

ENGLISH TEST A2

PART 1

1) Choose and write the best answers to complete the text.

My name is Rob and I'm Australian, but I live in the UK. I am a ¹ _____. I decorate people's houses and other buildings like offices, too. People are happy when their houses look better. I ² _____ freelance and I love my job because I often work outside. My job starts early in the morning, so I ³ _____ at six o'clock. I finish work at ⁴ _____ and go home.

I'm married to Diana. She's from Canada and she's a ⁵ _____. She says ⁶ _____ job is very interesting. She ⁷ _____ start work early in the morning because she works in the afternoon and evening, so she never cooks in the evening. I ⁸ _____ make dinner. I like cooking and ⁹ _____ favourite dish is spaghetti. After dinner, I watch TV or listen ¹⁰ _____ music.

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| 1 a) painter | b) paints | c) paint |
| 2 a) to work | b) work | c) works |
| 3 a) get up | b) gets up | c) to get up |
| 4 a) past half four | b) half past four | c) four half past |
| 5 a) photographer | b) photo | c) photograph |
| 6 a) hers | b) she | c) her |
| 7 a) does | b) not | c) doesn't |
| 8 a) sometimes | b) always | c) never |
| 9 a) me | b) my | c) I |
| 10 a) to | b) with | c) at |

2) Read the instructions for having a **good holiday**. Choose the correct answer from the words in *italics*.

- 1 ***Always lose / Don't lose*** your money, credit cards and passport.
- 2 ***Don't stay / Stay*** in the sun all day long.
- 3 ***Drink / Don't drink*** lots of water when it's hot.
- 4 ***Take / Don't take*** a tourist guide book and map so you don't get lost.
- 5 ***Don't arrive / Arrive*** at the airport at least an hour before your flight.

3) Choose the correct option.

- a. I never _____ early on Sunday morning.
- b. A: -What's that noise? B: -My husband _____ the car.
- c. I _____ the guitar very well when I was a child.
- d. She _____ meat, so we can cook pasta.
- e. I _____ to the cinema yesterday and it was closed.
- f. _____ English is a bit difficult. But it's not impossible!
- g. My sister _____ uses my phone without permission. I hate her!

4) Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

An old friend

Last week, I received an email from my old friend Yang and I ¹ _____ (be) very surprised. The last time we ² _____ (see) each other was twenty years ago because my family ³ _____ (move) house when we were children. I remember he ⁴ _____ (can) draw and paint very well, but there ⁵ _____ (be) so many things I don't know about him now. Maybe he ⁶ _____ (have) children. What's his job? I have so many questions for him! I ⁷ _____ (email) him yesterday and said he could visit me. I hope he likes my house. It ⁸ _____ (be) small but nice. Right now, I ⁹ _____ (clean) it because I want to make a good impression. I ¹⁰ _____ (be) so excited about his visit – I just can't wait!

5) Read the text and choose TRUE or FALSE.

The shop Macy's in New York is very famous all over the world, but it started as a small shop where people could buy dried foods. Rowland Hussey Macy was a businessman who wanted to make money. He opened a few more shops, but they didn't make much money and they all closed. But he was a strong personality and he believed that he could become rich. In 1858 at the age of thirty-six he opened Macy's on Sixth Avenue in New York. He decided on a red star as the shop's sign because he was a sailor before he owned Macy's. On the first day he didn't have many customers and at the end of the day he had just \$11.06. But his shop started to become more popular and at the end of the year he made about \$85,000. Macy died in 1877 but the shop continued to be in the Macy family until 1895.

Macy's changed shopping in many ways. First, it introduced new products such as the tea bag and coloured bath towels. Also, it was the first shop to give one of the senior management jobs to a woman, Margaret Getchell. By 1902 Macy's was very large so it moved to Broadway. Macy's continued to be very popular and in 1918 its total sales were \$36 million. The company gave jobs to many people from all over the world. It helped them to start a new life in New York and earn money for their families. In 1924 all the workers at Macy's organized a 'Thanksgiving Day Parade'. The workers dressed in colourful clothes and walked through the city singing and dancing to say thank you to their new country. Today the parade still happens and Macy's has shops all over the USA.

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| a. Macy's was a great success from the very beginning. | TRUE | FALSE |
| b. Macy's was full of people on the opening day. | TRUE | FALSE |
| c. The owner was a sailor before becoming a businessman. | TRUE | FALSE |
| d. Macy's was important because it introduced new products and gave women important jobs. | TRUE | FALSE |
| e. Only American people work at Macy's. | TRUE | FALSE |

6) Read and choose the right option.

Where I live

It's difficult for young people to buy ¹ a / an house in ² the / - south of England because houses are very expensive. We're very lucky because we have ³ the / an old house in ⁴ the / a centre of ⁵ a / - nice village, but the average price of ⁶ - / a small house in our village is £250,000.