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Exam-style task

Hints and tips for Reading Part 1

What you have to do

- Read six short texts (the first one is an example).
- Read the multiple-choice questions that go with each text.
- Choose your answer from the three options, A, B, C.

How to approach it

- First read the text carefully. Where might you see it? Why was it written?
- The style or format of the text (e.g. a postcard) may help you to understand its purpose.
- Read all three options and compare them with the text before choosing your answer.
- Reread your answer and the text again to make sure they express the same idea.

How to prepare yourself

- The texts can be notices, signs, messages, postcards or instructions. Try to look at as many examples as you can of this type of text. (You can find some in *Insight into PET* pages 10–11 and *Objective PET* pages 102–103, both published by Cambridge University Press.)
- If possible, follow your own interests – music, sport, fashion, films, whatever they are – by looking at websites and magazines in English.

PART 1

Questions 1–5

- Look at the text in each question.
- What does it say?
- Mark the letter next to the correct explanation – A, B or C.

Example:

Unfortunately, tonight's show has been cancelled owing to illness. Tickets can be exchanged or refunded at the box office.

A People with tickets for tonight's show can get their money back. ✓

B Tickets for tonight's show can be bought at the box office.

C Tickets for tonight's show can be used for a later performance.

1

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A if the student has covered all styles of music.

B if the student is new to the class.

C if the student wants to learn it.

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2

Thameslink will offer a revised service from Brighton to London. Some early services will be replaced by bus between Brighton and Three Bridges.

A If you travel early you may have to travel part of your journey by bus.
B From Three Bridges station you will be taken by bus to London.
C There will not be any Thameslink trains from Brighton to Three Bridges.

3

Please make sure all your child's school clothes are marked with their name. This helps us to return lost items to the children.

A Children's clothes must have the name of the school on them.
B The school will mark clothes with the children's names.
C School clothes should have the child's name on them.

4

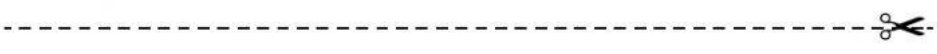
Dear Annette,
You were right — Daleport is lovely. I'm so glad we listened to you and not to John. I wonder why he disliked it so much.
Love, Meg

A Meg is surprised that John liked Daleport.
B Meg thinks John should visit Daleport.
C Meg followed Annette's advice.

5

Children with a bus ID card pay only 25% of the full fare on schooldays up until 6 pm. And if they're travelling with an adult, the same discount applies at weekends too.

A Adults with children pay only 25% fare at the weekends.
B With a bus ID card travel is cheaper for children going to and from school.
C Children cannot use their bus ID cards at the weekend.



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