

PROFICIENCY Level (C1)

Mid-term-test

Good Luck!

Section 1 (15 marks)

You must do Task 1 and Task 2.

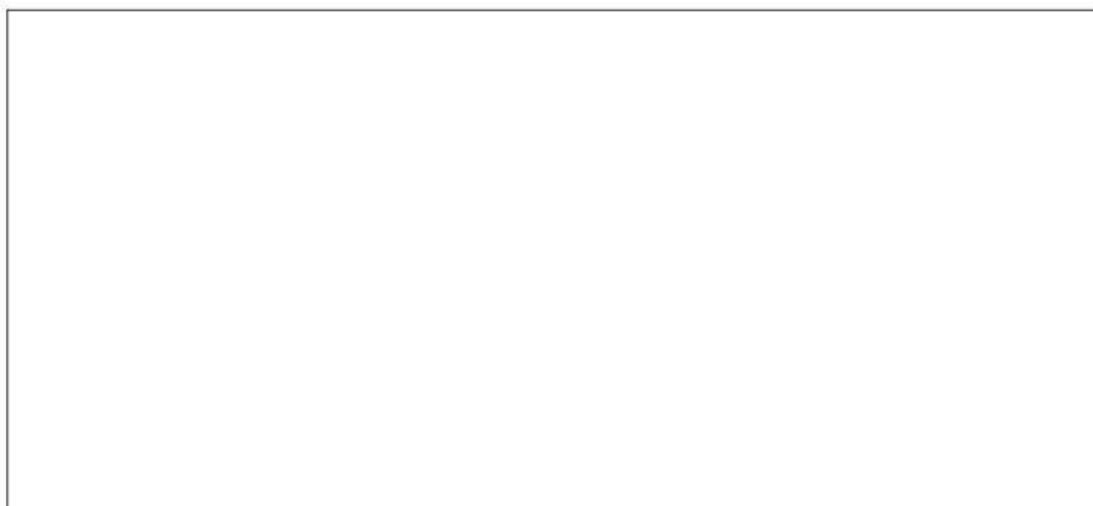
You have heard that your school sports field is going to be sold in order to build a new car park.

Task 1: write a letter of 110-130 words to your local council.

In your letter you should:

- Complain about the sale
- Explain why the sports field is so important to the school

(Do not need to include the addresses in the letter)



Task 2: write an email of about 70 words to a friend.

In your email you should:

- Tell your friend why you are so upset about the sale of the sports field
- Ask him / her for ideas about how to protest against the sale

From:
Subject:
Message:

Section 2 (10 marks)

Read the following passage and answer all the questions.

Cooks and Their Books

Jamie Oliver is one of the world's best loved chefs and TV personalities, whose books have been translated into 30 languages and whose programmes have been broadcast in over 100 countries. His inspiration for cooking came from the pub run by his parents, where he picked up many techniques and by the age of eleven, was outperforming many of the chefs there. He left school when he was sixteen to make his way in the food industry. He went to catering college, then received more formal training in France, before returning to London. His lucky break came during the making of a documentary about the restaurant he was working in. Jamie was spotted in the background by the editors, who focused in more and more on this cheeky young chef. The day after the programme was broadcast, Jamie received calls from five different production companies all eager to work with him. Sixteen cookery books and over twenty TV programmes have been the result.

Similarly, 23 year-old Sam Stern has been cooking roast dinners since the age of eight, learning his skills from his mother and becoming a published author at fourteen. He grew up as the youngest of five children. With two of his three sisters being vegetarian, the other a vegan and his brother a virtual carnivore, he started cooking to help his mother get food to the table.

The idea for Sam's book in 2004 came to him after constantly listening to his school friends' envious comments about food in the Stern household. He reasoned that his friends should take up cooking for themselves, if their parents were too busy. He wrote 'Cooking Up a

Storm', with recipes aimed at getting teens into the kitchen. When the book first came out Sam was taken aback at its success. This book can now be read in fourteen languages.

Unlike Jamie Oliver, Sam didn't throw himself into the food industry, although he has produced five more cookery books. He recently graduated from Edinburgh University, where he studied politics, sociology and business. At university he went mainly unrecognised. Although some students had his student cookbook, few noticed they were studying alongside its author. At the start of the year, Sam completed an intensive 12 week cookery course at college to ensure his kitchen skills were up to scratch. He also had limited work experience in a professional kitchen, which did not give him much formal training. He was awarded the highest possible grade for his final university project, so could have a career in politics, if he so chooses. However, his intention is to write more cookery books, and perhaps even open a catering school or have his own restaurant or jazz bar.

He's flattered to be compared to Jamie Oliver but says their focus is different. Jamie's focus has mostly been on healthy eating. Amongst many achievements he's challenged the UK government over the quality of school meals and reminded Americans that their diets are causing obesity. He's drawn attention to the dangers of fast food and has run a TV series to help disadvantaged youngsters get a start in catering. Sam is merely trying to encourage younger people to get cooking for themselves by making it easy and fun. Both chefs are dedicated to using wholesome British ingredients and are doing their bit to improve the eating habits of the nation.

For questions 1-8 choose the correct option.

1. Jamie Oliver's first paid job was in his parents' pub.
True False Doesn't say
2. Jamie's 'lucky break' occurred while he was working in France.
True False Doesn't say

3. Sam's family had diverse eating preferences.
 True False Doesn't say
4. 'Cooking Up a Storm' was less successful than Sam had hoped.
 True False Doesn't say
5. Jamie and Sam have worked together on several projects.
 True False Doesn't say
6. Who was the target audience of Sam's first book?
 A. Busy parents
 B. Young children
 C. Teenagers
7. When Sam was at university most students
 A. Owned a copy of his student cookbook.
 B. Were unaware of his cookery connections.
 C. Saw him on a televised cookery course.
8. In the future Sam plans to
 A. Continue his studies in politics.
 B. Promote healthy eating through a career in politics.
 C. Concentrate on catering and cooking.

Write the words in the box.

9. Find the word or phrase in the passage which means the **SAME**

Noticed (paragraph 1)	
Jealous (paragraph 3)	

10. Find the word or phrase in the passage which means the **OPPOSITE** of:

In contrast (paragraph 2)	
Extensive (paragraph 4)	

Section 3 – Summary (15 marks)

Summarise the differences between how Sam and Jamie became involved in cooking and their lives to date. Do not use fewer than 50 words or more than 75 words. You will find this information in **paragraphs 1, 3 and 4**.

Title:

Section 4 (10 marks)

Rewrite the sentences to give the same meaning as the original, using the word or words given. Do not change the given word or words in any way at all.

Rewrite all direct speech as reported speech.

1. 'I want to speak to the manager immediately', said Jack. (insisted)
2. He was questioned because he had seen the incident. (If)
3. It's impossible that he fell through the ice. It's too thick. (can't)
4. You shouldn't go near that animal under any circumstances. (Under)
5. I don't want you to spend all your birthday money on sweets. (would rather)
6. It was stupid of me to leave my phone in the car. (shouldn't)
7. She'd love to have straight hair. (wishes)

8. The classrooms are both hot and stuffy. (Not only)
9. The company are replacing our doors for no extra cost. (having)
10. The reason you didn't pass is because you didn't answer all the questions. (If)

Section 5 (10 marks)

Read the sentences and complete each one with the correct form of the word in brackets.

1. There are thousands of different _____ of tomato in the world. (vary)
2. She listened very _____ as Maria told her the sad news. (sympathy)
3. A burglar alarm will improve the _____ of your home. (secure)
4. Those high heeled shoes are totally _____ for walking on the beach!
(practice)
5. If he were less _____ on his father for help with homework, he'd do better at school. (rely)
6. They are trying to _____ the library with some new furniture and some bright paint. (modern)
7. The children should go to bed. They look really _____. (sleep)
8. He can't breathe! Quick, _____ his tie. (loose)

9. There were at least 15 _____ at the meeting. (politics)

10. After completing her language degree, she's hoping for a job as an _____.
(interpret)

Section 6 (10 marks)

Read the following passage and write **one** suitable word in each space. There is an example.

From Deadly Venom to Healing Medicine

In Australia, life-threatening poisonous animals have always posed a hazard **to (example)** humans: but some also act as lifesavers. Such is the (1) _____ with the notorious death adder, a snake that's essential to the (2) _____ of vital snakebite antivenins.

For the (3) _____ 50 years, the Australian Reptile Park has raised and milked hundreds of venomous snakes for their poisonous venom in (4) _____ to produce life-saving medicines. The reptile park, (5) _____ programme also includes 500 poisonous spiders, is the sole supplier of this venom in Australia.

Hundreds of milkings are necessary to create a single dose of antivenin. The job's (6) _____ easy but it's one that pays tremendous dividends for public health. To keep (7) _____ with the demand for venom, several highly trained staff work full-time on the programme. As John Weigel, director of the Park points (8) _____, "We've done this for years and it (9) _____ the lives of around 280 to 300 snake bite and spider bite victims a year. That feeling's great and it's (10) _____ the effort."

Section 7 (10 marks)

Recognising tenses. Write the tense next to the following sentences

She reads a book every night. (_____)

They were watching TV when I arrived. (_____)

I have already finished my homework. (_____)

By the time we got there, the store had closed. (_____)

He will be visiting his grandparents next week. (_____)

I am going to start a new project tomorrow. (_____)

She had been waiting for hours before he finally arrived. (_____)

He plays the guitar very well. (_____)

They will have completed the task by the deadline. (_____)

I was playing soccer when it started to rain. (_____)

Listening Section (20 marks)

You will hear a tour guide talking about **Weald and Downland Living Museum** in the UK. For questions one to four, listen to the recording and choose the correct answer. For questions five to twelve, fill in the missing information.

1. All of the buildings date from a period covering
 - A a single century.
 - B almost 400 years.
 - C around 1,000 years.
2. What do the buildings have in common?
 - A They are detailed copies of local buildings.
 - B They have been carefully preserved in their place.
 - C They have been dismantled, moved and rebuilt.

3. Which building can the public **not** yet enter?
- A Newdigate Bakehouse
- B a medieval house
- C Bayleaf Farmhouse
4. What is currently being filmed at the museum?
- A a movie
- B a documentary
- C a TV drama
5. There are a total of _____ buildings to explore.
6. Many of the staff are wearing _____.
7. At 4.30 pm, meet at the _____ Café.
8. Please leave a _____ on the website.

Museum courses

9.	Length of courses:	9.
10.	Example courses:	10.
11.	Price range:	11.
12.	Contact:	12. @wealdmuseum.com