PET (Cambridge English B1: Preliminary) Practice Test

Reading Part 1

- For each question, choose the correct answer.

WARNING:
CHOKING HAZARD - Small parts.
Not for children under 36 months.
Use with adult supervision only.

1)

A) This toy is only suitable for children over three years old.

B) This toy only works with adult supervision.

C) This toy is only for small children.

Hi Penelope,
The hotel is in a fantastic location
- just as you described it.
Thanks for recommending it.
Liked it so much we've already booked for next year! Monika.

2)

A) Monika has stayed in the hotel before.

B) Penelope has already visited the hotel Monika is staying in.

C) Monika and Penelope are planning to go to the hotel together next year.

The Libraries and their resources are free to use for Swansea University students and staff.

3) What does this notice say about Swansea University students?

A) They don't have to pay to use the library resources.

B) They can use the library resources only if they ask the staff.

C) They don't need to get permission to use the library resources.

USE BEFORE
10 JUL

Store in a cool, dark place.

4)

A) It is best to keep the medicine in the freezer.

B) Keep the medicine away from heat and direct light.

C) You shouldn't take the medicine after 10th January.

° PLEASE DO NOT °
CHAIN BICYCLES
TO THESE RAILINGS
° THANK YOU °

5)

A) Do not ride your bicycle around the corner.

B) These railings may damage your bike's chain.

C) Do not lock your bike up to railings.

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Reading Part 2

The people below in **1-5** all want to do a course.
Look at the descriptions of eight courses. **(A-H)**
Decide which course would be most suitable for each person.

1) Choose your answer ...

Martina is an accomplished photographer looking for an enjoyable course where she can improve her skills. She loves taking pictures outdoors and is only free at weekends.

2) Choose your answer ...

Manuel has painted for 10 years and wants to learn about the work of famous painters from the past. He is looking for a day-time course that will help him improve his painting skills.

3) Choose your answer ...

Maria is 32 and she would like to do computer studies in Manchester. She wants to do a part-time course which includes theory and practical skills. In her spare time she paints and draws.

4) Choose your answer ...

Claude would like a course where he can learn the basic concepts of drawing. He works in the morning but is free at weekends. He is most interested in drawing portraits but does not need a qualification.

5) Choose your answer ...

Sally is 25. She wants to take up an activity that will give her a lot of contact with other people. She is very talented and likes performing.

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A) ITB and computer courses

Full-time courses

This full-time course is designed to help you improve your digital skills you use in everyday life. These skills will help you to use computers confidently and effectively in both your working and personal life. This course is suitable for those who want to study in the evening.

B) NTB

A Photographic Adventure

Based in the heart of The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, NTB aim is to provide holidays that are 'a true photographic adventure'. With knowledgeable and friendly guides, tours visit some of the most beautiful spots in England and provide great opportunity for all abilities to take some amazing pictures.

C) 3D Studio

Part-time courses

3D Studio has a fun 34-week photo challenge. All courses are led by a professional photographer who has specific skills to teach you. By learning with 3D Studio you will be taken to the best places and venues in the countryside. The course takes place on Saturdays, 3.30-6.00 p.m.

D) Adam Elliot Studio

Renaissance Painting Workshop

During this workshop students will be taught the classical methods of oil painting used by Italian and Flemish masters of the late 16th and early 17th centuries. This workshop is suitable for students of all levels of experience. Classes are on Monday and Wednesday from 9-11 a.m.

E) Santa Reparata

Supplementary Art Course

The main aim of this short course is to provide an introduction to one of the most fascinating period of the Italian Art. The one week painting course is suitable for absolute beginners. Classes are from 6.30-9.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

F) The Art Academy

Open Life Class

This is an informative, intensive and fun weekend course, which teaches essential drawing skills. Through various drawing approaches including life drawing, portraiture and still life, you will learn to understand texture, line, measurement and composition.

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G) The Open University

Computing and IT

Our Adult courses give you the chance to boost your confidence and develop your work skills. This cutting-edge course will prepare you for progression to further study in computing and software development. Full-time and part-time courses are available.

H) Jennifer Collins Theatre School

Musical theatre courses

The aim of this course is to provide participants with the opportunity to train to the highest standards for a professional career in Dance and Musical Theatre. We offer a chance to meet new friends in a very happy environment.

Reading Part 3

- For each question, choose the correct answer.

Notting Hill Carnival takes place in London every August bank holiday, and is the most colourful and largest street event in the UK. The festival celebrates the traditions of the Afro-Caribbean community, who emigrated to England from the West Indies in the 1950s. They brought with them the Caribbean idea of the carnival, with colourful costumes, processions, steel bands and street dancing. Preparations for the carnival start many months in advance. Costumes need to be made, and floats built, ready for the carnival street procession. Steel bands practise traditional Caribbean music on instruments built from used oil barrels. Just before the festival, the streets are decorated with yellow, green and red streamers, and amplifying devices are set in place, to carry the rhythmic sounds over the roar of the London traffic. The carnival is celebrated over three days, and is full of music and colour. Processions of steel and brass bands, floats, and dancers in colourful costumes make their way through the narrow London streets, watched by tens of thousands of people. The streets are lined with stalls selling tropical fruits, such as fresh mangoes, watermelons and pineapple. Everyone dances - young and old, black and white - and even the policemen on duty take part in the fun. For these three days in August, a little Caribbean magic touches the streets of London.

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What is the writer's main aim in writing the text?

A) to encourage people to celebrate the traditions of black people

B) to talk about problems with Afro-Caribbean community

C) to recommend people spend more time outdoors

D) to understand and describe the Notting Hill Carnival

According to the passage, Notting Hill Carnival ...

A) takes place every Bank Holiday

B) is held annually in August

C) is organized by the Bank of England

D) is held at the beginning of August

During the Notting Hill Carnival,

A) the participants in the carnival decorate the streets with colourful streamers

B) preparations start early in the morning

C) music and colour fill the streets of London

D) traffic is banned from the main shopping streets

The writer claims that

A) this carnival has been organized since at least the 1950s

B) tens of thousands of people take part in the preparations for the carnival

C) dancers in the carnival wear special clothes

D) the dancers in the carnival are from the black community

Although the carnival is a celebration of the traditions of black British ...

A) everyone seems to participate in it

B) only Caribbean people take part in it

C) it is gaining in popularity among the white in recent years

D) people from all over the world come to watch it

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Reading Part 4

- Five sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question (1-5), choose the correct answer (A-H) There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use

A Lottery Ticket

Mrs O'Sullivan was in a small shopping centre in Dublin a few days ago when she suddenly felt very hungry. She decided to buy herself a sandwich, but when she took her purse out she discovered that she only had a €100 banknote. It was almost seven o'clock in the evening, she was really hungry and nowhere else was open. **1)** Choose

She'd buy some lottery tickets and the sandwich. She never did stupid things like that and in fact she never bought lottery tickets. **2)** Choose Mrs O'Sullivan was a saleswoman and her husband was a caretaker and they didn't have much money, so when she got home her husband was very angry. "We look after our money," he said, "and you go throw it away on lottery tickets! **3)** Choose

That Sunday the couple watched the results on television. They won a million euros. **4)** Choose Mrs O'Sullivan says that it was the luckiest sandwich in the world, and it was the luckiest crazy decision she had ever made! **5)** Choose They're planning to go on that holiday, but not to Waterford.

A) We're saving for holiday in Waterford!"

B) Then she had a crazy idea!

C) But she had a decision to make.

D) And Mr O'Sullivan has forgiven her for wasting their money.

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E) So what's it actually like winning the lottery?

F) We "helped out" a few of our friends and family with some money.

G) It was the first time in her life.

H) It's going to change their lives.

Reading Part 5

- For each question, WRITE the correct answer.

Different Religions

From our earliest days, many people have believed in a power or powers greater than themselves. This belief is known as religion. In ancient times, it was a way to **(1)** …….. sense of the mysteries of the **(2)** …….. world; evil spirits were thought to be responsible **(3)** …….... bad weather and disease, for instance. Ancient peoples felt that they had a measure of control over their lives when they made offerings and prayed to friendly spirits, whom they believed could help them win battles or **4)** …….. better crops.

Even today, when people know the scientific explanations for such things as thunder or the eruption of volcanoes, **(5)** …….. look to religion to explain some of the other hard-to-understand things which we experience as humans – things like the purpose of life or the reasons for tragedies. Although most religions spring from the same basic human need to **(6)** …….. in a great power or powers, the ideas, practices, and traditions that religions involve can be very different.

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1. A) make	B) do	C) take	D) give
2. A) customary	B) essential	C) typical	D) natural
3. A) of	B) for	C) by	D) in
4. A) breed	B) gain	C) rise	D) grow
5. A) many	B) lots	C) plenty	D) much
6. A) consider	B) admit	C) accept	D) believe

Reading Part 6

- For each question, write the correct answer. Write one word for each gap.

My New House

Guess what! We moved to a new house last week. It's really great! It has two floors. On the ground floor **(1)** ..... is a spacious living room with a stone fireplace. Next **(2)** ..... the living room we have a big kitchen. My mum likes spending her time there, as she loves cooking. We have a bathroom on each floor. I'm very happy **(3)** ..... I have my own room. It's on the first floor, opposite my brother's bedroom. And my parents' bedroom is on the second floor. We also have a beautiful garden in front of the house. There aren't **(4)** ..... trees or bushes in it because my mum loves tulips. That's why this garden is full **(5)** ..... tulips! We also have a small backyard behind the house. It's a place **(6)** ..... I usually spend my free time and play with my friends. But I can't ride a bike or play with my dog there.

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