

## B1 PET Test #27 - Reading

Quiz ID: 6356

**Question 1** (Question ID: 99-177992)

Choose the correct answer that goes with this text.

SAVER TICKETS CAN  
BE USED ON THE  
10.15 TRAIN AND  
ANY TRAIN AFTER THAT

- A. The first train you can travel on with a "saver" ticket is the 10.15.
- B. "Saver" tickets cost extra if you travel after 10.15.
- C. The 10.15 is the only train you can travel on with a "saver" ticket.

**Question 2** (Question ID: 99-182988)

Choose the correct answer that goes with this text.

To | All students  
From | Mrs Jones  
I gave you homework to hand in next Thursday. I'm now going on a school trip on Thursday so I need the homework next Wednesday instead.

- A. Mrs. Jones needs the homework earlier than originally planned.
- B. The homework should be given to Mrs. Jones when she returns from the trip.
- C. Mrs. Jones will give the homework back on Thursday.

**Question 3** (Question ID: 99-190655)

Choose the correct answer that goes with this text.

Hi Lucy, The football match starts at 5. I'm getting the bus to the stadium. I'll meet you there at 4.30. Don't forget to invite Sam too.  
Emma

What should Lucy do?

- A. get the bus to the football match with Emma
- B. ask Sam if he wants to come to the football match
- C. meet Emma and Sam at the stadium at 5 o'clock

**Question 4** (Question ID: 99-199182)

Choose the correct answer that goes with this text.

LIBRARY CLOSED TODAY  
BECAUSE OF ILLNESS  
NO CHARGE FOR BOOKS  
RETURNED THROUGH  
LETTERBOX

- A. If you are ill, the library will not charge you for returning books late.
- B. Send any books due back by post, as the library is closed.
- C. As the library is closed, users can put books through the letterbox.

**Question 5** (Question ID: 99-211716)

Choose the correct answer that goes with this text.

Hi Kath,  
I climbed this mountain yesterday.  
It was hard work but the clouds  
lifted when I got to the top so it  
was worth it in the end!  
Helen

- A. Helen regrets her decision to climb the mountain.
- B. Helen enjoyed climbing the mountain but couldn't see anything from the top.
- C. Although it was difficult, Helen was pleased she had climbed the mountain.

Read the following descriptions of eight jobs.

**A. Dambury Journal** is looking for a keen young reporter to work full-time Tuesday - Sunday from our office in this picturesque little town for the summer. An opportunity to learn about journalism on this local newspaper which covers country life and events throughout the area. Accommodation can be arranged.

**B.** Enjoy meeting new people? Good with children? You could be a travel guide for American tourists in Southern Europe and Scandinavia. **Newcaston Travel Ltd** looks after small groups of children and teenagers and also families travelling in groups of up to twenty. Excellent rates of pay (extra for foreign-language speakers). Minimum six weeks, starting mid-July.

**C. Hotel Ferdinand**, Dambury, requires kitchen and dining-room staff for the summer. Six days per week (any day off by arrangement except Fridays). Hours from 2 p.m. till 10 p.m. or from 6 a.m. till 2 p.m. Also some part-time work (evenings only). Meals provided and some accommodation available if required.

**D.** This week, the best new **What's On** guide to Newcaston needs lively young people to work at its main office, right in the centre of this great city, for one or two months this summer. Hours 10-6. Experience in magazine journalism not necessary, but enthusiasm is! Ideal for students and school leavers.

**E. Friendly Australian family** living near Newcaston requires help from mid-July to September. Four girls aged three to eleven, baby boy. We'll want you to spend about one month in France with us. Own room and bathroom. Two free days per week, some evening and weekend work. Good pay.

**F. Dambury Summer Play Scheme** needs helpers from 8.30 a.m. till 5.30 p.m. Monday-Friday for nine weeks in July and August. You must be energetic, friendly and get on well with children. Cooking ability useful. Some days we will take trips to the seaside and return late evening. Good pay.

**G. Newcaston University Summer School Hostel** is looking for a friendly efficient person to answer phone and e-mail enquiries, check application forms and occasionally show new visitors round. Daytime or evening (Monday - Saturday) until end of summer. Some accommodation may be available if required.

**H. Teen Wheels Magazine** is looking for foreign language speakers to work in the telephone sales department from late August. You can earn lots of money selling advertising to companies in Europe and the US. Possibility of permanent job if required. Office in suburbs of Newcaston, easy access city centre.

**Question 6** (Question ID: 99-1091396)

The people below all want to find a summer holiday job. Decide which job would be the most suitable for each person.

Q6.1.....

**Tom** is going abroad to learn German and French in October. He wants to spend July working for a newspaper or magazine. He would prefer to be in a large town or city.

**Martha** would like a job working with children under twelve. A friend is coming to stay for two weeks in early July, so she must be free then. She's happy to travel and can work until the autumn.

**Sindy** is looking for work in the evenings this summer. She enjoys talking to people, but she doesn't want to stand up all the time, as she already works in a restaurant during the day.

**Aidan** wants to find a job which provides a room to live in. He doesn't mind working long hours, but he must be free on Saturdays when he takes part in swimming competitions.

**Nick** needs a job for at least two months which pays well. He speaks English, Italian and Swedish and would like the chance to use them. He starts university on 5 October.

**Q6.4.** A. Dambury Journal B. Newcaston Travel C. Hotel Ferdinand D. What's On  
Ltd E. Friendly Australian F. Dambury Summer  
family Play Scheme

G. Newcaston      H. Teen Wheels  
University Summer      Magazine  
School Hostel

**Q6.5.** A. Dambury Journal B. Newcastle Travel C. Hotel Ferdinand D. What's On  
Ltd E. Friendly Australian F. Dambury Summer  
family Play Scheme  
G. Newcastle H. Teen Wheels  
University Summer Magazine  
School Hostel

**Read the following passage then choose the best answer to each question below.**

My name is James, I'm fourteen, and I moved to this town with my family three months ago. My parents lived here when they were young, but my brother and I didn't know anyone here except a few aunts and uncles we'd met when we'd spent a couple of weeks with my grandparents, during school holidays. When I started school, one of my cousins, Sophie, who was in my class, was very friendly for the first week and I was happy to have a friend in a strange place. Then, for no reason, she stopped talking to me and I felt very hurt and lonely for several weeks.

In the end, I made some more friends and since I got to know them, I've been fine. Now Sophie is having a disco party for her birthday next week and she has invited me. I don't want to go. My brother says he heard someone say she only asked me because her parents said she had to. But my mum and dad say it would be rude not to accept. Some of my new friends are invited, too. How can I show Sophie that she can't behave so badly towards me without causing a family quarrel?

(Adapted from Pet practice tests plus 1)

**Question 7** (Question ID: 99-178943)

**What is the writer trying to do in the text?**

- A. To explain a problem  
B. To describe a family  
C. To offer advice  
D. To refuse an invitation

**Question 8** (Question ID: 99-178944)

**Who did James know in the town three months ago?**

- A. No one
- B. A few relatives
- C. Only his grandparents
- D. Sophie's friends

**Question 9** (Question ID: 99-178945)

**At the beginning of the term, Sophie's behavior made the writer feel \_\_\_\_.**

- A. embarrassed
- B. unhappy
- C. pleased
- D. surprised

**Question 10** (Question ID: 99-178946)

**The writer wants Sophie to realize \_\_\_\_.**

- A. that he still hasn't forgiven her
- B. that her friends think she behaved rudely
- C. that his parents dislike her
- D. that she has fewer friends than he has

**Question 11** (Question ID: 99-178947)

**Which of these is an answer to the text?**

- A. Ask your friends to come with you and we can all have a good time together.
- B. Why not go to the party and ask Sophie why she stopped being friendly? At least everyone will know what's happening.
- C. Please phone my parents and explain the situation to them, so that they'll stop worrying.
- D. What about cooking a meal with Sophie and inviting all your relatives? That will be a good way to stop them quarreling.

Five sentences have been removed from the text below.

For each question, choose the correct answer from A-H. There are three extra sentences that you do not need to use.

- A. He therefore had an idea of what to expect on this one.
- B. It also allowed them to see the progress they had made.
- C. He was surprised that he had gone so fast.
- D. Doing that gave him the energy he needed to keep going.
- E. It also arranged stops every 50 km for snacks and drinks.
- F. This ride would be 1,000 km longer.
- G. As a result, Steve's family knew how he was feeling each day.
- H. There were other challenges, too.

**Question 12** (Question ID: 99-212120)

### Steve Dalway's cycle ride

Steve Dalway has recently completed an amazing bike ride between the US cities of Los Angeles and Boston, a distance of nearly 5,500 km. He and ten other cyclists took part in a trip organized by a company that provided a mechanic, planned the accommodation and route, and carried the cyclists' bags. Q12.1..... Even with these, the ride involved a huge amount of effort.

Steve had already completed another long cycle ride in Europe. Q12.2..... For example, he knew that on any ride, eating properly is important. When you don't eat enough, your ability to recover after hard exercise is reduced. For this reason, he always made sure he had a large breakfast before setting off every morning. Q12.3..... The sight of the hotel at the end of the day was still very welcome, however!

One of the toughest times for the riders in the US was when the route climbed high into the Rocky Mountains. By the end of that part of the ride, Steve had climbed an amazing 28,000 m in total. Q12.4..... An early section of the ride, for instance, took the group of cyclists through the Mojave desert, where the high temperatures made them feel as if they were in an oven. In the desert, Steve had to drink four liters of liquid every 40 km in order to keep going.

The cyclists used paper maps and had electronic devices to record the distances they traveled. So that everyone knew what they'd be facing the next day, a big map was displayed every evening in the hotel where the group were staying. Q12.5..... At first the cyclists were disappointed when the black line drawn on the map by the organizers only moved forward by small amounts, despite all the day's work. At the end of the ride, however, they felt very proud of what they'd achieved.

*(Adapted from B1 Preliminary 1)*

### Question 13 (Question ID: 99-222827)

Read the text and choose the best answer to fill in the blanks.

#### Working from Home

For most people with jobs, some of the time in a day is spent traveling Q13.1..... their home and their place of work. This can feel Q13.2..... a waste of time, but perhaps you can't afford to live near your office. Or you may want to have a big garden or be in the same neighborhood as your family.

However, more and Q13.3..... people are changing their lives. They are working from home, Q13.4..... a room as their office, connected to their company by the internet. They say that this is a better way to work. They can work harder and they feel less tired.

If you want to do this, make sure you have a Q13.5..... room to work in, with a well-Q13.6..... desk and chair. Of course, don't watch TV - and don't work for too long!

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|--------|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Q13.1. | A. across     | B. among    | C. between | D. behind   |
| Q13.2. | A. like       | B. as       | C. that    | D. so       |
| Q13.3. | A. most       | B. many     | C. much    | D. more     |
| Q13.4. | A. making     | B. doing    | C. putting | D. using    |
| Q13.5. | A. successful | B. suitable | C. correct | D. right    |
| Q13.6. | A. discovered | B. invented | C. formed  | D. designed |

### Question 14 (Question ID: 99-214682)

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

#### Staying in on a Saturday night

Most teenagers look forward to Saturday night as it is normally the time to go Q14.1..... and have fun with friends. But occasionally, as I am exhausted from all the studying for school, I just need to relax and Q14.2..... at home.

Tonight, two of my friends are coming round to my house and we are Q14.3..... to watch a film on Netflix together. We are going to watch an action film, which is great because my audio system has four speakers around the living room. The sound effects will be great!

We have decided to order some pizzas because my mum has to work late and none of us wanted to cook tonight. Q14.4..... is also a lot of ice cream in the freezer for dessert. I guess we won't be eating healthy food tonight.

My sister Q14.5..... already gone to the cinema with her friends, so she won't be bothering us Q14.6..... she comes home early!

*(Adapted from Simply PET Preliminary for School)*