

# TIME EXPLORERS

Prepositions of Time | High A2 | 30 questions + a short writing task

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

## QUICK LESSON

Think of time as a zoom lens: **in** for longer periods, **on** for days and dates, and **at** for exact times and points.

| IN                                                            | ON                                             | AT                                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Months, years, seasons:<br><b>in July, in 2026, in winter</b> | Days and dates:<br><b>on Monday, on 14 May</b> | Clock times and fixed points:<br><b>at 7:30, at noon, at night</b> |
| Parts of the day:<br><b>in the morning, in the evening</b>    | Day + part of day:<br><b>on Monday morning</b> | British English: <b>at the weekend</b>                             |

**Other useful time phrases:** *for* + length of time (**for two hours**); **all day** (no preposition); **from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** for a time range. American English commonly uses *on the weekend*.

### PART A | CHOOSE ONE | 10 POINTS

#### Choose the correct preposition.

1. Our school year begins \_\_\_\_ January.

Choices: (a) in (b) on (c) at

2. The science fair is \_\_\_\_ Friday afternoon.

Choices: (a) in (b) on (c) at

3. Please be ready \_\_\_\_ 8:15.

Choices: (a) in (b) on (c) at

4. We usually visit our grandparents \_\_\_\_ the weekend.

Choices: (a) in (b) on (c) at

5. The concert is \_\_\_\_ 14 May.

Choices: (a) in (b) on (c) at

## PART A | CONTINUED

**Choose the correct preposition.**

6. I sometimes read \_\_\_\_ night when I cannot sleep.

Choices: (a) in (b) on (c) at

7. The library is closed \_\_\_\_ Sundays.

Choices: (a) in (b) on (c) at

8. My aunt often visits us \_\_\_\_ the afternoon.

Choices: (a) in (b) on (c) at

9. The new year begins \_\_\_\_ midnight.

Choices: (a) in (b) on (c) at

10. These buildings were built \_\_\_\_ the 1990s.

Choices: (a) in (b) on (c) at

## PART B | FILL THE GAPS | 10 POINTS

**Write one word in each gap.**

11. My brother does his homework \_\_\_\_\_ the evening.

12. My parents moved here \_\_\_\_\_ 2018.

13. Our class trip is \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday.

14. The last train leaves \_\_\_\_\_ midnight.

15. We played badminton \_\_\_\_\_ two hours.

## PART B | CONTINUED

**Write one word or phrase in each gap.**

16. Her birthday is \_\_\_\_\_ 3 September.

17. The flowers bloom \_\_\_\_\_ spring.

18. The whole family eats together \_\_\_\_\_ lunchtime.

19. The museum is open \_\_\_\_\_ 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

20. It rained \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday. (two words)

## PART C | FIX THE SENTENCE | 5 POINTS

**Rewrite the incorrect time phrase correctly.**

21. We have our English club *in Monday morning*.

Correct phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

22. The stars are easy to see *in night*.

Correct phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

23. We stayed at the campsite *during three days*.

Correct phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

24. My family travels *on August*.

Correct phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

25. The lesson starts *on 7:30*.

Correct phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

## PART D | CHOOSE THE EXPRESSION | 5 POINTS

**Write in, on or at in each gap.**

26. The bus arrives \_\_\_\_ 6:40.

27. We have a family meal \_\_\_\_ Sunday evening.

28. My cousin was born \_\_\_\_ 2012.

29. We have a school concert \_\_\_\_ 1 June.

30. I usually wake up \_\_\_\_ sunrise.

## PART E | WRITING | ABOUT 60 WORDS

**A week in my life**

Write about your usual week. Include when you wake up, one thing you do on a weekday, what you do at the weekend, and one special date or time. Try to use **in**, **on**, **at** and a duration phrase. Aim for 50-70 words.

**Student name:** \_\_\_\_\_Checklist: ☐ 50-70 words ☐ used in, on and at ☐ checked capital letters and full stops