PET (Cambridge English B1: Preliminary) Practice Test

Reading Part 1

- For each question, choose the correct answer.

Once opened,
keep in coldest part
of refrigerator and
use within five days.

1)

A) The product can last five days after opening.

B) The product should be stored in a refrigerator immediately.

C) The product doesn't have to be kept cool.

We accept cash,
cheques and all
major credit cards!

2)

A) We prefer you to pay with a credit card or in cash.

B) You must have a credit card and a cheque as well as cash.

C) You may pay with a credit card, cheque or in cash.

To: Maria
From: David

I know you asked me to fix your laptop on Saturday but I completely forgot about a meeting I have to go to - terribly sorry.

3) **Why is David apologising to Maria?**

A) He cannot do the favour he had promised.

B) He hasn't had time to fix her laptop.

C) He won't be able to go to the meeting with her.

° PARKING °
2 hours maximum
£4 per hour
The value of a parking penalty charge notice is £50

4)

A) It costs at least £50 to park here for two hours.

B) There are no parking charges after 2.00pm.

C) You have to pay a fine if you park here for three hours.

☆ KEEP SILENCE! ☆
EXAMS
☆ IN PROGRESS ☆

5)

A) You mustn't speak during the examination.

B) Please respect others and remain quiet during the examination.

C) Do not talk to the teacher.

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Reading Part 2

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

1) Choose your answer ...

James is looking for a book for his granddaughter's fourth birthday present. Ideally, it should be about animals or elves and be a story he can read to her many times.

2) Choose your answer ...

Susan is twenty-one and works for a multinational company. She likes romantic novels very much, especially if they contain descriptions of fashionable clothes, magnificent houses and parties.

3) Choose your answer ...

Andre is from Paris and he travels across England on business very often. He would like a book that offers accurate information as he sometimes has time for a little sightseeing between business meetings.

4) Choose your answer ...

Tina is a chemistry student but she would like to read science fiction in her free time. She wants to buy a well-written book with a surprise at the end.

5) Choose your answer ...

Peter wants to buy a book as a present for his friend Robin. Robin is keen on fishing and likes spending time in nature.

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A) Henry Jowett

The Portrait of a Woman

The charming Evelyn Blanchet was a French woman who came to England in the eighteenth century and won the hearts of young men wherever she appeared. This enjoyable romance shows us the elegant evening dresses, the wonderful rooms and Evelyn's gleaming eyes in an imaginary world full of gardens and palaces.

B) Patience Jones

The English Corner

In a quiet English village by the sea, a young French widow gets a second chance at love. Annabel Ginger hasn't been back to the village of Abberton since she buried her husband two years ago. Now she's returning with her 4-year-old daughter, Alice.

C) Robin Greene

Migration

In the dark future of Jupiter XI, more than 90 per cent of the world's population have died. Killed by themselves and others who were listening to voices steering their dreadful actions. Those who survived live in a very hostile environment. Totally unexpected ending with so many twists and turns.

D) Ann Kaufman

Baby Dance

This fabulous board book follows five American puppies (including a rather cheeky yorkie) as they play and dance the day away. Using delightful rhyme and simple language, American author Ann Kaufman has created a fun, rhythmical story that is a joy to read and alluring to little ears.

E) Bruce Nolan

Landia

Landia is a medieval world filled with pirates and warriors, adventures and battles, and a group of boys trying to find their place in the world. The story focuses on a bunch of naughty boys who, as part of their coming of age, must go through six months of tough physical training on land and sea to become warriors.

F) Automobile Association

Walks and Tours in United Kingdon

A free guide (French edition) with practical tips and advice to help you get the most out of your trip to United Kingdom. It includes detailed information on history, museums, galleries, churches as well as some useful information about accommodation. There are suggested tour routes, maps and directions.

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G) Izaak Watson

The Perfect Storm

The "Silver Guide" series from St. George's Press has been around since the late 60's and is known for its comprehensive coverage on a wide range of nature topics. "The Perfect Storm" is no exception. The book is widely considered to be one of the leading guidebooks for the beginner angler.

H) Doris McCartney

The Princess

Open the book and you won't be disappointed, for what follows is a fascinating adventure with fantastical places and amazing creatures, all to be found just on the verge of reality, if only you could squeeze through the lavender hedge at the bottom of the garden to find it.

Reading Part 3

- For each question, choose the correct answer.

Jacques-Yves Cousteau was an explorer, ecologist, filmmaker, inventor and conservationist. He was a man, who spent nearly his whole life underwater exploring the hidden depths of the ocean and who did more to educate the world about the mysteries of the deep sea than any other scientist before or since. He was born in June, 1910 in the village of Saint-André-de-Cubzac, in south western France. Jacques was a sickly boy and spent much of his time in bed, reading books and dreaming about a life at sea. In 1920, Jacques' family moved to New York and he was encouraged to start swimming to build up his strength. This was the beginning of his fascination with water and the more he learnt through his own experiences, the more passionate he became about "looking through nature's keyhole". Nevertheless, his career in underwater exploration came about by accident. After entering France's naval academy and travelling around the world, he was involved in an almost fatal car accident that left him seriously injured with two broken arms. He began swimming in the Mediterranean Sea to strengthen his arm muscles as part of his recovery process and rediscovered his love of the ocean. Cousteau developed a pair of underwater breathing apparatus to allow him to stay underwater for long periods of time. His experiments led to the development of the first Aqua-Lung which was a great commercial success. During World War II, he worked for the French Resistance and experimented with underwater photographic equipment. He helped to get rid of German mines and was awarded the Legion D'Honneur and the Croix de Guerre medals for his bravery. In 1942, he filmed his first underwater film Sixty Feet Down. It was 18 minutes long and was entered in the Cannes Film Festival.

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What is the writer trying to do in the text?

A) teach readers how to make films

B) explain how Jacques-Yves Cousteau has made a lot of money

C) introduce readers to the filmmaker Jacques-Yves Cousteau

D) describe particular films directed by Jacques Cousteau

Being a child, Cousteau had ....

A) strong will

B) bright mind

C) heart attacks

D) delicate health

In a car accident he ...

A) burnt both of his arm

B) broke his extremities

C) injured his leg

D) hurt his eyes

Cousteau developed underwater breathing equipment

A) to extend his underwater investigations

B) to gain fame

C) to achieve commercial success

D) having no certain goals

During World War II Cousteau collaborated with ...

A) Polish resistance movement

B) German antifascists

C) American troops

D) underground resistance fighters in France

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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

Antarctica is the coldest, emptiest and driest place on Earth. Ninety-nine percent of Antarctica is covered by ice about 5 metres thick. The coldest temperature ever recorded on Earth was minus 89.2 degrees Celsius, registered on July 21, 1983, at Antarctica's Vostok station. Antarctica's climate is also very dry and windy. **1)** Choose There is an area called Dry Valleys that has not had rain for more than a million years!

The existence of Antarctica was completely unknown until the continent was first discovered in 1820. Antarctica doesn't have a government and belongs to no country. **2)** Choose There are 30 various countries that operate 80 research stations located around the continent. In summer, more than 4000 scientists from all over the world work in research stations. Tourists arrive here, too. **3)** Choose

Antarctica has no trees or bushes. The only plants that can live in a place that cold are algae, moss and fungi. **4)** Choose They live close together in large colonies and build their nests on the ice. In the ocean around the continent you can see seals, whales and orcas but there are no big and large native land animals on the continent. **5)** Choose

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A) More than 56,000 people travelled to Antarctica during the 2018-2019 season.

B) Also hiding under the Antarctic ice is an entire lake called Lake Vostok.

C) But there are a lot of penguins.

D) Winds in some places of the continent can reach 320 km/h.

E) But Antarctica hasn't always been an icy land.

F) It's just too cold!

G) The Antarctic is land surrounded by ocean.

H) It is the only region in the world which is not ruled by any nation.

Reading Part 5

- For each question, WRITE the correct answer.

London Parks

London is famous (1) ……. its parks and gardens. Some of them belong to the Crown but they are all open to the public and the entrance is free of charge. In St James's Park you can watch and (2) ……. swans, ducks, geese and other water birds. Hyde Park (3) …….. to be a hunting ground and is still popular with horse riders.

Those who like a good argument should go to the Speakers' Corner to listen to individuals (4) …….. their speeches on various subjects. Regent's Park now houses London Zoo and open-air theatre where Shakespeare's plays are staged in summer. Not (5) …….. the parks are in the city centre. Greenwich and Richmond are located in the suburbs. All these areas of green give the city dwellers an excellent (6) …….. to enjoy some peace and quiet away from traffic and crowded streets.

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1. A) by	B) for	C) from	D) with
2. A) feed	B) eat	C) breed	D) lead
3. A) should	B) ought	C) used	D) have
4. A) doing	B) giving	C) taking	D) talking
5. A) each	B) whole	C) every	D) all
6. A) chance	B) knowledge	C) account	D) source

Reading Part 6

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

Our Holiday in Spain

Our trip to Spain was wonderful! First, we flew to Valencia, one of the **(1)** ..... beautiful cities in Spain. It's a nice and elegant port city. We stayed at Hampton by Hilton there for three nights. We went sightseeing and just relaxed at the swimming pool.

From Valencia, we flew to Ibiza, arriving **(2)** ..... Saturday morning. We went to Las Salinas, **(3)** ..... is one of the most popular beaches in Ibiza. The next day, we had a go **(4)** ..... water skiing or parasailing. One night, we took a bus tour to a traditional Ibizan village and stayed for dinner and a Flamenco show. We heard Spanish songs for voice and guitar, and we saw traditional dances - it **(5)** ..... a very special evening.

From Sant Jordi, we drove to San Rafael. We stayed there for two nights. The very next day, we drove back to Ibiza and flew back to Valencia. We plan to come back to Spain soon, **(6)** ..... for now, we're on our way to Portugal!

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