

EXAM TIP

Sentences in a text are connected by cross-references. Find those parts that refer to some information in another sentence (or other parts of the same sentence). Then decide if the information should appear before or after the cross-reference (does the reference assume you already know the information? or does it suggest that something will come later in the text?). This will help you work out where the missing clauses belong.

Listening

▶ 40 minutes

4 Use the words below to complete the gaps in the questions and responses. Use each word only once.

before • of • doing • just • with • out


- 1 What kinds of things do you enjoy ____ at weekends?
 - 2 Do you ever ____ do nothing at all?
 - 3 Do you prefer to stay in or go ____?
 - 4 I expect you like spending time ____ your family.
 - 5 Do you plan what to do a long time ____ the weekend starts?
 - 6 Could you give me an example ____ your favourite activities?
- 5 Look at the questions in exercise 4. Think of your answers. Then write the answers down. Check your writing for mistakes.
- 6 Write a short text (about 60 words) expanding your answers in exercise 5. Practise reading it aloud.
- 7 Think of someone you know well – a friend or a family member. Imagine what answers this person would give to the questions in exercise 4. Write a short text (about 60 words) based on this information.

HOW TO STUDY

When you listen to anything in English – TV news programme, etc. – make quick notes of the numbers, names, dates, and so on, that you hear. Afterwards, look at your notes and try to reconstruct information from what you heard.

LISTENING EXAM

▶ 15 minutes

8  22 You are going to hear five different people talking about what they do at weekends. Before you listen, read the statements below. As you listen, for each speaker 1–5, decide which opinion A–F they express. There is one statement that doesn't match any of the speakers.

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| 1 _____ | 3 _____ | 5 _____ |
| 2 _____ | 4 _____ | |

- A The main thing is enjoying friends' company.
- B I like to do as much exercise as possible.
- C Films and concerts are usually fun to go to.
- D I often do more at the weekends during the winter.
- E There are lots of sport you can watch on TV.
- F I usually do as little as possible.

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Use of English

▶ 25 minutes

9 Choose the correct alternative: a, b, or c, to complete each sentence below.

- 1 The Elgin Marbles, a large collection of ancient Greek sculptures, were brought to Britain from Athens in 1806 by Lord Elgin, ____ was then the British ambassador there.
a which
b who
c that
- 2 The Elgin Marbles in the British Museum are on display for all to see, free of ____.
a charge
b money
c payment
- 3 Lord Elgin ____ the Marbles in his private collection for many years when he decided to sell them to the Government.
a kept
b has kept
c had kept
- 4 The Marbles were permanently damaged in the 1930s by Museum staff, who decided to clean their surface and scraped away the original colouring to ____ the statues white.
a change
b turn
c make
- 5 The main reason ____ the Greeks' interest in the Marbles is that they finally want their ancient treasures back.
a for
b to
c of

10 Read the sentences in exercise 9 again. Then read the text in exercise 11 as well, and answer the following questions.

- 1 What are the Elgin Marbles?
- 2 Where are the Marbles kept?
- 3 Where are they from originally?
- 4 When were they made?
- 5 Who took the Marbles to Britain?
- 6 Who would like them returned to their original place?

USE OF ENGLISH EXAM

▶ 10 minutes

11 Read the extract from a London travel guide and use *one word only* to fill each gap to form a logical, coherent and grammatically correct text.

Playing with marbles

If you have been to the British Museum in London, you will be familiar ¹ _____ the Elgin Marbles. They are ² _____ of the Museum's key exhibits ³ _____ show in the Duveen Gallery, a grand extension to the Museum which was specially built to exhibit them. The Elgin Marbles mainly ⁴ _____ from the Parthenon in Athens. For that ⁵ _____ they are also referred ⁶ _____ as the Parthenon Marbles. They are a collection of sculptures, considered by many artists and critics to ⁷ _____ the finest examples of Ancient Greek art there are. They were made between 447 and 432 BC, ⁸ _____ the Parthenon was rebuilt after it had ⁹ _____ destroyed by the Persians. The collection ¹⁰ _____ of several statues and fragments of statues from the Parthenon. There are also a few pieces that come from the other temples on the Acropolis.

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EXAM TIP

Always read the whole text again after you have filled in the gaps, to check that it's correct logically as well as grammatically.

Writing

▶ 70 minutes

OPTIONS

In this unit, you can choose to write a book review or a literary essay. Read through the two exam tasks, and decide which one you would like to concentrate on.

Writing a book review ▶ 70 minutes

12 Look at these sentences taken from different book reviews. Choose words from the list to fill the gaps.

interruption • twist • description • set • price

- 1 The book is _____ in the future in an imaginary world.
- 2 One of the most interesting things about this book is that it shows how everyone has their _____ and can be corrupted.
- 3 I suppose I liked it because it's an old-fashioned romance but with a modern _____.
- 4 Although some of the _____ is rather tedious, the dialogue is very lively.
- 5 It would be a good book to take on holiday, so that you could enjoy it without _____.

WRITING EXAM (OPTION 1): A BOOK REVIEW

▶ 60 minutes

13 Write a review for a student magazine about a book you have enjoyed reading. Your review should include the following information about the book:

- the title
- a brief outline of what happens
- what you think is interesting about it
- what you think its best aspects are
- who you would recommend it to.

Write 200–250 words.

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Writing a literary essay ▶ 70 minutes

14 Match the words to the definitions.

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| 1 plot | 5 character |
| 2 protagonist | 6 dilemma |
| 3 conflict | 7 conclusion |
| 4 resolution | 8 ambiguity |

- a a decision based on all the information connected with a given situation
- b a series of events that form the story
- c a situation where there is more than one possible meaning
- d a situation where there are opposing ideas, feelings or wishes
- e a situation which creates a problem by offering more than one possible choice
- f a person in a story
- g the hero or the most important person in a story
- h the act of finding a solution to a problem or difficulty