TEST 8 PAPER 1: READING Part 1 (questions 1-8)

Part 1

You are going to read an extract from a novel. For questions **1-8** choose the answer (**A, B, C** or **D**) which you think fits best according to the text.

Mark your answers **on the separate answer sheet.**

Even though Nick knew he hadn't forgotten anything he had to check and double check he had his passport, tickets and wallet in his bag before he left the house. He had flown plenty of times before so this wasn't the first time but he still felt nervous. But then this was no ordinary trip; this time he wasn't just travelling abroad for a few weeks; he was about to start a whole new life on the other side of the world. He had spent months planning for it and couldn't believe the day had finally arrived when he was heading for the airport about to get on a plane to India. He had never been there before but felt prepared as he had read so much about the place and watched various documentaries. They had also told him a lot about what to expect on the training course he had been on for his new job. There was no denying though that it was going to be very different from the life he was used to.

His brother had offered to drive him to the airport, which he was very grateful for. His brother arrived exactly on time, as always, and together they carried his bags down to the car. It felt strange locking the door behind him, not knowing when he would see the place again. A friend of his was going to move in and rent it from him while he was away so he didn't have to worry about it being empty. But it still made him sad to lock the door and leave. In the car driving to the airport his brother's son kept them entertained talking about a party he had been to the day before and explaining in great detail what he could now do on his new bike. It was perfect; Nick didn't want to think too much about where he was going and it was much better to be distracted by his six-year-old nephew. They arrived at the airport and Nick's brother and nephew came in with him to check in his bags. Then they walked together to the security check. Nick had been dreading this moment, he had said goodbye to so many people recently and even cried at the end of his leaving party but this was the final goodbye; from this moment he was on his own. His nephew suddenly wanted a drink and so they said a quick goodbye and before they could get too emotional his nephew had dragged his brother away to the shop and he was standing on his own. He got ready to go through security, took off his jacket, took his laptop out of his bag and took his mobile and keys out of his pocket. This was it, he was really leaving.

He walked around the shops for a while and bought some newspapers and books. He had been told his new colleagues would be grateful for these. He wasn't planning to read them himself, his only plan for the flight was to sleep and maybe watch a film if they were showing something good. He walked to the gate and in no time at all he was sitting on the plane listening to the safety announcements. As the plane taxied down the runway he thought about how he had ended up
line 32 where he was. It hadn't been simple fate or destiny; he had gone looking for this opportunity. No-one had asked him to do it. He had made the effort to find this job; he had applied for it and out of over 20 candidates they had decided to give it to him. In a way he had fought for this seat on the plane and he had won. He deserved to be here and he was excited. He was going to miss all his friends and family but what he was going to do was amazing. It was the job he had always dreamed of; it was what he had spent years studying for. It wasn't going to be easy but he felt very ready for the challenge. He felt with absolute certainty that he had made the right decision. He smiled to himself and as the plane left the ground he looked out of the window and said a silent goodbye to all the people he was leaving behind.

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1 Why did he feel nervous before he left the house?

A He had never flown on his own before.
B He thought he had forgotten something.
C He was about to go on holiday with someone he didn't know.
D He was about to make a big change in his life.

2 How much did he know about the place he was going to?

A nothing
B a lot; he had been there before
C quite a lot; he had tried to learn about it
D hardly anything; only what friends had told him

3 Why did he feel strange locking the door?

A He didn't want his friend to live there.
B He was going to miss all the things he had left behind.
C He was worried about it being empty.
D He was unsure when he would come back.

4 How did he feel about his nephew being in the car to the airport?

A pleased
B annoyed
C amused
D disappointed

5 What happened when they said goodbye at the airport?

A Nick's nephew cried and ran away.
B Nick cried.
C Nick's brother cried.
D No-one cried.

6 Why did he buy newspapers and magazines at the airport?

A He had forgotten to buy them before.
B Other people had asked him to buy them.
C He wanted something to read on the plane.
D He knew the people he was going to be working with would like them.

7 Why does he say in line 32 'It hadn't been simple fate or destiny'?

A He had worked hard to get this new job.
B Getting the job had been a very long and complicated process.
C He had been very unlucky to get this job.
D He got the job because he had done what other people told him to do.

8 Which best describes how Nick was feeling as the plane took off?

A worried
B calm
C sad
D tired

LIVEWORKSHEETS

TEST 8 PAPER 1: READING Part 2 (questions 9-15)

Part 2

You are going to read an interview with a couple who own a holiday home in the French Pyrenees. Seven sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences **A-H** the one which fits each gap (**9-15**). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

Mark your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

Why did you decide to buy a holiday home here?
We have always loved travelling and spending time in different countries on holidays. It made sense to us to have somewhere which was our own, where we could go back to again and again whenever we liked. [9] It has everything we were looking for: mountains, beautiful scenery, good countryside for walking and there are towns and a major city nearby. We looked at some very remote places but decided we wanted to be in a town. We enjoy being able to walk down to the shops in the morning to get fresh bread and walk to a restaurant for dinner in the evening. It was important to us that it was easy to get to for short holidays too so the fact that there is an airport nearby was a key factor. [10] We love both of our houses even though they are very different in style and in very different places.

How did you find this particular property?
We did some research into the area we liked and we looked at adverts on the Internet, which gave us an idea of what was available. Then we went to an agency which specialised in property in the area where we were looking. They were really helpful and in three days they took us to a number of different houses as well as some empty plots of land with potential for building a new property. [11] We spent time talking to the couple who were selling it and looking around the garden as well as the house. It's not a big house; there are only two bedrooms, but it is exactly what we were looking for. It has a fantastic terrace with views of the mountains and because it is high up we can see right over the town too. It's very picturesque. It has a wonderful big fireplace too so is nice and warm in winter. In fact it is a beautiful place to have a holiday at any time of the year.

What do you like most about owning a second home?
[12] We spend lots of holidays here ourselves and sometimes friends and family join us, but we also let friends and family stay in it by themselves if they want to. It means the house is occupied more, and the more it is used the better. It would be a shame if it were empty a lot of the time. We also like that we have met some good friends here. [13] It means we don't feel like strangers when we're here. Another thing we like is that there is always somewhere new to visit and explore as well as favourite places to go back to.

Have you ever had any problems with the house?
Fortunately no, nothing serious but it is always a worry when it is empty for long periods of time and we are so far away. We are lucky to have helpful neighbours and friends who live nearby who can keep an eye on the house for us. In the very cold weather last winter the pipe to the outside tap froze and split but the postman noticed and sealed it for us. We had a problem with the hot water tank once too. We arrived one time and turned it on and suddenly water started pouring down the stairs. [14] We were able to get a plumber to come and look at it and then arranged for a new one to be fitted so it wasn't too bad. One advantage of not always being here is that we have been able to have both the bathrooms redecorated. Some friends of ours did all the work for us and it worked out really well.

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TEST 8 PAPER 1: READING Part 2 (questions 9-15)

Would you like to move and live here permanently?
No. We have too much that we would miss back home: good friends and family. 15 We might come for a month or more at a time instead of a week or two as we do now. But we bought it as a holiday home or second home not somewhere to live all the time. We like having both our homes and don't want to give up either of them. We are very lucky that we can enjoy spending time in two lovely houses.

A	We visited this area a couple of times and we really liked it.	**E**	The house we now own was actually the last one we saw and we instantly knew it was perfect.
B	That wasn't a very good start to our holiday but it is lucky it happened to us and not friends of ours.	**F**	The weather is usually better than what we're used to at home with lots of blue sky and sunshine, even in winter.
C	Next year we will both retire and then we will be able to spend much more time here.	**G**	It is so nice each time we come out to have a group of people to spend time with and social events to go to.
D	And finally we were looking for somewhere in contrast to where we live the rest of the year.	**H**	We love that we can share it with our friends and family.

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TEST 8 PAPER 1: READING Part 3 (questions 16-30)

Part 3

You are going to read an article in which four people talk about train journeys they have been on. For questions **16-30** choose from the people (**A-D**). The people may be chosen more than once. When more than one answer is required they may be given in any order.

Mark your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

Which person or people:

was disappointed by the experience? 16 [ ]

learnt something interesting while on the journey? 17 [ ]

did this journey more than once? 18 [ ]

did this journey with one friend? 19 [ ]

thinks the price was too expensive? 20 [ ]

chose to do the journey because of the low price? 21 [ ]

says this was the first time they had been on a journey like this? 22 [ ]

have good memories of their journey? 23 [ ] 24 [ ]

took this journey because of advice from friends? 25 [ ]

says they felt scared at one point on the journey? 26 [ ]

mentions something which irritated them while on the train? 27 [ ]

went on the longest journey? 28 [ ]

talk about what they could see outside the train? 29 [ ] 30 [ ]

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TEST 8 PAPER 1: READING Part 3 (questions 16-30)

Memorable train journeys

A

London to Brighton (UK)

I spent over ten years doing this journey every day of the week. I'm very relieved I am retired now. I still do the same journey sometimes but now I don't have to travel in the rush hour and if there are delays it doesn't matter so much. The journey when it went well wasn't bad at all. It wasn't too long and I was usually able to sit down and read the newspaper. It was quite pleasant as long as there were no annoying people having loud phone conversations. But generally it was fine and not a bad way to begin and end a busy day in the city. The problems and stress came with the all too frequent delays and cancellations. It was extremely frustrating, especially as I was paying so much money for my ticket. The cost was much too high in my opinion. I am glad I don't have to pay that anymore.

B

Moscow to St Petersburg (Russia)

The most memorable train journey I have ever been on was between Moscow and St Petersburg in Russia. We were about 17 years old and on a school trip to see the places we were studying in our Russian history lessons. We spent three days in Moscow then took the overnight train to St Petersburg. I remember feeling really excited about it. I had never been on an overnight train journey before. We went to the theatre on our last evening in Moscow and then went straight to the station to get on the train at about 11 pm. There were four of us in each room and our whole group occupied about two carriages of the train. Our teachers were very aware of the dangers of travelling by train at night in Russia and warned us never to walk around the train on our own. They told us to go in groups of three to the toilets so that two people could wait outside together while one person went in. That frightened us a little but nothing happened. I don't think we slept much; we stayed up most of the night talking, but I remember waking up in the morning and realising it was daylight outside and that we were in a completely new city. It was amazing.

C

Casablanca to Marrakech (Morocco)

We decided to travel by train because it was cheap and it only took three hours. Also, I thought a train journey through the desert would be interesting and different. In reality it wasn't quite as much fun as I had hoped. We got to the station in plenty of time and got our tickets without too much difficulty. The chaos started when we went out to the platform. It appeared that everyone else in the station was also planning to get on the same train as us. It was really crowded. When the train arrived it was a real fight to get on and all the seats were occupied in seconds. My friend and I got separated in the confusion but there was no way we could move so we just had to stand where we were and hold on. My friend managed to sit down after about an hour but I had to stand for the whole three hours. The scenery was quite spectacular in places but the train was hot and uncomfortable.

D

Cairns to Karanga (Australia)

I went on this train journey while I was visiting some friends who lived in Australia. I went away for a few days on my own and before I left, my friends had recommended this trip; it was definitely worth it. It used to be an old mining train that took miners to work every day. It starts on the coast and goes right up the side of a mountain. It is very steep and the views are fantastic looking back out to sea. There is lots of information in the different stations about the people who built the railway originally. It was a very dangerous job and many of them died while they doing it, either through accidents or disease. The whole journey only takes about an hour but you see all sorts of amazing things on the way. At one point it even goes through a tropical rainforest and there are some really beautiful plants. It is a wonderful trip to do as a tourist, but I'm sure the miners didn't enjoy it quite so much.

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TEST 8 PAPER 3: USE OF ENGLISH Part 1 (questions 1-12)

Part 1

For questions **1-12**, read the text below and decide which answer (**A, B, C** or **D**) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (**0**).

Mark your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

Example:

0 **A** product **B** item **C** thing **D** garment

0	A	B	C	D

Packaging

What is packaging? It is the first thing we see when we are buying a **(0)** ..... . It is often the packaging which **(1)** ..... us to a particular product in the first place. But packaging is not only about making us **(2)** ..... to buy something, it also protects and **(3)** ..... whatever we are buying and gives us information about the product **(4)** ..... . It is impossible to **(5)** ..... a world without packaging; everything we buy has some kind of packaging. We need it; it clearly serves many **(6)** ..... purposes. So what is the problem with packaging and why has it attracted so much media attention in recent years?

The problem is what we do with the packaging once we **(7)** ..... it and don't need it anymore. Packaging **(8)** ..... for about 60% of all household waste. In Western Europe the amount of plastic we use each year is going up and most containers are only used once before being thrown **(9)** ..... . Plastic takes about 450 years to degrade but even then it never completely **(10)** ..... but gets broken down into tiny pieces which then pollute both the land and sea. Disposing of packaging is therefore a **(11)** ..... problem and one that we need to address. We need to think carefully about the things we buy and their impact on the environment. We should look for products with less packaging and in **(12)** ..... less plastic packaging. Ideally we should buy products with recycled or recyclable packaging.

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1	A	notices	B	grabs	C	pulls	D	attracts
2	A	want	B	desire	C	hope	D	plan
3	A	saves	B	preserves	C	keeps	D	guards
4	A	contained	B	inside	C	below	D	under
5	A	think	B	dream	C	imagine	D	see
6	A	useful	B	useless	C	usual	D	easy
7	A	break	B	consume	C	open	D	finish
8	A	makes	B	accounts	C	consists	D	amounts
9	A	up	B	over	C	off	D	away
10	A	disappears	B	hides	C	dies	D	goes
11	A	important	B	minor	C	serious	D	true
12	A	such	B	exact	C	particular	D	example

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TEST 8 PAPER 3: USE OF ENGLISH Part 2 (questions 13-24)

Part 2

For questions **13-24**, read the text below and think of the word that best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (**0**).

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

Example: **0** TO

Valentine's Day

It is impossible **(0)** ..... escape Valentine's Day these days. Even if you have no idea when it is (February 14th!) the shops are sure to remind **(13)** ..... weeks in advance. In fact, once Christmas and New Year **(14)** ..... over it is the next big date on the calendar for shops and restaurants to take advantage **(15)** ..... . And after Christmas it is the day of the year when the second **(16)** ..... amount of money is spent on cards and presents. But is it just consumerism gone mad? Or is Valentine's Day a romantic tradition we should enjoy celebrating? The origins of Valentine's Day are **(17)** ..... clear and there are different versions of who the original Saint Valentine **(18)** ..... and what he did to become the Patron Saint of love and romance. However, whatever the origins, it seems that now throughout the world there are many different customs and traditions **(19)** ..... have been practised for hundreds of years. The most typical tradition is to send a card or give flowers or chocolates to the person you are in a romantic relationship **(20)** ..... . It might be true that in various surveys and questionnaires **(21)** ..... majority of people say that they do not believe in celebrating Saint Valentine's Day **(22)** ..... the reality is that sales of flowers, chocolates and other gifts go up significantly around the middle of February and there are more and **(23)** ..... e-cards being sent each year for Valentine's Day. So perhaps we are really all **(24)** ..... more romantic than we like to admit.

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TEST 8 PAPER 3: USE OF ENGLISH Part 3 (questions 25-34)

Part 3

For questions **25-34** 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**).

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

Example: 0 UNWILLING

Ethical fashion

The fashion industry has been slow and **(0)** ..... to change the way it works; we've known for ten years now that the fashion industry uses child labour, exposes workers to **(25)** ..... chemicals and often does not respect workers' basic rights. However, Estethica is **(26)** ..... to improve the situation and change the face of fashion. Estethica was launched at London Fashion Week six years ago and is now an important part of the show. It is a place where ethical **(27)** ..... and fashion houses have the chance to show their designs to the world of fashion and the results are promising. It is not just about the exclusive end of the fashion market, well-known high street brands are also **(28)** ..... increasing their ranges of ethically produced clothing.	**WILLING**
To be part of Estethica the rules are clear and strict. **(29)** ..... farmers and workers must be paid a fair amount of money, and profits from the business are often spent on **(30)** ..... projects such as schools and hospitals. No child labour is used in the process of making the clothes.	**DANGER**
All the materials used in the **(31)** ..... of fabrics should be organic, that is produced without the use of artificial chemicals. This is better for the local environment but also safer for workers. An effort is also made to reduce the **(32)** ..... impact of the whole process; transportation is kept to a minimum for example. Fabrics are **(33)** ..... and waste is recycled where possible. And finally working conditions and production methods are valued more **(34)** ..... than cheap clothes.	**BEGIN**
	DESIGN
	GRADUAL
	FIRST
	COMMON
	PRODUCE
	ENVIRONMENT
	USE
	HIGH

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TEST 8 PAPER 3: USE OF ENGLISH Part 4 (questions 35-42)

Part 4

For questions **35-42**, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given**. You must use between **two** and **five** words, including the word given. Here is an example (**0**).

Example: 0 I haven't seen him for at least 2 years.
TIME
The ..... was more than 2 years ago.

The gap can be filled by the words 'last time I saw him', so you write:

Example: 0 LAST TIME I SAW HIM

Write **only** the missing words **IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet**.

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35 The Chinese invented paper over a thousand years ago.
BY
Paper ..... over a thousand years ago.

36 It's possible that certain species of butterfly will soon be extinct.
MIGHT
Certain species of butterfly ..... soon.

37 Elizabeth said she would resign if her boss didn't give her a pay rise.
THREATENED
Elizabeth ..... her boss gave her a pay rise.

38 The neighbours usually forget to put out their rubbish to be collected.
TEND
The neighbours ..... remember to put out their rubbish to be collected.

39 My Dad has been retired for almost two years now.
AGO
My Dad ..... now.

40 It was such a beautiful place; I really recommend you go there.
SO
The ..... ; I really recommend you go there.

41 'Would you like to have breakfast in the hotel?' asked the receptionist.
US
The receptionist ..... wanted to have breakfast in the hotel.

42 Since he joined the gym he's been eating much more healthily.
THAN
His diet ..... before he joined the gym.

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TEST 8 PAPER 4: LISTENING Part 1 (questions 1-8)

CD 3
TR 8

Part 1

You'll hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions **1-8**, choose the best answer, **A**, **B** or **C**.

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1 You hear someone talking about something he has given up. What has he given up?
- **A** coffee
- **B** sweets
- **C** a hobby

2 You hear a woman talking about a place she went to. Why did she visit it?
- **A** to meet a friend
- **B** for work
- **C** to go shopping

3 You hear somebody talking about a song. What does the person think about the song?
- **A** He prefers the original.
- **B** He prefers the current version.
- **C** He likes the film it comes from.

4 You hear two people discussing a restaurant. What do they agree on?
- **A** It's expensive.
- **B** The service isn't good.
- **C** The food isn't very good.

5 You hear a weather forecast on the radio. What will the weather be like on Sunday?
- **A** cloudy
- **B** sunny
- **C** rainy

6 You hear an announcement at a train station. What time will the train leave?
- **A** 4.40
- **B** 4.20
- **C** 3.50

7 You hear two people discussing their new language class. How do they feel about it?
- **A** The teacher is boring.
- **B** It is too difficult.
- **C** They like the teacher.

8 You hear somebody talking about a dress. What does she say about it?
- **A** It's fashionable.
- **B** It doesn't fit her.
- **C** She wears it regularly.

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TEST 8 PAPER 4: LISTENING Part 2 (questions 9-18)

CD 3
IR 9

Part 2

You will hear a lecture about cheese-making. For questions **9-18** complete the sentences.

Cheddar cheese is usually made with _____ 9

_____ 10 all the equipment in hot water and ensure that the room is not subject to cold draughts.

To make approximately _____ 11 of Cheddar you will need 5 litres of full cream milk, 5ml of liquid starter, 3ml of rennet and 10g of salt.

Pasteurise the milk to destroy _____ 12

The curd is normally ready when it is firm _____ 13

Cut down into the curd, from top to bottom one way then cut it _____ 14 to form square columns.

Gradually increase the temperature over the next _____ 15

Using _____ 16 take out as much of the liquid whey as possible, then place a sterilised cloth over a stainless steel bucket or large basin and pour in the curds.

Remove the cheese from the press and cloth and dip it in _____ 17 for one minute in order to consolidate and smooth the surface.

Leave to mature in a _____ 18

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TEST 8 PAPER 4: LISTENING Part 3 (questions 19-23)

CD 3
TR 10

Part 3

You will hear five different people talking about an internet website. For questions **19-23** choose from the list **A-F** to say what each person feels about it. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.

A has never used it

Speaker 1 | | 19

B often uses it and buys music too

Speaker 2 | | 20

C ultimately, it is beneficial to the artists

Speaker 3 | | 21

D worries about its effect on music shops

Speaker 4 | | 22

E used to use it

Speaker 5 | | 23

F has a lot of sympathy for record companies

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TEST 8 PAPER 4: LISTENING Part 4 (questions 24-30)

CD 3
TR 11

Part 4

You will hear an interview with a rock singer, Michael Michaels. For questions **24-30**, choose the best answer (**A, B** or **C**).

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24 What does Michael enjoy doing on holiday?

A gardening
B shopping
C pottery

25 What does Michael say about his weight?

A He eats too many biscuits.
B He is overweight.
C He puts on weight easily.

26 How does he feel in the mornings?

A very energetic
B a little angry
C He finds it difficult to get up.

27 On tour he

A is tempted to eat too much.
B doesn't eat a lot.
C has a personal trainer.

28 How does he feel about being famous?

A It doesn't make any difference to him.
B He doesn't like it when people are rude.
C He doesn't remember not being famous.

29 How did the media react to his latest album?

A They loved it.
B They ignored it.
C They gave it bad reviews.

30 When will he retire?

A When he's finished writing his musical.
B never
C in about 5 years

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