

PLACEMENT TEST: PRE-INTERMEDIATE A

Student: _____

1 Complete the words for the definitions.

- a) a place where you find lots of stores s _____ m _____
b) your sister's husband b _____ i _____ l _____
c) a place where you can borrow books l _____
d) full of people c _____
e) your father's brother u _____
f) not interesting b _____
g) the nationality of people from Vietnam V _____
h) a place where you can see old paintings m _____

2 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

Hungarian named north-east spectacular dated

- a) The best beaches are in the _____ of the country.
b) I think Janos is _____.
c) My parents _____ me after my grandfather.
d) What a _____ view! I'm going to take a picture.
e) Ursula and Steve _____ last summer.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct auxiliary verb.

- a) _____ you live in Rio de Janeiro?
b) Where _____ you working right now?
c) _____ you ever been to the USA?
d) _____ you see that TV show last night?
e) _____ you going to eat that cake, or can I have it?

4 Select the correct alternative.

- Jen: This is (1) **so / such a** great beach, isn't it?
Eammon: No. It's crowded. There are (2) **too many / too much** people here.
Jen: Oh. You (3) **look / look like** a bit red. Are you OK?
Eammon: No. It's (4) **very / too** hot for me here. I don't really like just lying on the beach. It's (5) **such a / so** boring. I'm going to the café to get a drink.

5 Complete the sentences with the simple past or past progressive form of the verbs in parentheses.

- a) Liz _____ (sleep) when the phone _____ (ring).
b) _____ Mark _____ (live) in Boston when he _____
(meet) Karen?
c) I _____ (read) the paper and the cat _____ (jump) on the page.
d) Michael _____ (go) home when his father _____ (become) ill.

6 Write the adverbs.

Adjective	Adverb
good	(1) _____
quiet	(2) _____
early	(3) _____

7 Find the mistake! Select the incorrect sentence.

- 1 a) What are you do?
b) What do you do?
2 a) There is too much traffic here in the city.
b) There is too many traffic here in the city.
3 a) She always does her homework very carefully.
b) She always does very carefully her homework.
4 a) How's the weather going to be like tomorrow?
b) What's the weather going to be like tomorrow?
5 a) I think I know that man. He looks very important.
b) I think I know that man. He looks like very important.

Pronunciation

[Track 7]

8 Listen and write the stressed syllable in each word.

- a) cousin
b) surprised
c) beautiful
d) granddaughter
e) vegetables

Listening

[Track 8]

9 Listen to the life story of Elizabeth Taylor. Choose the correct information to complete the sentences.

- a) Elizabeth Taylor lived _____ before World War II.
(1) in England (2) with her grandmother (3) in the USA
- b) Taylor became famous when _____.
(1) she was nine (2) she made the film *National Velvet* (3) she made a film with James Dean
- c) Paul Newman _____.
(1) was married to Taylor (2) was married eight times (3) worked with Taylor
- d) Taylor and Richard Burton got married _____.
(1) while they were working together (2) twice (3) in 1996
- e) Elizabeth Taylor has _____ grandchildren.
(1) four (2) ten (3) three

Reading

10 Read the text. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- a) The writer met her best friends when she started college. ____
- b) Keith and Tony were studying Spanish with Megan. ____
- c) The four friends went on vacation together. ____
- d) Tony and Megan don't live together now. ____
- e) The writer doesn't see Keith very often. ____

I'm lucky because I don't have a best friend – I have three! Their names are Keith, Tony, and Megan. I met them during my first year in college. When I started college I was very quiet and shy at first, but in my first week there I met Keith and Tony. They were both a lot of fun, and knew everyone! Then we became friends with Megan, too. She was studying Spanish like me. For the next three years, we all shared an apartment. We worked hard and spent the summers together. We traveled all around the US, and visited Europe and Japan. Then we left university and got jobs, and moved to different places. Tony and Megan got married. They live about twenty miles from me, so I see them every month. Keith lives in Canada, so I only see him once a year, but we talk on the phone twice a week.

PART B

1 Complete the words.

- a) The man went to the grocery store to buy a c _____ of beans.
- b) I gave my grandmother a b _____ of chocolates for her birthday.
- c) That b _____ of flowers is very pretty!
- d) Could you get me a p _____ of gum from the store?

2 Select the correct alternative.

- a) I like your jacket. Is it made of **leather** / **woolen**?
- b) James always wears very **checked** / **plain** clothes.
- c) It's hot today. I'm going to wear my **shorts** / **gloves**.
- d) My father is wearing a **striped** / **cotton** silk tie.

3 Complete the questions with *How ...* and the correct word.

- a) Q: _____ weeks did you stay in Spain?
A: Two.
- b) Q: _____ does it take you to get to your English class?
A: About twenty minutes.
- c) Q: _____ do you speak English?
A: Very well!
- d) Q: _____ do you go swimming?
A: Twice a week.

4 Write the words in the correct order to make sentences and questions.

- a) work / why / Frances / always / 5:00 p.m. / leave / does / at ?

- b) a / them / buying / we're / for / gift

- c) after / ever / I / hardly / TV / midnight / watch

- d) him / dictionary / you / the / give / could / to ?

5 Select the correct alternative.

- a) We don't mind **to take / taking** the bus.
- b) At school you **can't / don't have to** eat in class.
- c) Oh, no! I forgot **to lock / locking** the door.
- d) The children enjoyed **to make / making** a house under the tree.

6 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

Alf and Sheila Frank (1) _____ (love) traveling. Last year, they (2) _____ (visit) seven countries. Nothing unusual about that maybe, but Alf and Sheila (3) _____ (be) both 85 years old! And now they (4) _____ (have) an idea for a really big trip. They (5) _____ (live) in their house since they got married fifty years ago, but now they (6) _____ (want) to sell the house and go to Europe and buy a camper, "There are so many wonderful places we (7) _____ (never go) to," says Alf, "and now we (8) _____ (plan) a road trip around Europe." What (9) _____ their children _____ (think) of their plans? "They worry about us," says Sheila, "but we always (10) _____ (have) a good time!"

7 Find the mistake! Select the wrong sentence.

- 1 a) This car was the most cheapest I could find.
b) This car was the cheapest I could find.
- 2 a) I need to go to the grocery store today.
b) I need go to the grocery store today.
- 3 a) Could you lend me some money?
b) Could you lend to me some money?
- 4 a) I've been to the USA last summer.
b) I went to the USA last summer.
- 5 a) What time do you have to leave?
b) What time have you to leave?

Pronunciation

[Track 15]

8 Listen and write the stressed syllable in each word.

- a) flowers
- b) receive
- c) talented
- d) model
- e) valuable

Listening

[Track 16]

9 Listen to the conversation between Rob and his friend, Jen. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- a) Rob is shopping for a gift for his sister. ____
- b) Rob is very close to his aunt. ____
- c) Aunt Wanda has a well-paid job. ____
- d) The perfume is too expensive. ____
- e) Rob is unemployed. ____

Reading

10 Read the text and select the correct information.

- a) The writer is **older** / **younger** than his sister.
- b) Jack is the writer's **nephew** / **brother**.
- c) Jack and the writer **liked** / **didn't like** each other as children.
- d) **The writer** / **Jack** is studying in college now.
- e) The writer likes Jack because **he earns a lot of money** / **he's funny**.

My mother and father already had three older children when I was born. My two brothers were thirteen and seventeen, and my sister was nineteen. I was the baby of the family. When my sister got married and had my nephew, Jack, I was three. So my nephew was more like my brother. When we were children we spent a lot of time together. I was a typical last child – pretty bad – I was always getting into trouble. I quit school when I was sixteen and got a job in a shop. But Jack was a typical first child. He worked hard at school and was much more ambitious than me. I got interested in studying much later than Jack, and started college last year. I'm training to be a teacher. Jack's got a great job now as a director of his own company, and he earns a lot more money than I will. But the best thing about Jack is his sense of humor. He's the funniest person I know. When we see each other we feel like kids again!