

## **B** Mini-test

Now apply what you have learnt at the actual test speed with questions 1–12.



Recommended Time: 9 minutes (or less)

Try using the 2-pass method to help you make the most of the time available. Try to spend no more than about 30–45 seconds on each item. If you don't know the answer, guess and move on.

Questions 1–3 refer to the following article.

The Tei Kai region is famous for its towering mountains to the north, and its desert plains to the south. Long known as a dry and barren region, it has undergone a transformation ..... the last fifty years.

1. (A) while  
(B) since  
(C) at  
(D) in

During this time, visitors ..... a major change in the landscape.

2. (A) will see  
(B) have seen  
(C) had seen  
(D) see

The construction of the Wan Hei dam enabled engineers to channel the waters of the Gang River for agricultural purposes. The result has been a narrow but expanding corridor of greenery spreading ..... the once barren land. There has also been

3. (A) through  
(B) out  
(C) between  
(D) without

a subsequent rise in the population and wealth of the region.

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Questions 4–6 refer to the following message.

A major goal in the coming year is to maximize the effectiveness of our recruiting decisions. Managers should use the following guidelines ..... they begin

4. (A) since  
(B) during  
(C) through  
(D) before

the recruitment process. First, have a clear job description. This should form a checklist of requirements needed by the people we wish to bring .....

5. (A) for  
(B) at  
(C) into  
(D) with

the company.

Second, consider all possible sources of recruits, including applicants for previous positions who were qualified, but not selected.

Use telephone interviews to make decisions on which applicants to consider further.

Lastly, following these simple guidelines can improve hiring procedures .....

6. (A) neither  
(B) both  
(C) also  
(D) either

for us and for our potential employees.

Questions 7-9 refer to the following memo.

Dear Arnault,

I am writing to let you know about the agenda for your visit to QMG .....  
March 27.

7. (A) on  
(B) at  
(C) since  
(D) by

We have arranged for you to be met ..... the airport and taken to your hotel.

8. (A) into  
(B) through  
(C) at  
(D) on

In the morning we plan to show you around the factory and the new production line.  
Jim Tavarey would like to have a meeting with you in the afternoon. We will arrange a  
time for this ..... you leave.

9. (A) while  
(B) since  
(C) before  
(D) after

I look forward to meeting you and hope you have a pleasant flight.

Hank

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Questions 10–12 refer to the following letter.

Dear Mr. Lewis,

It was very nice to speak to you last week. As we discussed, I met with the other members of the team and we have agreed to set the date for the banquet for April 26. We ..... the sunshine lounge in the

10. (A) rent  
(B) will rent  
(C) rented  
(D) had rented

Grand Hotel.

..... is this venue very reasonable in cost, it is also one of the few

11. (A) Even  
(B) Therefore  
(C) While  
(D) Not only

that is still likely to be available at this late date. I have asked one of our staff to call the hotel and make the booking as soon as possible.

I have also spoken with the senior members of our marketing group about your visit and was able to confirm that they will be available to meet ..... you the day after the banquet.

12. (A) for  
(B) to  
(C) with  
(D) by

Please let me know if you have any further requests for your visit.

Yours sincerely,

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