

# ENGLISH READING PRACTICE TEST 1

CLASS: B1.58

**PART 1. Look at the text in each box. What does it say? Mark the correct letter A, B or C. Questions 1-5**

1

*Students from Year 12 are free  
to use the library computers  
at anytime*

What does this notice say about Year 12 students?

- A. They needn't pay to use the library computers.
- B. They don't have to get permission to use the computers
- C. They must check whether the computers are free before they use them

2

**PARKING IN THIS SPACE  
FOR DOCTOR ON DUTY  
ONLY**

- A. Tell the doctor if you need to park here.
- B. Only the doctor working today can park here.
- C. Park in this space only in an emergency.

3

**SALE**

**Spring sale next week!  
Up to 50% off many items**

Which of the sentences is true?

- A. 50% of the items will be sold next week.
- B. All items will be half price in the spring.
- C. Some items will be half price next week.

4

*If entrance door is locked,  
please press **BUTTON** to  
contact hotel reception.*

- A. Use this button to call hotel staff if you cannot get in.
- B. If you cannot lock the door, please contact hotel reception.
- C. Press this button to unlock the entrance door.

5

*Peter*

*Thursday's half-price day at  
the cinema near my place.  
Let's go then instead of  
Sunday. OK?*

*Anne*

Anne want to change

- A. the film they see
- B. the cinema they go
- C. the day they see the film

**PART 2. Read the passage below and fill in each blank with one suitable word. Questions 6-15**

Lisa is working for an insurance company in London. Last Tuesday, Lisa flew (6) \_\_\_\_\_ London to Madrid. She (7) \_\_\_\_\_ at 6 o'clock in the morning (8) \_\_\_\_\_ took a cup of coffee. At 6.30, she left home and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to the airport. (10) \_\_\_\_\_ she arrived, she (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the car and then went to the airport café (12) \_\_\_\_\_ she had breakfast. Then she went through the passport control and (13) \_\_\_\_\_ for her flight. The plane (14) \_\_\_\_\_ on time and arrived in Madrid two hours later. Finally, she took a taxi from the airport to Rose Hotel (15) \_\_\_\_\_ is the most expensive in the center of Madrid.

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| 6. A from       | B. to         | C. at          | D. in          |
| 7. A. left      | B. went       | C. got up      | D. woke up     |
| 8. A. but       | B. and        | C. so          | D. either      |
| 9. A. drives    | B. drove      | C. is driving  | D. was driving |
| 10. A. When     | B. Where      | C. What        | D. Why         |
| 11. A. put      | B. placed     | C. kept        | D. parked      |
| 12. A. when     | B. why        | C. where       | D. what        |
| 13. A. waits    | B. is waiting | C. was waiting | D. waited      |
| 14. A. departed | B. got        | C. landed      | D. flew        |
| 15. A. which    | B. who        | C. whose       | D. whom        |

**PART 3. Read the text to decide if each statement is TRUE or FALSE.**

**Questions 16-25**

**BRITANNIA HOLIDAYS**

**Extra trip to Arundel Castle: Wednesday**

Dear

Holidaymaker,

I hope that you are enjoying your visit to the Albion Hotel. I'm writing to tell you about an extra trip we are arranging for Wednesday afternoon. We'll be going to Arundel Castle which is a tourist attraction about 40 miles from here. A coach will be leaving at 11 am and returning in time for your evening meal at 7 pm. The kitchen has been informed so if we're late for any reason, they'll wait for us. Please remember this is not part of your package so although the coach is free, there is an entrance fee of £7.00 if you want to visit the castle.

The town of Arundel is very pretty with pleasant walks down by the river and some interesting old shops. The castle stands on a hill outside the town and can be seen from miles around. There has been a castle on this site for almost 1,000 years, but the present building is not that old, so it's certainly not an old ruin. The castle buildings are used as a home by the present owners but quite a large part is open to the public.

Among the things to see at the castle are some lovely rooms. The library has a wonderful ceiling and there is a beautiful bedroom, once used by members of the royal family. There is furniture dating from the 16th century and a fine collection of old clocks which shouldn't be missed. The picture gallery is also



very interesting and has paintings by famous artists such as Canaletto and Gainsborough.

We will arrive in Arundel at lunchtime and the castle has its own restaurant, which serves excellent home-made lunches. If a group of you would like to pre-book, we can arrange a discount for you. If not, you can decide when you arrive and there are always plenty of free tables. For those of you who prefer a lighter meal, traditional English afternoon tea is served in the restaurant from 1:00 pm at a very reasonable price.

So, if you would like to join us on our trip to Arundel, please ask at Reception by Tuesday lunchtime at the latest, and your name will be added to the list.

Have a nice day.

Clara Tongue

Tour Company Representative

16. Arundel Castle is in the same town as the Albion Hotel.	A. True B. False
17. If you go on the trip, you may miss your evening meal at the hotel.	A. True B. False
18. There is no charge for the journey to Arundel.	A. True B. False
19. Arundel Castle is next to the river, in the centre of the town.	A. True B. False
20. All of the castle buildings are less than 1.000 years old.	A. True B. False

21. Part of the castle is in a poor condition.	A. True B. False
22. Part of the castle is used as a private house.	A. True B. False
23. It is necessary to book a table if you want to have lunch at the castle.	A. True B. False
24. Afternoon tea at the castle is not very expensive.	A. True B. False
25. To go on the trip, you have to reserve a place one day in advance.	A. True B. False

**PART 4. Read the following passages and choose the best answer for each question. Questions 26-30**

B-Rant is from the US. He's in his late 40s and still single. If you ask about his job, it will be hard to say. He works as an actor and appears in several famous movies of Hollywood. Also, he is a private investigator. He has an investigation company in Tennessee. He has about a couple of assistants but usually he runs it on his own. Then he's also a teacher of English. Sometimes during his adventure travels, he stays at some place to teach English for local people for a while. But the job he likes the best is being a musician. He plays drums and congas some nights in a week. Many of his friends think that he's a very interesting man and all believe that he's a man of many talents.

26. Which is B-Rant nationality?
- A. the US    B. American    C. Hollywood    D. English
27. Which one is best to describe B-Rant's age?
- A. 40                  B. 41                  C. 42                  D. 49
28. Which of these is NOT one of B-Rant's jobs?
- A. teacher    B. assistant    C. musician    D. investigator
29. What job does B-Rant like the best?
- A. teacher    B. actor    C. musician    D. investigator
30. Which word best describe B-Rant?
- A. handsome    B. young    C. old    D. talented

**Questions 31-35** refer to the following announcement:

Visitors who want to see the city's attractions have several transportation options. The use of private cars is discouraged, since parking is limited and the streets of the historical district are narrow. Fortunately, excellent alternatives are available. The subway system provides fast, inexpensive transportation to all areas of the city, from 6.00 am to 12 midnight. Bus service operates 24 hours a day, for those who prefer to travel above ground and sneak in some extra sightseeing en route. Those of you who want to make sure that you see all the tourist attractions may be especially interested in our Visitor's Tour buses, which make stops at all points of interest throughout the city. For your convenience, special visitor's passes for all forms of public transportation are sold at hotels throughout the city, along with maps and schedules for transportation routes. Subway tickets may also be purchased at subway stops.

31. What is this announcement about?

- A. Hotels      B. Visitors      C. Transportation      D. Attraction

32. What should visitors NOT do in the city?

- A. Spend the night      B. Drive their cars  
C. Walk alone      D. Travel at rush hour

33. Which service stops at midnight?

- A. Bus service      B. Subway service  
C. Tour service      D. Taxi service

34. Why may some people prefer traveling by bus?

- A. People can see more of the city.      B. Buses are faster.  
C. The subway is more expensive.      D. Bus routes are more convenient.

35. Where are tickets sold?

- A. At special stands      B. On the buses  
C. At some tourist attractions      D. At most hotels



**Questions 36-40** refer to the following article:

There is no such thing as a safe drug. Each medication is a double-edged sword, with a good side and a bad side. Successful medical treatment is a careful balance between the beneficial and harmful effects of medication, weighted, one hopes, in favor of the beneficial. Unfortunately, just the opposite is often the case. The original disease may be less of a problem than the reaction to treatment, and the old saying "the cure was worse than the disease" has frequently been all too true.

Too many drugs are prescribed in our pill-popping society. The evidence that we are overmedicated is very popular. Americans spend about \$11 billion on prescribed medications each year, and that does not include the \$2.6 billion we pay for nonprescription, over-the-counter pharmaceuticals. According to a study carried out in twenty-four Boston hospitals, more than 75 million Americans consume a drug at least once a week and usually every day. Is it any wonder that drugs are killing us faster than automobile accidents or certain major diseases?

36. The opposite in paragraph 1 refers to

- A. the beneficial effects      B. the harmful effect
- C. the original disease      D. the medical treatment

37. Buying drugs without prescription is \_\_\_ in the United States.

- A. popular      B. rare      C. hardly      D. fashionable

38. The author cites expenditures of "\$11 billion" and "\$2.6 billion" as evidence to support the opinion that...

- A. Americans consume unhealthy amounts of prescription and over-the-counter drugs.



- B. Doctors often prescribe drugs in situations where negative side effects may result.
- C. Reactions to drugs are often more severe than the symptoms of the disease itself.
- D. It is impossible to achieve a balance between the beneficial and harmful effects of drugs.

39. The author cites a study that supports which of the following statements

- A. Each medication is a double-edged sword, with a good side and a bad side.
- B. The original disease may be less of a problem than reaction to treatment.
- C. More than 75 million Americans consume a drug at least once a week.
- D. Many drugs are prescribed in our pill-popping.

40. The tone of the passage indicates that the writer is

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| A. worried      | B. thoughtful |
| B.C. respectful | D. offended   |