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ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXAMINATIONS

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FIRST STEP | PRE-A1 | A1 | **A2**

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Do not open this booklet until the exam starts.
- The order of the exam papers is:

PART **A** **LISTENING**

PART **B** **READING & USAGE**

PART **C** **WRITING**

- Time allowed for all three parts: **90 minutes**

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PART A LISTENING

POINTS: 25 **TIME: APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES**

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- As you listen to the recording, mark your answers in this booklet.
- Answer all the questions. Give only one answer for each question.
- After the end of the recording, you will have 3 minutes to transfer your answers onto your Answer Sheet. Mark them in 2H or HB pencil.

EXERCISE 1
Numbers: 1 - 8

The biggest whales

EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS: Choose the correct word or phrase to complete each statement, 1 to 3. Circle its letter, A, B or C. Then match a phrase from the box with each whale. Write the letter of the phrase, A to F, in the space beside each number, 4 to 8. You will use only five of the letters.

1. ____ do not belong to the 'cetacean' group of sea animals.
   A. Whales **B.** Dolphins **C.** Fish

2. Whales can be hit when they ____.
   A. dive deep **B.** rise to breathe **C.** meet larger animals

3. Jack hopes that people will stop using whales for ____.
   A. work **B.** food **C.** photos



4. ____ Bowhead Whale



5. ____ Right Whale



6. ____ Sperm Whale



7. ____ Fin Whale



8. ____ Blue Whale

A.	can swim the fastest
B.	lives the longest
C.	is a kind of calamari
D.	has a heart as big as a car
E.	dives the deepest for food
F.	may disappear forever

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EXERCISE **2**
Numbers: 9 - 15

A new place to stay

EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS:
Choose the correct word or phrase to complete each statement, 9 to 15.
Circle its letter, A, B or C.





Justin's new room



9. Justin arrived in Chicago ____.
   A. early
   B. on time
   C. late

10. Justin is staying ____.
    A. at the university
    B. with a family
    C. in his own flat

11. Justin hopes ____ will wake him up in the morning.
    A. the sun
    B. a phone call
    C. Mrs. Hanson

12. Shari thinks Justin's room needs ____.
    A. more colourful things
    B. more shelves
    C. a desk

13. Shari can't see ____ in the photo Justin sent.
    A. the bed
    B. Justin's computer
    C. the wardrobe

14. Justin will begin his lessons ____.
    A. later today
    B. tomorrow morning
    C. on Monday morning

15. Next week, Justin will call ____.
    A. Shari
    B. his parents
    C. the Hansons

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PART B READING & USAGE

POINTS: 50 **TIME: 40 MINUTES ARE ADVISED**

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- **You are advised to spend about 40 minutes on this part of the test.**
- **You may mark your answers on this booklet while you are working on them.**
- **Answer all the questions. Give only one answer for each question.**
- **When you have finished, mark your answers on your Answer Sheet.**

EXERCISE 1
Numbers: 16 - 25

Two actors whose families were from Greece

EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS: Read the texts. Then do the exercise on page 5 by choosing the correct word or phrase to fill each gap. Mark its letter, A, B or C, on your Answer Sheet.

Hugh Jackman, "Wolverine"

Hugh Jackman has been an actor in theatre, film and TV since 1995, when he left university in Sydney, Australia. His first major role was in *Corelli* for Australian TV. He said the best thing about it was that he met his wife Deb there. After that, Hugh had a lot of acting jobs, but he became famous outside Australia when he acted in a play in London, UK.

Then, in 2000, an American company asked him to play Wolverine in *X-Men*, the films about the Marvel Comics series. He played Wolverine in nine *X-Men* movies. Until 2021, Hugh had a *Guinness World Record* for playing a Marvel character the longest.

So, Hugh Jackman has been busy. He's acted and sung and danced in many other films and plays. Hugh also plays several musical instruments. Since high school, he's played rugby and now he also does yoga. He's hosted many TV programmes including the Oscars. And, he works with several charities and started a coffee company to help farmers in Africa.

Although his great-grandfather came from Greece, Hugh was not brought up in a traditional Greek way. His parents lived in England before moving to Australia, where he was born. Now, Hugh lives in New York with his wife, Deb, and their family.

Elena Kampouris, "Paris Miller"

"Nobody ever believes me when I say I'm Greek," says the naturally blonde Elena Kampouris. But she is half-Greek. Her father moved to the USA from Kassos, Greece, where most of his family still lives.

Elena was only 18 years old in 2016 when she got a part in *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2*. She played Paris, the teenage daughter of Toula, the Greek-American woman who married Ian, a non-Greek. Paris, like Toula, was not comfortable with her Greek family's often funny ways.

Elena was a little nervous about getting the part in Nia Vardalos' second Wedding film. The first one had been very popular and made a lot of money. She didn't want to disappoint her family. Elena got the job and, although, as she joked, she had trained for this for her whole life, she still had to dye her hair darker. The film's director didn't think she looked Greek enough.

Her Kampouris family, says Elena, is a lot like the Portokalos family in the film. When she got the part, Elena's whole family was excited. When the film opened, everyone wanted to go to the opening. Her very proud grandfather flew over from Greece.

Elena had a few roles in films before 2016 and she's acted in several films and television shows since then. Her latest part is in the Netflix series *Jupiter's Legacy*.

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16. Hugh Jackman left university and began acting in ____.
A. Australia
B. America
C. England

17. Hugh had a *Guinness World Record* for ____.
A. his many theatre plays
B. his Wolverine films
C. the comic books he drew



18. Hugh's coffee company was started ____.
A. to get him more acting jobs
B. by a charity he worked with
C. to help coffee growers

19. Hugh ____ in a traditional Greek home.
A. was brought up
B. lives with his family
C. did not grow up

20. People don't believe Elena Kampouris is Greek because ____.
A. she has blonde hair
B. her father is from Greece
C. her family doesn't live there now

21. Paris in *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2* was ____.
A. married to a non-Greek
B. a lot like her film mother
C. happy about her family's ways

22. After she got the part, Elena ____.
A. changed her hair colour
B. made lots of money
C. disappointed her family

23. Elena says her real family is ____ her family in *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2*.
A. bigger than
B. nothing like
C. a lot like

24. Both Hugh and Elena have ____.
A. hosted the Oscars
B. played rugby
C. worked in film and TV

25. Hugh has been an actor about ____ Elena.
A. half as long as
B. five years longer than
C. 20 years longer than

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EXERCISE **2**
Numbers: 26 - 35

We can help stray dogs and cats

EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS: Read this article about helping dogs and cats that have no home. Choose the correct word or phrase to fill each gap.
Mark its letter, A, B or C, on your Answer Sheet.





Many cats and dogs don't have a home. Of course, the best thing we can do is to take them into our houses and give them a home. But we **[26]**__ do that if we already have one or more pets.

Fortunately, there are **[27]**__ animal shelters that can help. Shelters give stray animals food and a place **[28]**__ sleep. If the strays are young or cute or just very **[29]**__, someone may like them enough to give them a home. Good shelters make sure the new home is safe and happy **[30]**__ they let a 'rescue animal' go there.

But not all stray animals are so lucky. They **[31]**__ look for their food every day. **[32]**__ they find a tin that has a little food inside, they try to get it out. They may find dinner … or they may get their foot or head stuck in the tin. If the metal is sharp, they can get hurt. **[33]**__ can you do?

First, when you empty a tin, wash **[34]**__ well, so no food remains inside. Then, use a tin opener to open the bottom end. Push both ends inside the tin. Finally, step on the tin, so it's flat. **[35]**__ way, an animal can't get its head inside. And of course, put the tin in the recycling bin!

We can also put dry pet food and some water outside in bowls for the cats and dogs. That will help the stray animals a lot!

26.	**A.** may want	**B.** never try	**C.** can't always
27.	**A.** some	**B.** any	**C.** none
28.	**A.** will	**B.** can	**C.** to
29.	**A.** friend	**B.** friendly	**C.** friendship
30.	**A.** before	**B.** until	**C.** after
31.	**A.** has to	**B.** have to	**C.** have
32.	**A.** If	**B.** Than	**C.** Because
33.	**A.** How	**B.** What	**C.** Why
34.	**A.** it	**B.** her	**C.** him
35.	**A.** There	**B.** Though	**C.** That

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EXERCISE 3
Numbers: 36 - 40

Video call: Buying a computer

EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS: Match one of Kate's replies from the box with each thing her friend, Chris, says on the left. Mark its letter, A to F, on your Answer Sheet.
You will use only five of the letters.

Chris: So, you're buying a new computer, right?
Kate: [36]__
Chris: Well, what do you want to do? Homework or games or video calls?
Kate: [37]__
Chris: For lessons, a laptop is best. What about that Palbook for €900?
Kate: [38]__
Chris: Well, do you like this Super Mini for €500?
Kate: [39]__
Chris: I think it has enough. You're not making movies, are you?
Kate: [40]__
Chris: Well, then I think the Mini will be fine.

A. I'd like to play games, but I also need it for my school work.
B. No, no films. I'll just write some English essays.
C. Yeah, that's a better price. I hope it has enough memory.
D. The computer shop closes at 5. I think we can make it.
E. Yes, but I don't know if I should get a laptop or a tablet.
F. Nice! But that's more than I want to spend!

EXERCISE 4
Numbers: 41 - 45

Regenerative Farming



EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS: Match each word or phrase in **bold** with a similar word or phrase, A to F, from the box. Mark the letter on your Answer Sheet. You will use only five of the letters.

"Regenerative farming" can help us fight climate change. Regenerative farmers don't **[41] till** their fields. Instead, they grow plants in their fields all year. When it rains, these plants hold the water, so it doesn't run off to the sea. The farmers let cows, goats or chickens **[42] graze** the plants in one field. Then they move the animals to another field to eat. In the first field, the farmers plant beans, for example, among the other plants. Under this cover of plants, the **[43] soil** stays wet and the bean roots grow deep. The plants pull CO2 from the air and **[44] sequester it** in the ground. If every farm in the world was regenerative, we could take over 300 billion tonnes of CO2 out of the **[45] atmosphere** and slow down global warming!

A. hold it down
B. dig up
C. rise quickly
D. eat grass, plants etc.
E. air
F. good dirt

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EXERCISE 5
Numbers: 46 - 50

Clothes: The good, the bad, and the ugly

EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS: Match a picture with each paragraph, 46 to 50. Mark its letter, A to F, on your Answer Sheet. You will use only five of the letters.

Buying too many clothes is really bad for the environment. But we all need clothes. Is there a better way? Should we think about what we buy and how much we buy? It's not a bad idea!

46. ____ Sam is a lawyer and he has to dress well. Luckily, not far from Sam's office there's a charity shop. People give all kinds of old clothing for the shop to sell. The clothing is almost brand new. Now Sam goes there and buys high-quality shirts for €3 and trousers for €5. He also finds things for his flat!

47. ____ Who goes shopping every Saturday and comes home with bags full of new clothes? Jenna! She loves clothes! If Jenna finds a shirt she likes, she buys three in different colours and never wears one more than once. Her wardrobe is always full. So, she has to throw things away to make room for more.

48. ____ Te Ri works in a clothing factory. She works 12 hours a day, makes 60 shirts each day, and is paid about €1.40 a day. The clothes she makes for a famous company are sold in the EU and the USA. Each piece she sews sells for €30 in the shops. Who gets that money? Not Te Ri!

49. ____ Bob is a student and he plays computer games. He wears T-shirts most of the time. He goes to the shops, but not very often, because he prefers old, comfortable clothes. In fact, his favourite T-shirt is his oldest one. His dad bought it for him at a Rolling Stones concert when Bob was just a kid. Bob loves it.

50. ____ Willa learned to sew from her mother. She's a stay-at-home mum, so she has time to make most of the clothes her family needs. Willa doesn't make blue jeans or T-shirts. She buys those. But she makes almost everything else. And now she's teaching her daughter, Tara, to sew, too.

A



B



C



F



E



D



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PART C WRITING

POINTS: 25 **TIME: 30 MINUTES ARE ADVISED**

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- **You are advised to spend about 30 minutes on this part of the test.**
- **You may use a blank sheet of paper as a draft.**
- **Write your task in the space provided on the back of your Answer Sheet in pencil or pen.**

You have ONE writing task to do.
Choice of Topic A OR Topic B.
Write your task in about 80-100 words on your Answer Sheet.

CHOICE OF TOPIC A — Write an email

INSTRUCTIONS:
You have a friend in the UK and you want to invite them to visit you, if they can, this summer.
Write an **email** to your friend. In your email:

- Ask what they've been doing.
- Tell them what you've been doing.
- Ask if they'll be able to visit.
- Say what you want to do together if they can come.





CHOICE OF TOPIC B — Write a story

INSTRUCTIONS: Write a **story** that begins like this:
"I was walking home in the snow last winter and I saw a small puppy ..."
Your story can be funny or serious.

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