put with other African birds by a lake. However, the zookeepers forgot to perform the important wing cutting, as they were engaged with other things. There were more visitors than normal at the zoo, and all staff were giving tours or answering questions in the garden area. As a result, two flamingos flew away and staff realised their mistake too late.

When the group of flamingos had first arrived, they were given numbers instead of names. The two missing birds were numbered 492 and 347. Flamingos can travel long distances, sometimes 600 kilometres a day. For this reason, a member of staff admitted that they didn't even try looking for them, as they knew it would be too difficult to catch them. Fortunately, 492 was spotted at the nearby Salt Lake. The bird became a tourist attraction and was nicknamed 'Pink Floyd'. Although it is known to spend around ten months of the year far away in Texas, it regularly returns to the Utah area for the vast number of *shrimps* to eat, as well as the climate.

After escaping in 1988, Pink Floyd was seen at Salt Lake every year until 2005, and it was believed the bird had died. However, a flamingo was reported there in 2022, with white spots on its wing. Since staff never had a chance to mark Pink Floyd with its number, this was the only way of telling it was bird 492. Flamingos live about 40 years, and apart from some signs of ageing in its beak and legs, Pink Floyd looked completely fine. Unfortunately, flamingo 347 has never been found.

For questions 1-3, write your answer in the box. (2 marks each).

1. Why were the flamingos able to escape?

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2. Why didn't the zoo try to look for the flamingos?

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3. Why does Pink Floyd always go back to Salt Lake?

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For questions 4-8, tick (✓) the box. (1 mark each)

4. Pink Floyd spends most of the time in Texas.

True ☐ False ☐

5. Flamingo 347 was caught and taken back to the zoo.

True ☐ False ☐

6. What were the staff at the zoo doing when the flamingos flew away?

- A They were looking after other animals.
B They were doing some gardening.
C They were talking to visitors.

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

7. When was Pink Floyd last seen at Salt Lake?

- A 1988
B 2005
C 2022

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

8. Pink Floyd can be identified by

- A the number on its leg.
B the marks on its feathers.
C its strangely-shaped beak.

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

Write the words in the box. (1 mark each)

9. Find the word in the passage which means the **OPPOSITE** of:

tiny (paragraph 2)

10. Find the word in the passage which means the **SAME** as:

busy (paragraph 1)

Section R2 (7 marks)

Read the five short texts below, which are all about holiday locations. Choose from the texts (A to E) and complete the answer grid. The texts may be chosen more than once. One has been done for you as an example.

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A. The Belfort Campsite, on the edge of Waverly Forest, offers an interesting range of water activities for all ages. There are fun, daily lessons in the indoor pool for those aged between five and ten. For safety reasons, these can only be accessed with a parent. We also run water volleyball classes for 11-17s. For our adult guests, there are swim gym lessons led by our trained staff at weekends only.

B. While you are our guest, why not book one of our beach huts, right on the water's edge? We have five brightly-coloured huts located on the beach at Carlton Bay. Guests can walk straight down the hotel steps to our award-winning huts, and there is equipment to use both on and off the water, including surf boards, kites and volleyball sets. The huts cost £20 a day or £30 for a Saturday & Sunday booking.

C. Butterworth Castle is a great day out. Built in 1385, part of the inside of the castle has been converted into a museum, where you can learn all about the history of Butterworth. There is also a church, and a garden maze outside for the children to have fun in. Teenagers and adults love trying to find their way out of the maze! All this for £18 per person and 10% discount for a family of four.

D. If this is your first visit to Salmouth Edge Hotel, you won't be disappointed during your all-inclusive stay. No need to pay for any of our activities! Why not play tennis on one of our private courts? Booking is required as tennis is so popular; rackets and balls are included. We also offer a daily guest bus service to the local beach just three miles away. It can also drop you at the castle or the adventure park.

E. The River Tay is one of the best places in the area to visit for the day. You can walk along the riverbank, which leads into the beautiful village of Turnbrook. There is also a water sports centre with boats and canoe hire too. Prices start at £25 per person but life jackets are not included and must be purchased. For over 18s who want to try out something new, there are paddle-boarding lessons available.

Which holiday location, A, B, C, D or E,

provides free equipment?	e.g.	D
offers beginner lessons for adults only?	1	
has transport to local attractions?	2	
advertises only outdoor water activities?	3	
offers savings for families?	4	
has direct access to the beach?	5	
requires children to have an adult with them?	6	
needs to be booked in advance?	7	

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Section R3 (10 marks)

Choose the correct answer for each sentence and tick the box.

Marks
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Example:

I haven't seen my sister for six months.

☐ A since ☒ B for ☐ C until ☐ D during

1. If they had left earlier, they wouldn't _____ late.
☐ A been ☐ B had been ☐ C have been ☐ D have being
2. Don't forget to lock the door after _____ the house.
☐ A leaving ☐ B left ☐ C was leaving ☐ D to leave
3. How would Mary feel if John _____ her to marry him?
☐ A asking ☐ B will ask ☐ C would ask ☐ D asked
4. That is the man _____ company sells computers.
☐ A that ☐ B which ☐ C who ☐ D whose
5. Has Carmen's house been _____ yet?
☐ A paint ☐ B painted ☐ C to paint ☐ D painting
6. They decided to go out _____ the bad weather.
☐ A however ☐ B although ☐ C in order to ☐ D despite
7. Your friend knows about the party, _____
☐ A wouldn't she? ☐ B isn't she? ☐ C doesn't she? ☐ D didn't she?
8. Michelle _____ when she heard the news.
☐ A was working ☐ B is working ☐ C was worked ☐ D works
9. My grandmother has always been interested _____ gardening.
☐ A for ☐ B at ☐ C on ☐ D in
10. The film was not as _____ the last one we saw.
☐ A the best ☐ B better than ☐ C worse ☐ D good as

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Section W3 (10 marks)

Rewrite the sentences to give the same meaning as the original. The beginning of the sentence has been provided. Also use the word in brackets. Do not change it in any way. Other changes to the sentence will be necessary.

Example:

This match was more exciting than all the matches I have seen. (most)

The match was the most exciting I have seen.

1. Maria's uncle gave a speech at the party. (by)

A speech

2. 'I'm getting married this year,' said Colin. (he)

Colin said

3. Karla didn't have enough money to buy the present. (too)

The present

4. Mohammed wanted to be the same height as his brother. (tall)

Mohammed wanted

5. The day was so hot that they decided to go for a swim. (such)

It

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Section R4 (10 marks)

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.
Write ONE WORD ONLY on the line.

Marks
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Example:

He was very worried about his result. (worry)

1. They both agreed that the museum trip was long and _____. (bore)
2. She played the song _____ with no mistakes. (perfect)
3. Cooking is one of the most _____ skills, and everyone should learn how to do it. (use)
4. Susan has a _____ passport and often travels around the country. (France)
5. He felt like the _____ person in the world when he won the top prize. (lucky)
6. They knew she would feel _____ when she got the bad news. (happy)
7. All the customers were _____ and wanted the food to arrive. (hunger)
8. Jason asked if anyone could recommend a good _____ to fix his roof. (build)
9. It was a very _____ journey along the mountain road. (danger)
10. Helen wanted to buy a pair of _____ trousers for the party. (stripe)

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Section R5 (10 marks)

Choose the correct word from the box and write it on the line to complete the phrasal verb in each sentence. You can use a word more than once. There are some words you do **not** need to use. There is one example.

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off	down	out	across	into	up	over	on	for
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Example:

His alarm clock usually goes off at 7.00 am.

1. She was about to go back to work after getting _____ her illness, when she broke her leg.
2. She has recently decided that she must give _____ smoking.
3. The film had already started by the time they turned _____ at the cinema.
4. They had to wait for their parents to finish packing before they could set _____ on their holiday.
5. They nearly missed their flight as their car broke _____ on the way to the airport.
6. Since he retired, he has taken _____ cycling and playing golf.
7. Sara gets _____ really well with her neighbour and they often go out together at the weekend.
8. I wouldn't believe a word he says as he's always making _____ silly stories.
9. While she was clearing out the cupboards, she came _____ a box she'd never seen before.
10. You should throw these vegetables away as they've gone _____ and smell really awful!