Test 1 READING

Part 1

Questions 1–5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

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A Mary should call Grandad.

B Grandad has cancelled the visit.

C Mum will call Grandad later.

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A Lessons can be paid for on arrival.

B Guitar lessons are half price for a limited period.

C The school offers advanced music lessons.

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A Parking is limited to one hour.

B Any damage should be reported to management.

C Any lost property should be handed in.

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To:sjenner@hotmail.com

From: tom668@gmail.com

I've booked your tickets for the flight. They were the cheapest I could get. You can check in online but can only take hand luggage or you have to pay extra.

Tom

A There are cheaper flights available.

B You have to pay extra for hand luggage.

C There's no need to check in at the airport.

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Sofa for sale

Almost new sofa needs a new home as we're moving to a small apartment. Buyer must collect.

A The sofa is perfect for a small apartment.

B The buyer must arrange to transport the sofa.

C The sofa is brand new.

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Part 2

Questions 6–10

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The people below all want to rent somewhere to live.
On the opposite page there are descriptions of eight properties to rent.
Decide which property would be the most suitable for the people below.

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Mary is a young, single author and is looking for a one-bedroom property in a quiet location. She loves to get out daily to walk her dog. She needs parking space.

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Michael is from Sweden. He has booked a three-month English course and is looking for accommodation. He is keen to experience the English way of life and would prefer to share with others.

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Franco will be working in the UK for 12 months for a finance company and wants to share with a suitable person. He would prefer bills to be included in the rent.

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Tom and Sally want to rent a home somewhere quiet. They need at least two bedrooms as Sally's elderly mother, who loves gardening, will be living with them. Local shops would be useful.

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Paula starts a course at university soon and is urgently looking for accommodation. She doesn't drive and needs somewhere close to good transport links. She wants to share with others but doesn't like living with pets.

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Properties to rent

A Rowan Avenue

One room available in a family home. We welcome international students looking for accommodation. You will have your own room, but you should be prepared to live as part of the family. We have two young children and a dog so it can get a little noisy at times! All meals provided.

B Brooklyn Road

This first-floor flat is in a great location. Excellent road and rail links with the station just a short five-minute walk away. This is a luxury property with new carpets and furniture in all rooms and so is not suitable for pet owners.

C Ash Lane

A modern three-bedroom family home with a large garden. The property has its own garage. Situated in the heart of the countryside, there are excellent public transport links and a grocers and post office in the nearby village.

D College Street

No bills to pay! Three spare bedrooms in this shared six-bedroom all-girl house. A regular bus and train service into the city centre and a short walk to the university. Share a very modern kitchen and living room. Hurry as rooms are going quickly!

E Birch Hill

This ground floor, one-bedroom flat is perfect for the older person. The lounge opens onto a garden area shared by other residents. Limited parking but good transport links. Local shops nearby. Pets are welcome.

F The Crescent

An opportunity to share a beautiful city-centre apartment situated in the centre of the business area. Looking for a professional person to share this two-bedroom property. Rent includes all bills. One-year minimum stay. No pets.

G Baker Close

A second floor, one-bedroom flat perfect for a professional person. Situated close to the train station and local shops, great nightlife with clubs and restaurants just a short walk away. The property has parking at the back of the building. No pets allowed.

H Meadow View Road

Cosy one-bedroom cottage in the countryside with garage attached. Ideal for someone who wants to get away from the busy city. A car is necessary as there are no transport links into the local town. The local area is very popular with walkers and those wanting to enjoy nature. Pets welcome.

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Part 3

Questions 11–15

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Steve Cummins talks about starting his own business

I'd worked for the company for almost ten years. They were good employers and the money wasn't that bad. They trusted in my ability and always left me to get on with my work. And I shared an office and met some lovely people, so I certainly wasn't unhappy there. But I just couldn't stop wondering how better my life would be if I had my own business and could make my own decisions. And so one year ago this week I left my job.

We don't have a spare room at home, so the kitchen table has been my office. It was difficult to begin with, but I soon got used to working in this way. I started by visiting small businesses in the area to see if I could interest them in my services. My proudest moment was making my first sale, a website for a local cake shop. Soon after, I started getting calls from other people asking for help with websites of their own and I found myself getting quite busy.

Of course, there have been challenges. I'm not earning quite as much as before but it's enough. I don't have to pay for transport to work anymore so that means I'm not spending quite so much. My biggest problem has been managing my time. There's no boss to tell me what to do and I'm sometimes a little lazy. I have this rule that work stops on a Friday afternoon so I can spend time with the family at weekends, so I need to pay more attention to this.

So, I wouldn't say it's been easy, but I don't regret my decision at all. I've enjoyed being my own boss and I'm quite hopeful about the future. During the next 12 months I plan to rent some office space as I'd like to be able to separate work from my home life. I'm going to need to earn more money to pay for it but I think it will help me to focus on my work.

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