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LANGUAGE CENTRE



Cambridge Assessment
English

PRELIMINARY ENGLISH TEST

Reading and Writing

Test: FINAL PET 8
(V11.2024)

TIME: 45 MINUTES

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this question paper until you are told to do so.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number on your answer sheet if they are not already there.

Read the instructions for each part of the paper carefully.

Answer all the questions.

Read the instructions on the answer sheet.

Write your answers on the answer sheet. Use a pencil.

You **must** complete the answer sheet within the time limit.

At the end of the test, hand in both this question paper and your answer sheet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Questions 1 -32 carry one mark.

Part 1

For each question, choose the correct answer.

1.

To	Elsa
From	Tony

Ranjit needs to know tomorrow whether we're going with him next month to his apartment in New York. Will your boss give you a week off?

Tony wants Elsa to

- A. ask her boss for a week's holiday starting tomorrow.
- B. find out if she can have time off next month.
- C. go away with him next week for a month.

2.

CUSTOMERS

If the goods we have delivered are unsatisfactory, call us to arrange collection

- A. Ring and tell us if you are satisfied with the service we have delivered.
- B. Telephone us if arrangements for collecting goods are not satisfactory.
- C. Call us to take the goods back if you are not satisfied with them.

3.

Dear Mum

We're staying in the mountains longer than we intended because of storms on the coast. We'll go to the coast before returning home if the weather improves.

Ruth

- A. Ruth has kept to her plan despite the change in the weather.
- B. Ruth may not visit the coast if the bad weather continues.
- C. Ruth intends to leave the mountains early to visit the coast.

4.



A. Remove this food from the container before placing in a microwave oven.

B. It is advisable to use a suitable container for cooking this food.

C. You should avoid putting this food in a microwave oven.

5.



A. You will have to pay more to borrow DVDs after 1st January.

B. Please return all borrowed DVDs before 1st January.

C. There will be additional DVDs to borrow from 1st January.

Part 2

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The people below all want to visit a park.

On the opposite page there are descriptions of eight parks.

Decide which park would be the most suitable for the following people.

For questions **6-10**, mark the correct letter (**A-H**) on your answer sheet.

6. Isabel works in the city centre and likes painting and drawing in her free time. She wants to practise her hobby in a small, quiet park near her office.



7. Mr Martin wants to take his eight-year-old pupils to a park anywhere within the city, with lots of organised activities which allow the children to read about local wildlife they may see.



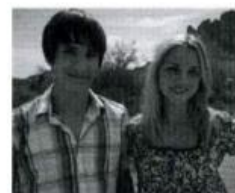
8. Kumiko and Atsuko would like to visit a park which they can get to by boat. They want to buy lunch there and then enjoy a short walk accompanied by an expert leader.



9. Hans and Birgit Kaufmann and their family want to visit a park which is historically important. Their teenage children would like to try a water sport.



10. Melanie and Stefan are students who need to visit a busy park for a college project. They want to draw people taking part in team sports and watching entertainment.



PARKS IN AND AROUND THE CITY

A. Hadley Park: This park is in the peaceful village of Cranford, 20 km outside the city. The park has large green spaces for football and there is also an area of woodland, a boating lake, fish ponds and a variety of local wildlife. The public car park is free.

B. Highdown Park: The largest and most popular open space in the city, Highdown has many paths for keen walkers, as well as horse-riding and golf. The much-visited 19th-century glasshouses contain an interesting exhibition about birds from around the world.

C. Brock Park: A beautiful park on the edge of the city, Brock Park attracts huge crowds. The open-air theatre has a programme of plays suitable for school groups. There is a well-used basketball court and baseball field, a children's playground and a café. Climb Harry's Hill to admire the beautiful fields and forests beyond the city.

D. Lilac Park and House: This busy city-centre park has a long history dating back to the 1700s, when it belonged to the writer Thomas Crane. The house is open to the public and a guided visit can also include a walk around the famous rose gardens, finishing at the popular Butterfly Café.

E. Boscawen Park: This small and peaceful park offers guided tours, given by the knowledgeable Environment Officers, and evening visitors to the park may be lucky enough to see rare frogs and bats. It is situated on the River Elton and can be reached in about 30 minutes from the city centre by river taxi. There is a snack bar and gift shop.

F. East Bank Park: This is a tiny, little-known park in the heart of the city, with gardens filled with sculptures, trees and flowers. It makes a perfect resting place, popular with local artists, and is within minutes of the theatre and entertainment district.

G. Victoria Park: This quiet park, on the edge of the city and easy to visit by public transport, has boats for hire on the lake, a skateboard park, basketball and tennis courts and a picnic area. Often seen in postcard views of the city, Victoria Park contains one of the oldest windmills in the country the museum should not be missed.

H. Elmwood Park: At Elmwood Park, there are walks on well-made paths and cycle rides for all abilities. Elmwood is just inside the city limit and has an area of quiet woodland, which is home to deer and other animals. The visitor centre, numerous display boards and a fun quiz make this a positive learning experience for all ages.

Part 3

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Jon Leverson talks about working in comedy

At school I was always the one with the funny comment, the class clown who never took things too seriously. I enjoyed making my friends laugh, and to be honest, I seemed to be quite good at it. This was why, at university, I decided to join a comedy club, a small group of people who wanted to practise their joke-telling in front of a live audience. Once a week I would go on stage in front of a small group of people and tell my jokes. This was my introduction to becoming a comedian.

Over the past few years I've continued with my hobby. Instead of jokes I like to talk about things that I experience in life that I find amusing. I'm a dad to a young son and a lot of my act is about some of the funny things he does or about being a father. The events I perform at only attract small audiences, but you get a lot of support and people do at least try to laugh, even if they don't like your act.

I work in an office 9-5 and I perform at the weekend. But don't think for one minute that it's just a few hours' work. Thinking of ideas is difficult. And you need to test these ideas and see what makes people laugh and what doesn't. You then throw some things out completely or change them a bit and try again the next week. In addition to the content it's about finding your style - what makes you special - and that only comes with practice.

Some people say doing what I do must be quite scary. I'm not sure about scary, but it's certainly true that standing in front of an audience and trying to make them laugh is quite a challenge. But it's worth it when you're successful. It's great to make people feel happy and to know that all the time you've spent in preparation has worked. This will always be a hobby rather than a career for me, but one that will hopefully give me a great deal of pleasure for years to come.

11. What does Jon say about his time at university?
- A. It was where he discovered he could make people laugh.
 - B. He started a comedy club.
 - C. He performed in front of people.
 - D. He enjoyed watching other people tell jokes.
12. At the events he performs at
- A. the audience think he is funny.
 - B. people laugh even if they don't find him funny.
 - C. he gets support from other fathers.
 - D. he tells jokes.
13. Jon explains that
- A. his act doesn't last very long.
 - B. he often repeats his act but with changes.
 - C. the audience make him feel special.
 - D. he sometimes feels he has failed a test.
14. What does Jon say about performing?
- A. He finds it very scary.
 - B. He's not good enough to make a career out of comedy.
 - C. Making people laugh isn't easy.
 - D. It means he spends less time at work.
15. What would be a good introduction to this article?

A In this article, Jon Levenson explains the difficulties of trying to make a career out of comedy.

B Do you think you're funny? Jon Levenson tells us the steps to take to become a comedian.

C In this week's personal story, Jon Levenson tells us about his unusual hobby – making people laugh.

D Life doesn't always go as planned, and Jon Levenson explains how he took a career change at university.

Part 4

Five sentences have been removed from the text below.

For each question, choose the correct answer.

There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Dangerous Fun

When we think about dangerous and extreme sports, bungee jumping or sky diving comes to mind. But did you know that there are several festivals or events that take place around the world where people risk serious injury or even death?

The custom of cheese rolling in the UK is only one of them. It is actually so unsafe that many think it should be banned. **(16)**____. This event takes place on a grassy hill which is too steep for a person to walk down standing up. Competitors run after a round, five-kilo English cheese, going at speed down this hill. The cheese, which is given a one-second head start on the runners, may go as fast as one hundred and twelve kilometres an hour. **(17)**____. However, it is the competitors who are in the most danger as they fall down running after the cheese. As you can imagine, there are broken bones and other injuries by the time this event has finished. **(18)**____. However, very few do, which means the winner is the first person to reach the bottom, broken bones or not.

And if you thought this was mad enough, go to Greece, where at the village of Vrontados people have an unusual, but extremely dangerous custom. Two competing churches have an annual war. **(19)**____. This attack does not happen while the churches are empty, but while services are being held, so both churches are full. **(20)**____. This is why this extreme tradition is also very dangerous. Nobody is sure exactly how it got started but, whatever the history, if you feel like risking your life, these two unusual extreme customs are a good way to start.

- A** They fire up to 60,000 small rockets at each other's bell towers.
- B** They are situated on opposite hills.
- C** This is hardly surprising.
- D** Everyone is aiming to catch the cheese
- E** Although the light show in the night sky is amazing, some of the rockets go off course.
- F** The cheese is a particular local type.
- G** This obviously is dangerous for anybody watching, too.
- H** No competitors could, at such a speed, hurt themselves.

Part 5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The Great White Shark

The great white shark is thought of as a killer, but this is not really (21)..... True, one look is enough to confirm how frightening these creatures are. They can be anywhere between four and five metres long and have around 300 teeth (22)..... in rows. They can travel through the water at up to 24 kilometres an hour, speeding up when they attack. However, of the 100 or so shark attacks on humans that are (23) each year, only around a half of these are made by the great white and most of these attacks do not lead to the person losing their life. Research has shown that the shark will often carry (24)..... a test bite, and in many cases it has been shown they will release a human. Unfortunately, (25)..... to the size of the creature's mouth this can still lead to the person being (26)..... injured.

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| 21. A. gained | B. won | C. fair | D. corrected |
| 22. A. put | B. done | C. made | D. arranged |
| 23. A. reported | B. said | C. told | D. placed |
| 24. A. in | B. up | C. out | D. on |
| 25. A. due | B. since | C. as | D. for |
| 26. A. mainly | B. importantly | C. seriously | D. strictly |

Part 6

For each question, write the correct answer.

Write **ONE** word for each gap.

The Tower of London

I hope you like the photos of our holiday. My favourites are the ones (27)..... the Tower of London. The big black birds you can see in one of the photos are called 'ravens'. The story goes that if ever these birds leave, the Tower will fall along with the country. (28)..... are always supposed to be (29)..... least six but the Tower keeps seven or more, just to be safe! The guide explained that it was King Charles II (30) ordered this when he was warned of the dangers of killing the birds.

They don't want the ravens to fly away so one of their wings is 'clipped'. We were told that this doesn't hurt them at all but that it stops them flying away. All the birds are given names and I was surprised (31)..... learn that the oldest one they've had was called Jim Crow, who lived (32) he was 44 years old!