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English as a Second Language

Stage 7

Paper 1 Reading and Use of English

Cambridge Lower Secondary Progression Test

Name

Class

Date

45 minutes

No additional materials are needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 42.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

Part 1

Questions 1–8

Read the text below.

For each number 1–8, circle the correct word on the next page.

The Dead Sea

The Dead Sea is a large area of water in Western Asia. The water in the Dead Sea has much more salt in it than you(0)..... find in sea water: nine times as much!

There are only a few small animals and plants that live in the Dead Sea for this(1)..... . In the mountains all around,(2)..... , visitors are able to see all(3)..... of wildlife.

People visit the Dead Sea because they(4)..... that the salt water is(5)..... for their health. They think that swimming there helps with(6)..... pains, for example, in their backs, arms and legs. Salt from the Dead Sea is(7)..... , and health products – often things to put into a bath – are made(8)..... of it, and sold all over the world.

Example

0	certainly	usually	probably	
1	explanation	way	reason	[1]
2	therefore	however	instead	[1]
3	sorts	examples	amounts	[1]
4	prefer	believe	mean	[1]
5	proper	special	good	[1]
6	various	extra	clear	[1]
7	picked	collected	added	[1]
8	from	out	with	[1]

Part 2

Questions 9–13

Read the text in each question.

What does it say?

For each question, circle the correct letter **A**, **B** or **C**.

Example

New Message

Send To: Julia From: Andy

Hello Julia

I can't have Friday off to go sailing. I'm still available on both Saturday and Sunday, but Saturday is better. Let me know what's best for you.

Andy

- A** Andy would prefer to go sailing with Julia on Saturday rather than on Sunday.
- B** Andy can go sailing with Julia on Friday if she's not free on Saturday.
- C** Andy wants to go sailing with Julia on both Saturday and Sunday if possible.

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Sal

I've finally watched that film, Black Mountain. I see what you mean about the unexpected ending! Is Black Mountain 2 worth downloading? If it is, I'll get it.

Masie

- A** Masie says the film she watched was better than she expected.
- B** Masie wants Sal's opinion of a film she's thinking about watching.
- C** Masie hopes Sal can watch the next Black Mountain film with her.

[1]

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Tom

The tennis club called – can you play in tomorrow's match? I know we said we'd go shopping for new trainers, but we can postpone if you want to.

Mum

Tom's mum is

- A** reminding him that he needs to go and buy trainers.
- B** explaining why it's better for him to play in the match.
- C** offering him the option of changing their shopping plans.

[1]

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- A Take your bicycle to the playground if it needs fixing.
- B Bikes left anywhere except the bike park will be removed.
- C Cyclists have to leave their bikes in a different place at the moment.

[1]

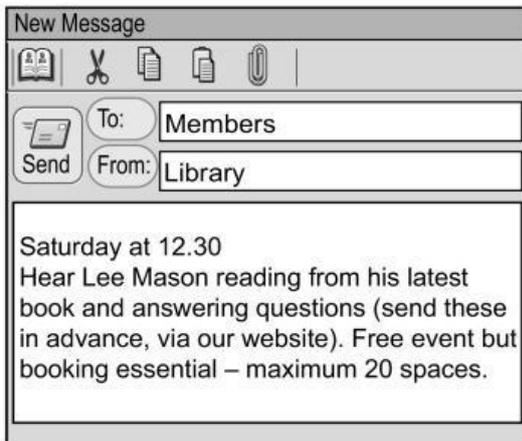
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- A Connie owns more sweatshirts than she needs so she's selling one.
- B Connie's black sweatshirt is no longer big enough for her.
- C Connie has reduced the price she'll accept for her sweatshirt.

[1]

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- A Lee is giving away a small number of books at Saturday's event.
- B A limited number of library members can listen to Lee for no charge.
- C Ask staff any questions you have about Lee's event on the library website.

[1]

Part 3

Questions 14–18

Complete the conversation between two friends.

What does Petra say to Ryan?

For questions 14–18, write the correct letter A–H.

Example

Ryan: That was an amazing soccer match, wasn't it?

Petra:**H**.....

Ryan: Why not? They're not bad for a team from a small town!

Petra: **14** [1]

Ryan: Oh yes – you're right! I didn't go to that one.

Petra: **15** [1]

Ryan: Why do you think they did better this time then?

Petra: **16** [1]

Ryan: Oh, the woman who got the first goal – yes.

Petra: **17** [1]

Ryan: I forgot about that – you're right! Do you think she'll stay with the team?

Petra: **18** [1]

Ryan: Me too – it would be a pity if she decided to leave!

A I hope so!

B Well, because they lost their last game by four goals!

C Didn't she score another just before the end too?

D Yes, I think she's too good for our little town's team!

E You're lucky. They were terrible!

F They're just not fast enough, unfortunately!

G Perhaps it's because they have a new player.

H It was, but I didn't think our team would win!

Part 4

Questions 19–26

Complete the email below.

For questions 19–26, write **one** word for each space.

There is an example at the beginning of the email.

	To: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="Ana"/>
	From: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="Sophie"/>

Hi Ana

My new bike arrived yesterday! I'm so excited (0) *about* it!

I (19) wanted one ever since I first tried yours. Anyway, my old one was much (20) small!

I went for a really long ride on the new one (21) my mum today.

We took a picnic and cycled to the river. It was really nice – there (22) people swimming and having lots of fun. How about going there tomorrow and taking our swimming things? (23) you like that? Let me know and we can decide on (24) best time to meet, OK?

I can't (25) for you to see my bike – you're going (26) love it!

Sophie

[Total: 8]

Part 5

Questions 27–36

You are going to read an article in which four girls describe a school subject they like. For questions **27–36**, choose from the sections (**A–D**) and write the correct letter. You may choose a letter more than once.

Which girl says ...

- | | |
|--|-----------------|
| she has changed her opinion about a subject? | 27 |
| she likes getting extra work in her subject? | 28 |
| she doesn't have to work hard to do well? | 29 |
| it is strange that some people don't like the subject? | 30 |
| the subject will be useful for her in the future? | 31 |
| she likes not having a lot of homework? | 32 |
| she has liked the subject from a young age? | 33 |
| some of her family members also like this subject? | 34 |
| doing group work in class on her subject is very useful? | 35 |
| she is happy to help her friends with this subject? | 36 |

[Total: 10]

A school subject I like

A Alexandria

I've always been into maps, from before I could even read, according to Mum and Dad! Finding out how valleys and mountains were created, understanding the planet – it's fascinating! Everyone knows I don't mind giving people a hand with geography homework if they need it – and we get quite a lot, actually! I just really like the subject, and to be honest, I can't understand people not wanting to know more about the world around us!

B Serena

For me, maths is something that's fun – an interesting puzzle. I often ask my teachers to provide maths challenges for me to complete online at weekends. These are always really enjoyable, and I get a lot from them. You can even do some of them in teams! My parents love anything to do with maths too, especially quizzes – I guess we're all competitive! At the moment, I'm still young, so I'm not sure what I want to be. But whatever I choose, maths will be important. It's used in almost every job, after all.

C Maria

A few years ago, when I was young, every Monday morning we had biology– not a great start to the week! Every other subject was much easier for me, and this affected how I felt about biology. But I kept trying, and it's become my favourite! I still have to work hard in class to get good marks, but I don't mind. We often have lessons where we do experiments, looking at plants and things. Students work together on these, and for me, being able to ask my friends for help means I understand things properly – more than when I'm trying to do something alone.

D Natalia

I think one reason why I like chemistry so much is that I'm usually near the top of the class, without very much effort. There are some subjects that I've never enjoyed, but that's not the case with chemistry. I'm very lucky – I know most of my friends don't like it as much I do. We only get given work to do after school once a week. That's helpful, because with our other school subjects, we get loads! Although I'm not sure I'll use my chemistry knowledge after I've left school, it's still something I'm glad I've got the chance to study.

Part 6

Questions 37–42

Read the text and questions below.

For each question, circle the correct letter **A**, **B**, **C** or **D**.

Frankie's Biscuits

14-year-old Frankie Melville loves making biscuits. With his mother, he runs a biscuit business from home, selling to people in his town.

It all began when Frankie read an interview with a baker describing how easy baking homemade biscuits was, and how they can taste better if you change ingredients: less sugar, or more fruit, for example. Frankie was saving for a new computer, and he thought that selling biscuits might help to achieve his goal. But even he was surprised how well he did, right from the start!

In his first year, Frankie spent weekends baking biscuits, including unusual tea-flavoured ones. They weren't popular, so after throwing them all away, he tried traditional recipes from library cookbooks. He had everything he needed: his parents had recently replaced their old cooker, and a local supermarket sold ingredients, although he started getting things online after the supermarket closed down. Ordering before he ran out of anything meant he didn't mind waiting a few days for deliveries. He sold his biscuits in boxes of five or ten so customers could choose how many to buy, something he still does today.

Last year, Frankie's friends persuaded him to enter a competition for young bakers. If he'd just had to make biscuits, he thought he might win, but there were cakes and bread to bake too. Although he wasn't so sure of his ability with those, he was happy just to be taking part! The judge was a well-known TV chef, and the winner would go and watch her live show. When Frankie heard that he had come first, he was extremely excited he'd soon be part of the famous chef's audience.

Since the competition, Frankie's agreed to create recipes for a beginners' cooking website. But first, he's preparing to bake in a local coffee shop where customers watch him baking biscuits, which they can then buy in the beautifully-painted boxes his mum makes.

Frankie admits that occasionally he'd rather be playing football than cooking. But usually his mum has to make him go outside and play! That shows how much Frankie loves what he does.

37 Why did Frankie decide to start making biscuits?

- A He was encouraged by talking to another chef.
- B He felt it would be a way to earn some money.
- C He knew customers would like biscuits made by hand.
- D He wanted people to buy healthier biscuits.

[1]

38 What problem did Frankie have in the first year of his business?

- A The shop where he was selling his biscuits closed.
- B Some ingredients he ordered online did not arrive.
- C He made some biscuits that no one liked.
- D His cooker at home stopped working.

[1]

- 39 How did Frankie feel about the competition he took part in?
- A excited about baking live on television
 - B impressed by the prize offered to the winner
 - C anxious because his friends expected him to do well
 - D confident he could cook a wide range of items well enough
- [1]
- 40 What is Frankie going to do next?
- A make biscuits in a café
 - B start selling biscuits online
 - C write a book about baking
 - D teach some baking classes
- [1]
- 41 In the last paragraph the writer
- A mentions that Frankie understands how important it is to relax.
 - B explains how Frankie's family help him bake.
 - C describes how Frankie manages his time.
 - D says how Frankie feels about his biscuit-making business.
- [1]
- 42 What would Frankie write in a blog about his business?
- A

The old family recipes I use for all my biscuits really help my business – the things we like don't change that much, do they?

C

I hope you like our new biscuits – as always, you can buy one at a time if you're not sure you'll like a flavour.

B

Starting a business takes time. I nearly gave up a few times when things were slow at first, but I'm glad I didn't!

D

I'm lucky my mum's so good at design – the pictures she's designed for our boxes are really attractive.
- [1]

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