

## CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH EXAMS B1 PRELIMINARY (PET)

### READING

#### Part 1 Question 1 - 5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

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**WIN A CAMERA COMPETITION**  
Tell us in 250 words why photographs are important.  
Last entry for competition, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.  
Professional writers are prohibited from entering.

In order to enter the competition,

- A. you must send in a photograph of a professional writer.
- B. you have to write an explaining what something means to you.
- C. you need to be a good photographer using a professional camera.

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New message

 **To: Peter**  
**From: Susan**

Hi Peter,  
Summer camp is great and I really like the wooden cabins that we are staying in. The meal could be a lot better but at least I will lose weight with all this exercise and not eating much.  
Susan

Send

Save

Cancel

Why is Susan writing to Peter?

- A. to tell him what the summer camp is like.
- B. to explain why she keeps eating so much food.
- C. to tell him what he can do when he stays at this camp.

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**SPECIAL OFFER!**  
**BUY THREE CDS,  
GET CHEAPEST ONE FREE.**  
Offer available for the next 5 days only.  
DVDs are 50% off, just for today.

- A. You don't pay for one CD if you buy two others today.
- B. You should buy at least 3 DVDs to get them for half their normal price this week.
- C. You will get a discount today if you buy any CD.

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Please turn off the air conditioner, lights and all other electrical appliances when you leave the apartment. Also make sure all doors and windows are shut before exiting the building.

- A. Opening apartment windows is strictly prohibited.
- B. Appliances will shut down immediately after you have exited your apartment.
- C. Do not leave any doors open when you leave the apartment building.

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- A. Mum wants Jane to phone her to let her know what she has decided.
- B. Tim wants to meet Jane at 6pm to go cycling.
- C. Jane was not available to talk when Tim called to invited her out.

## Part 2 Question 6 - 10

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The people below are all looking in Netflix for a film to download. Look at the descriptions of eight films. Decide which film would be the most suitable for the people below.



6. Kostas likes films that have nothing to do with real life. He loves fantasy and special effects. He has a really good imagination and so he likes very creative stories.

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7. Pierre loves anything to do with things going very fast. He doesn't mind if it's motorbikes, cars, speedboats or planes. He really loves fast action. He would also like a character that he can relate to.

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8. Robert enjoys eating more than anything else and he spends most of his money going to restaurants or watching cookery programmes on TV. He particularly likes Eastern and Asian food.

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9. Julia loves anything to do with the past. She is especially interested in famous people in history. She would like to watch a biography or a drama.

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10. Tina and Cathy like nothing more than to sing and dance to their favourite pop singers and bands. They like funny films that are easy to watch and prefer them to have some romance.

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## FILMS

### A. **Skyfall**

Daniel Craig plays 007 James Bond in this action-packed film. With the usual mix of good guys and bad guys that you would expect from any James bond film, this will not disappoint you. Bond's boss 'M' is in trouble and he is the only person who can save her.

### B. **Mamma Mia - The Movie**

A fun musical featuring the hits from the Swedish pop group Abba. This film is filmed on a beautiful Greek island and tells a story of summer love. You will want to join in the dancing and singing. As if that weren't enough, the actors are some of the most famous in the world.

### C. **Victoria and Abdul**

This is the true story of the unexpected relationship between the British Queen Victoria and a young Indian man. This film is a wonderful story about friendship and also the history of Great Britain in the 1800s. Based on the book of same name by Shrabani Basu, *Victoria and Abdul* has been nominated for several awards.

### D. **Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them**

This is a fantasy story from the famous writer J.K Rowling who wrote the *Harry Potter* books. As you would expect, the film is exciting and unexpected. It is based in New York in 1926 and Eddie Redmayne plays a scientist who fights the dark powers with the help of his strange and magical creatures.

### E. **The Theory of Everything**

This is the true story of the famous scientist Stephen Hawking and how he fights a terrible disease that attacks his body when he is still a young university student. It is also a love story and it will make anyone who watches it feel positive and sure that they can achieve big things in their life.

### F. **One for The Road**

This is the story of a young car mechanic who works for a famous racing driver. On the day of a big race the driver gets sick and the young mechanic gets the chance to drive a million-pound racing car in an international race. You can probably guess what happens next.

### G. **Lion**

This is the true story of a boy who gets lost in India at the age of five and ends up living in Australia with a new family. He can never forget that he has an Indian family far away and when he grows up he tries to find them. The film gives us a good idea of what life is like in the poor areas of India in contrast to a rich life in Australia.

### H. **The Ramen Girl**

This is the story of a girl who moves to Japan with her boyfriend but then he leaves her and she has to find a way to live there on her own. She gets a job in a Japanese restaurant and becomes an excellent chef. This film will teach you a lot about Japanese culture and cooking.

### Part 3 Question 11 - 15

For each question, choose the correct answer.

## 'Freshly' Restaurant

by Peter Newman

Last week my parents and I visited Freshly, a modern British restaurant, in the centre of Brighton, Sussex. So it was the perfect opportunity to write a review for the school paper.

All of the ingredients used in Freshly come from Sussex and the surrounding area. It was also the first restaurant in the world to be serving only English wine. Since opening in 2018 Freshly has won many awards. The owner and head chef at the restaurant is only 24 years old and she has been cooking three-course meals for her family since she was nine and still at junior school. Jane did an apprenticeship at the famous Grand Hotel, in Brighton, and later also went to catering school in London. She says this was one of the hardest courses she has ever done and sometimes she was so tired that she could hardly speak. Despite this, she never felt like giving up because she knew she was following her dream.

Freshly is a small restaurant with a view over the back streets of Brighton where you can watch the world walk by. The staff are always welcoming. The head waiter is very

informative about the food and how it is cooked and also from where all the ingredients have come from.



The chefs are not scared to experiment, so the menu changes regularly. The chefs are lucky enough to be a team of good friends, and they try to eat out at different restaurants as often as they can. They take a lot of inspiration from their favourite chefs to make the Freshly experience as perfect as possible.

One thing to remember, however, is that you are limited to what they have that day on the menu. Freshly, however, will always cater for people with special food needs and vegetarians. The food is beautifully prepared and comes in small tasty portions.

Wonderful homemade bread, too. Very nice - but expensive. Four set menus with an extra cheeseboard, two bottles of water and 2 coffees will cost around £150 without a tip. So yes, fine dining; but at a price.



- 11. The food at Freshly**
- A. is grown by the staff.
  - B. comes from places in or close to Brighton.
  - C. comes from all over the world.
  - D. comes all over Britain.
- 12. Where did the owner start to train as a chef?**
- A. at junior school
  - B. at university
  - C. at home with the help of her family
  - D. in a hotel
- 13. How did Jane feel while she was training to be a chef?**
- A. She was really tired but felt positive about the experience.
  - B. She wanted to give up because of the pressure.
  - C. She wasn't sure if she would be successful.
  - D. She found it quite easy to finish the training.
- 14. What is said about Freshly restaurant?**
- A. The head waiter is in charge of the menu.
  - B. The staff often change jobs because they like to do different things.
  - C. It is a big and fancy restaurant with a great view.
  - D. The staff have a very good relationship with each other.
- 15. What would Peter say about Freshly restaurant?**
- A. Freshly restaurant may serve tasty food but it is extremely pricey - not worth it.
  - B. A great effort from a successful young chef who supports local products.
  - C. A famous chef that tried rather unsuccessfully to set up a different kind of restaurant.
  - D. The cheerful staff and nice location are the only things that are worth mentioning.

#### Part 4 Question 16 - 20

Five sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, choose the correct answer. There are **THREE** extra sentences which you do not need to use.

### Learning a language

Whatever your reason for learning a new language, you can probably agree it'd be ideal to learn it fast. **(16)** ..... You'll have to learn a new grammar, memorise vocabulary words, practise speaking, etc. But learning a new language does not need to be a slow or boring process if you follow the right strategy.

The first step to learning a new language fast is to set goals.

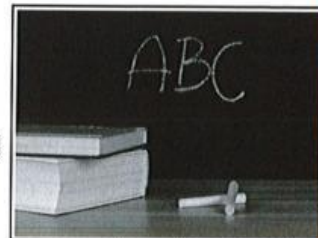
When you think about it, this makes a lot of sense. **(17)** ..... When faced with the idea of learning a new language, most of us feel nervous. Setting goals helps you to focus.

Languages are made up of a shocking number of words. English, for example, has between 600,000 and 1 million words. **(18)** ..... Consider this: the top 100 words make up about 50 percent of English language texts, and the top 1,000 words make up about 90 percent! By focusing on learning these words first, you can increase the amount of information you understand very quickly.

One of the best ways to learn vocabulary words is to use flashcards. Flashcards allow you to test yourself, which helps you memorise new information. Try out electronic flash cards. **(19)** ..... You can easily carry large amounts of words on your smartphone or tablet, and you can take advantage of flash cards that other people have created and made public.

When you're learning a new language, it can be hard to practise words in context because you haven't mastered yet enough vocabulary to make complex sentences.

**(20)** ..... For example, if you're learning the Spanish word casa (house), you could say, "I'm going to go to my casa now." You can also make up a sentence with the new word you're learning, the meaning of the word and a word in your own language that sounds similar.



- A. Paper flashcards work just as well but electronic flash card programmes provide some great benefits.
- B. But in reality, having goals doesn't help you achieve much.
- C. If you don't set goals, how can you know what you want to achieve?
- D. At this time, there is no point even trying to remember the word.
- E. Luckily, you don't need to learn anywhere near that many words to be good at a language.
- F. You should aim to learn about 5,000 words in a couple of weeks.
- G. To get around this, simply use the word in a sentence in your native language.
- H. Yet the idea of learning a language seems anything but fast.

## Part 5 Question 21 - 26

For each question, choose the correct answer.

### Choosing your first job

In general we will all spend about two thirds of our life at work. This means that we will probably have many different jobs over the years. However, our first **(21)** ..... of work is a very important one.



If our first job is **(22)** ..... , we won't be worried about working. But if we have a job that makes us feel anxious or miserable, we may think that work is something to dislike forever. For this reason a person should think carefully before they **(23)** ..... for their first job. For example, if you are the type of person that enjoys working outside and being very active, it would be silly to choose a(n) **(24)** ..... such as a receptionist. And let's face it, many people who start their first job are still teenagers with lots of energy. It's also important to have a job where you like your **(25)** ..... . There is nothing worse than having a boss that you don't like. But of course, you need to work hard and show that you are **(26)** ..... in order for them to trust you and know that you will do your job well.

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| 21. | A. arrangement | B. booking     | C. experience | D. conference    |
| 22. | A. pleasant    | B. confusing   | C. satisfied  | D. rough         |
| 23. | A. earn        | B. quit        | C. retire     | D. apply         |
| 24. | A. occupation  | B. application | C. contract   | D. qualification |
| 25. | A. assistant   | B. employer    | C. servant    | D. employee      |
| 26. | A. bossy       | B. reliable    | C. typical    | D. gentle        |



**Part 6    Question 27 – 32**

*For each question, write the correct answer. Write **ONE** word for each gap.*

**How shopping has changed**

I guess most teenagers have completely given (27) .....  
going to the shops to buy things and instead we are using the  
internet to shop online. (28) ..... are many reasons for  
this. Firstly, we have so much to do that there is very (29) ..... time to walk  
around the shops (30) ..... for what we want. Also when the shops are open, we  
are usually at school so we can't get to them except during our school holidays. These days  
we also use credit cards (31) ..... than we use cash, so it is very easy to pay for  
whatever we want to buy over the internet. But my mum says that these changes in our  
shopping habits have caused many shops on our high streets to close down. These days you  
can see empty shops everywhere, while in the (32) ..... most shops were busy  
and successful.





## WRITING


### Part 1

You **must** answer this question.

Write your answer in about **100 words**.

#### Question 1

Read this email from your English-speaking friend Tanya and the notes you have made.

 **New message** — ↗ ✕

**From:**

**Subject:**

Hi,

How are you? It's been a while since we last talked to each other. Are you still interested in joining the gym? *Yes...*

If yes, then it'd be really great if we went together. I was thinking we could go either on Saturday or Sunday. Are you free?









We could cycle there to save money on bus fares and to be healthier. What do you think? *Say which I prefer...*


Oh, I almost forgot. How's your brother now? I heard he was ill. *Yes...*

Email me soon,

Tanya

*Explain...*

**SEND**        



Write your **email** to Tanya using **all the notes**.





## Part 2

Choose **one** of these questions.

Write your answer in about **100 words**.

### Question 2

You see this notice in your school's English-language magazine.

Articles wanted!
<p><b>Eating out</b></p> <p>Write an article telling us how often you eat out. Who do you usually go with? Why do you eat out? Is there a restaurant you like visiting more than others? Why or why not?</p> <p>The best articles answering these questions will be published in the school magazine!</p>

Write your **article**.

### Question 3

Your English teacher has asked you to write a story.

Your story must begin with this sentence:

*It was a lovely warm day as we drove to the beach.*

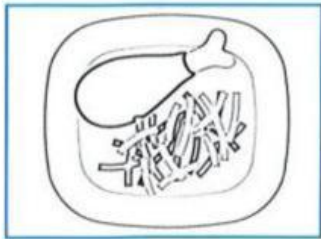
Write your **story**.

## LISTENING

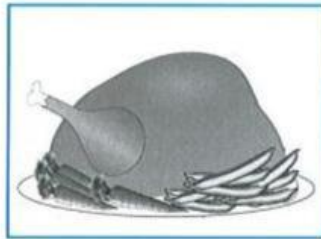
### Part 1 Question 1 - 7

For each question, choose the correct answer.

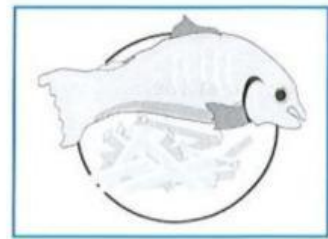
1. What will they eat?



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐

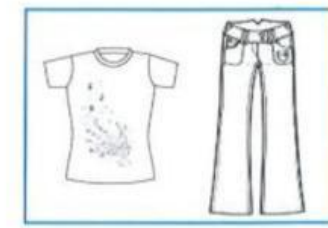
2. What will the girl wear to the party?



A ☐

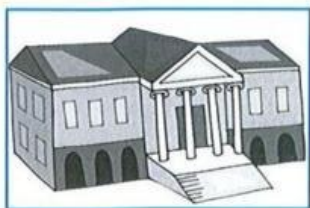


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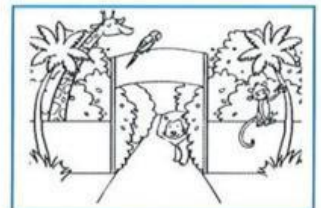


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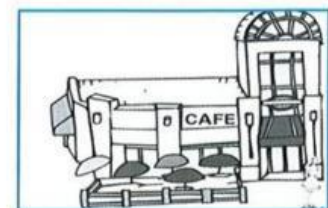
3. Where will the student's tour of the city centre end?



A ☐



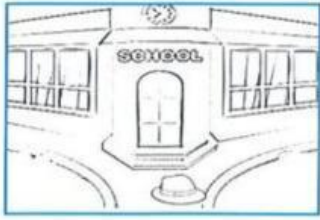
B ☐



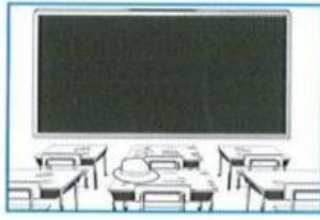
C ☐



4. Where was the boy's hat?



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐

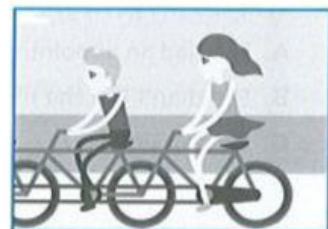
5. What will they do on Friday?



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B ☐



C ☐

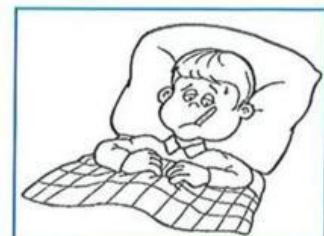
6. What was wrong with the boy?



A ☐

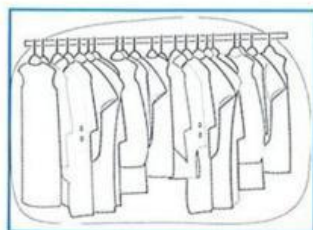


B ☐



C ☐

7. What is on special offer today?



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐

**Part 2    Question 8 – 13** For each question, choose the correct answer.

**8.    You will hear two friends talking about a neighbour's dog.**

The boy thinks the dog

- A. needs more walks.
- B. is left alone for too long.
- C. is unfriendly.

**9.    You will hear two friends talking about a film.**

Why did the girl leave the cinema early?

- A. She had an appointment with her dad.
- B. She didn't like the film.
- C. She felt unwell.

**10.    You will hear two friends talking about the maths lesson.**

What do they agree on?

- A. They don't like the teacher.
- B. The work is getting harder.
- C. They won't pass the exam.

**11.    You will hear two friends talking about a school trip they went on.**

What happened?

- A. There was a change of plan.
- B. Their teacher got angry.
- C. The students were disappointed.

**12.    You will hear two friends talking about a football match.**

Who was the boy angry with?

- A. the coach
- B. the players
- C. the fans

**13.    You will hear two friends talking about a new leisure centre.**

What did the boy like most about it?

- A. the design of the building
- B. the gym's equipment
- C. the swimming pool



### Part 3 Question 14 – 19

For each question, write the correct answer in the gap.

Write **one** or **two words** or a **number** or a **date** or a **time**.

You will hear a teacher telling a group of students about a geography trip.

#### School Geography Trip

Date of Geography trip:	Wednesday (14) _____
Each group will be given:	a (15) _____
Length of walk:	(16) _____
Person responsible for health issues:	(17) Mr _____
Type of shoes to wear:	(18) _____
Coach arrives at school at:	(19) _____ p.m.

### Part 4 Question 20 - 25

For each question, choose the correct answer.

You will hear an interview with a young teacher called Carol.

**20. Who inspired Carol to become a teacher?**

- A. her parents
- B. her drama teacher
- C. her classmates

**21. What is the most important thing about being a teacher, according to Carol?**

- A. show how much they know about their subject
- B. be more intelligent than their students
- C. communicate well with their students

**22. What does Carol have her students do if they aren't working well?**

- A. extra homework
- B. a written test
- C. physical exercise

**23. How does Carol feel about her career as a teacher?**

- A. proud
- B. anxious
- C. disappointed

**24. Carol's parents**

- A. are disappointed with what she has achieved so far.
- B. are very satisfied with her career progress.
- C. feel sorry they didn't let her become an actor.

**25. What does Carol want to do in the future?**

- A. be a headteacher
- B. continue to teach
- C. do some acting