Practice Exam 1

Reading

Part 1

Questions 1–5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

1

Hi Mike. I'm running late. Can you pick up Katie and let Nathan know I won't be on time? See you at Nathan's – sorry! Mia

Mike should

A go in Katie's car.

B give Nathan a message.

C take Mia to Nathan's house.

2

'Learn to sew' class with Georgia Saturday 10–12

This room is closed for cleaning – please go to Room 11B instead.

A There is a new time for a class.

B There is a new location for a class.

C There is a new teacher for a class.

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Salty Sam's Fish 'n' Chips

Open

10.30 a.m. – 8.00 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday

12.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. Sunday

A The shop is only open five days a week.

B The shop closes late on Sundays.

C The shop is closed on Mondays.

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Hi Ben

We're having a great time – lots of swimming and fun in the sun. The food is delicious and people are friendly. Hope to visit Max in the next few days.

Love Anna

A Anna likes the food.

B Anna visited Max.

C Anna can't swim.

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KEYS

We provide one key per room – if you need an extra one when you go out, ask at reception. There's a charge for lost keys.

Gate is locked after 10 p.m. – use your room key.

A You need to pay if you want another key.

B Leave keys at reception if you go out.

C Room keys can open the gate.

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Part 2

Questions 6–10

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The people below all want to have a day out in Sydney.
On the opposite page there are eight things to do in Sydney.
Decide which activity would be the most suitable for the people below.

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Deepak is travelling with his children aged 10 and 14. They had a day in the sun yesterday and would like to do something interesting inside today. They like learning about how things work.

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Maggie and her husband want to take their young children for a day outside, perhaps to see some animals. They would also like to spend some time in a boat or near water.

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Mario loves trying different food and would like to take his girlfriend for a nice lunch for her birthday. He'd like to go somewhere with a beautiful view.

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Christine and her friend would like to explore the city on foot but they are not sure where to go. They are interested in history and old buildings.

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James doesn't like being in the city centre and would like to try some water sports. He's travelling on his own and would like to meet some people.

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What to do in Sydney

Sydney.attractions.com.au

A **Darling Harbour**

Take a romantic walk over the bridge and enjoy some of the finest food from all around the world: Europe, Asia, the Americas, you name it! This is a great place to go for a meal looking out at the water and the city skyline.

B **Taronga Zoo**

A trip to Sydney is not complete without a day at the famous Taronga Zoo. Perfect for families and anyone who loves nature, the zoo is very close to the city. Eat at the restaurant or have a picnic outside. Why not take a ferry from Circular Quay and enjoy the beautiful harbour on the way there and back.

C Bob's Bike Tours

A perfect way to see what Sydney has to offer, there is a tour for all ages and abilities. We take paths along the harbour, through Hyde Park and end in the Rocks, where there is a meal waiting for you at one of Sydney's oldest restaurants.

D **Harbour Cruise**

Get on board our luxury ferry and experience one of the most beautiful harbours in the world. Perfect for all ages, this is an experience you'll never forget. Whether it's a romantic lunch, a family occasion or a huge party, we'll have a cruise to suit you.

E **GUIDED TOURS OF THE ROCKS**

Get to know something about Sydney's past on a walking tour of one of the parts of town where people first lived: the Rocks. Step back in time as your friendly guide leads you through streets and lanes and show you sights such as the Museum of Contemporary Art and the 200-year-old Cadman's Cottage.

F **Bondi**

Ever wanted to learn to surf? Why not take a class at the magnificent Bondi Beach! Just half an hour from the middle of town, you can spend the day learning a new skill and make some friends at the same time.

G **Avalon Beach**

Under an hour's drive from the busy city of Sydney is the relaxed atmosphere of the beautiful Avalon Beach. Take a quiet walk on the sand and finish with a meal at the new restaurant at the Avalon Surf Club.

H **The Powerhouse Museum**

As the country's leading science museum, the Powerhouse has a wide collection of all sorts of technology including computers, space technology and steam engines. The building itself is fascinating. A great day out for curious minds of all ages.

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Part 3

Questions 11–15

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Picking Fruit

Last year I spent the summer picking fruit. I'd just finished school and thought it would be good to earn a bit of money before starting university. I didn't know much about working on a fruit farm but I had an idea that it would be a kind of holiday, being outside in the sun, picking fruit, chatting, maybe eating some of the fruit from time to time. Of course, on Day One I realised that it was going to be hard work! We got paid by how many apples we picked so we couldn't go slowly.

Most of the other workers were around my age and it wasn't long before we got to know each other well. We were all living in accommodation on the farm and there wasn't much to do at night so we soon became friends. There were people from all around the world and most of them were there for the experience as much as the money. We worked hard all day and had fun in the evenings.

Daniel, the owner of the apple orchard, was strict. He expected everyone to get up extremely early and he had high standards. He certainly let us know if he thought we weren't picking fast enough but that was his job. At least he was the same with everyone. We were all used to him by the time we left and we wanted to do a good job for him. We'd laugh because he brought out apple pie for lunch every day. We didn't want to see another apple by the time we were done.

I went into it expecting to have a good time but in the end I've got more than the memories of having fun and meeting people. I feel I really grew up that summer. I learned to work hard and communicate with different people and my time management improved too. The pay was helpful of course, but it was the appreciation of the value of money that probably means more. So I'd certainly encourage anyone in my position to give fruit picking a try – but don't expect an easy ride.

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11 Before he started working as a fruit picker, the writer

A thought it would be easy.

B didn't much like the idea of it.

C knew people who had done it.

D saw it as a quick way to earn money.

12 The writer says that the other people he met fruit picking

A were not serious about the work.

B came from a lot of different places.

C needed the money more than he did.

D liked leaving the farm in the evenings.

13 The writer says his boss on the farm

A became his friend.

B made them go to bed early.

C provided interesting meals.

D treated the workers in a fair way.

14 According to the writer, the best thing about the summer was

A the skills he developed.

B the friends he made.

C the money he earned.

D the memories he has.

15 What would the writer say about this article?

A I explain why I recommend fruit picking as a career.

B I describe my experience of working as a fruit picker.

C I report on the bad conditions that fruit pickers work in.

D I tell people what they need to know before starting work as a fruit picker.

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Part 4

Questions 16–20

Five sentences have been removed from the text below.
For each question, choose the correct answer.
There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

A Musical Life

I learned the piano from an early age and, as in many families I suppose, there were a lot of arguments about having to practise every day. 16 [ ] All that practice gave me a good understanding of music and it wasn't long before I started really enjoying it. I even started practising without my parents telling me to. I also began writing songs, which I admit were pretty bad at first. 17 [ ] In high school I moved from a piano to a keyboard and started playing the guitar too. I joined the school band and this is where I made friends with a lot of other kids like me who loved music. My closest friend was Ken, who is still in my band today. 18 [ ] He liked playing and talking about music as much as I did. I ended up playing the guitar and he was on drums. We started playing at dances and practising in my family's garage. Dad joked that he used to make me practise when I was a little child but as a teenager he tried to stop me practising because of the noise. 19 [ ] But we didn't care, to be honest. All we wanted to do was play music, even if it drove everyone around us mad.

I remember those early days in the band as a time of freedom and discovery. When we left school, we had to decide if we wanted to keep going with music or go and get 'real jobs'. 20 [ ] I have to say it was the best decision I've ever made because, even though the band doesn't have all the original members, Ken and I have managed to make a living doing what we love most: music. It hasn't always been easy but it's always been interesting.

A We were so loud that the neighbours complained.
B Looking back, I'm glad my parents made me do it though.
C They didn't like our kind of music.
D We couldn't keep playing.
E We got on well from the start.
F However, they got better after a while.
G It was a very strange experience.
H Obviously we chose to continue with the band.

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Part 5

Questions 21–26

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Working from home

When people think about working from home, many **(21)** ..... sleeping in late, lying around in their pyjamas and enjoying long lunches. However, they need to **(22)** ..... that it's not all fun and games. It's not for everyone – some people are not happy working at home and not every job is **(23)** ..... for this way of working. For example, if you have to do things such as **(24)** ..... meetings or serve customers in person, working from home will probably not be possible.

If the idea interests you and you would **(25)** ..... to work from home, you need to show your manager that you can get more work done there than you would at the **(26)** ..... . Then they will see a benefit for the company.

21	**A** imagine	**B** create	**C** dream	**D** believe
22	**A** realise	**B** remind	**C** repeat	**D** require
23	**A** correct	**B** suitable	**C** exact	**D** regular
24	**A** deal	**B** visit	**C** appear	**D** attend
25	**A** want	**B** like	**C** hope	**D** think
26	**A** service	**B** employment	**C** position	**D** office

Part 6

Questions 27–32

For each question, fill the gap with the correct answer.
Use one word for each gap.

Niagara Falls

Niagara Falls is a group of three waterfalls on the border **(27)** ..... Canada and the United States and this natural wonder is one of **(28)** ..... most popular tourist attractions in the area. From the largest to the smallest, the three waterfalls **(29)** ..... the Horseshoe Falls, the American Falls and the Bridal Veil Falls. The Niagara Falls are famous for **(30)** ..... beauty and for the incredible power of the falling water, which is used to create electricity. Although the water becomes icy in winter, the waterfalls do **(31)** ..... normally freeze completely. However, there have been some years when this has happened. Tourists come all year round but most visitors come in summer, when the Falls are open in the evenings as **(32)** ..... as during the day.

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