

Parcial (Mid-term test) B1

Section A – Reading

Read the five short texts below, which are all reviews of books. Choose from the texts (A to E) and complete the answer grid. The texts may be chosen more than once. One has been done for you as an example.

A. For anyone interested in Britain's kings and queens through the ages, this book is a good introduction. It's useful to have a book that gives basic facts about all of them so that the reader has a good general idea. There isn't a lot of information we don't have already, but it includes some photographs and paintings of the kings and queens. The book is well-written and easy to understand.

B. *I really enjoyed this little novel which has complex themes and an original story. Although the sentences are long and you need a good vocabulary to understand everything in places, it was a real page-turner. It's just a shame it's so short. I'm sure everyone who's read this book is looking forward to the next in the series because the story so far is absolutely thrilling.*

C. The A-Z of Gardening is a manual for people with little previous experience of gardening. It explains when to plant seeds and when to cut trees back. It contains information about the best flowers to put under a tree and which ones work well together, all set out in a logical way. It is essential for the gardener in your family who's just starting out and it comes with a free packet of seeds to plant.

D. *This big book about music is full of photographs of all your favourite contemporary pop stars. The photographs are amazing, but there is actually very little to read in the book. Many photographs that have never been seen before have been collected together in one single volume and it will be of great interest to music fans and researchers of music, even if it's only for the photos*

E. I've not read any books by this writer before. I hadn't even heard of the main detective in the story, so it was all completely new to me. The story was fairly predictable and I managed to work out who the criminal was by chapter two. By then, it had got a little dull. I wouldn't recommend this to fans of crime writing unless they want a very simplistic read.

Which book, A, B, C, D or E,

	e.g.	A
is not very detailed?		
mainly shows images?	1	
contains instructions?	2	
did not impress the reviewer at all?	3	
is not considered long enough?	4	
is an unchallenging novel?	5	
will be followed by another book?	6	
is good for readers who are starting to learn history?	7	

Section B - Listening

Listen to this passage about tarantula spiders and write the words which are missing in the spaces given. Remember to write two words in each space. The first one has been done for you as an example.

The tarantula spider is (example) _____ one _____ of the most well-known spiders in the world. However, there are many (1) _____ of tarantula, such as the Chilean Rose and Mexican Redknee. These two species (2) _____ the South American continent but there are actually (3) _____ 800 species worldwide.

The name tarantula is thought to originate from Europe and Specifically a (4) _____ Taranto, in Italy. The natural habitats of these spiders are rainforests and jungles but they can also (5) _____ living

underground in deserts and woods. The actual size of a tarantula (6) _____ its species. The Goliath Birdeater, which gets its name from early Victorian explorers who claimed to see one eating a bird, is reportedly (7) _____ of all the tarantulas. Smaller sized tarantulas eat insects and mice.

Tarantulas have a fearsome reputation (8) _____ dangerous but in fact they are quite harmless to humans. Tarantulas use their fangs to catch their prey (9) _____ spinning a web like other spiders do. In recent years, these colourful and hairy spiders (10) _____ very popular as an unusual pet to keep inside the house.

Section C – Use of English -

Choose the correct word and write it on the line. You can use a word more than once. There is one word you do not need.

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Example:

Walk ____ down ____ the hill and meet me ____ at ____ the bottom.

1. The firefighters put _____ more than thirty fires _____ August.
2. We sat _____ and waited for the plane to take _____.
3. They ususally go _____ with friends _____ the weekend.
4. She took _____ her coat and put it _____ the wardrobe.
5. She is very fond _____ her cousin who lives _____ Austria.

Section D

Rewrite the sentences to give the same meaning as the original. The beginning of the sentence has been provided. Other changes to the sentence will be necessary

Example:

Karen's father takes the children to school every day.

The children are taken to school by her father every day.

Karen has the children taken to school by her father every day.

1. My sisters organized my party last year.

I

My party

2. Mike will redecorate Claude's living room next year.

Claude

Claude's living room

3. Phil's secretary is typing all his text **because he has broken his arm.**

All his text

Phil

4. Dominoes Pizza usually delivers my pizzas.

I

My pizzas

Section E

Put the words in order and make a correct sentence.

1. I don't fancy _____ (go) out tonight.
2. She avoided _____ (tell) him about her plans.
3. I would like _____ (come) to the party with you.
4. He decided _____ (study) biology.
5. I promise _____ (help) you tomorrow.

Section F

Choose the correct answer for each sentence.

1. You must wash your hands before _____ your food.
 - a. eating
 - b. to eat
 - c. have eaten
 - d. eat
2. Chris Hemsworth, _____ is Australian, performed as Thor.
 - a. who
 - b. which
 - c. that
 - d. whom
3. _____ a good job these days is not easy.
 - a. Found
 - b. Finding
 - c. Find
 - d. Finds
4. We were _____ late to see the whole show.
 - a. more
 - b. much

- c. enough
- d. too

5. The food was _____ good that we left \$10 for the chef..

- a. such
- b. so
- c. more
- d. too

6. He's won first prize in the competition, _____.

- a. isn't he?
- b. wasn't he?
- c. hasn't he?
- d. didn't he?

7. Our new car is much _____ our old one.

- a. Larger than
- b. large
- c. the largest
- d. too large

8. My sister arrived home while I _____ a cake for her.

- a. cooked
- b. is cooking
- c. was cooking
- d. cook

9. She had already prepared dinner when the lights _____ off.

- a. will go
- b. go
- c. was going
- d. went

10. Lucy will _____ her driving test soon.

- a. Has
- b. Having
- c. Have
- d. Had

Section G – Writing

Write a composition of 150-200 words on ONE of the following topics:

- 1. Write a description of your town or village.***
- 2. Imagine you are a famous person. What is your life like?***
- 3. What city would you like to visit and why?***