

PRACTICE TEST READING AND WRITING 2

Part 1:

Questions 1-5

Read the following passage and choose the best answer to each question.

When I opened the first 'Body Shop' in 1976 my only object was to earn enough to feed my children. Today 'The Body Shop' is an international company rapidly growing all around the world. In the years since we began, I have learned a lot. Much of what I have learned will be found in this book, for I believe that we, as a company, have something worth saying about how to run a successful business without giving up what we really believe in.

It's not a normal business book, nor is it just about my life. The message is that to succeed in business you have to be different. Business can be fun, a business can be run with love and it can do good. In business, as in life, I need to enjoy myself, have a feeling of my family and feel excited by the unexpected. I have always wanted the people who work for 'The Body Shop' to feel the same way.

Now this book sends these ideas of mine out into the world and makes them public. I'd like to think there are no limits to our 'family', no limits to what can be done. I find that an exciting thought. I hope you do, too.

1. What is the writer's main purpose in writing this text?

- A. to tell the reader her life story
- B. to introduce her ideas to the reader
- C. to explain how international companies operate
- D. to tell the reader how she brought up a family

2. What would someone learn from this text?

- A. how to make a lot of money
- B. how to write a book about business
- C. what the writer's family is like
- D. what the writer's book is about

3. How does the writer feel about the business she runs?

- A. She doesn't care about success if her children are fed.
- B. She just runs it for her own entertainment.
- C. It is not like any other company.
- D. It is likely to become even more successful.

4. What kind of workers does the writer like to employ?

- A. workers who can explain her ideas
- B. workers who get on well with the public
- C. workers who have the same attitudes as she does
- D. workers who have their own families

5. What kind of person does the writer seem to be?

- A. She seems to be someone with strong opinions.
- B. She doesn't seem to be very confident.
- C. She is mainly interested in making money.
- D. She sees running a business as just a job.

Questions 6-10

Read the following passage and choose the best answer to each question.

One to watch!

Essay by Jessica Bourne, aged 14

I'm a big fan of films featuring the spy James Bond. I've got most of them on DVD. We've recently bought *Quantum of Solace*, in which Daniel Craig plays the part of Bond. I don't know why the film's got that name – but it's a great movie, anyway.

All the actors who've played James Bond have been great, but Daniel Craig, who's made lots of other films, plays the part better than any of them. Even though he doesn't talk very much, I think he's the most perfect actor for the role. He even does a few of the more dangerous things in the film himself, instead of getting someone else to do them. I did wonder sometimes whether he'd be clever enough to defeat the bad people – but I'm not going to tell you the ending! The actress who stars with Craig gives a fantastic performance, too – I loved all the glamorous clothes she wore!

The director probably had a hard job making this Bond film as full of action as earlier ones. But the excitement starts right at the beginning here, with a car chase along a mountain road, and plenty of other thrilling scenes, too – Bond leaping off tall buildings and so on. Unfortunately, I found the story difficult to follow in places, and it also seemed to be over very quickly – it lasted under two hours. I also felt there weren't as many jokes as in the old Bond films. And where was all the ridiculous Bond equipment – the underwater car or exploding watch that everyone laughed at? This is a more serious, darker Bond film, but I still really enjoyed it.

6. What is Jessica trying to do in her essay?

- A. explain what first attracted her to Bond films
- B. tell readers about the Bond DVDs she owns
- C. give a balanced view of a Bond film she has seen
- D. describe how Daniel Craig got the part of James Bond

7. What can a reader find out from Jessica's essay?

- A. whether *Quantum of Solace* is her favourite Bond film
- B. what other films Daniel Craig has made
- C. which other actors have played James Bond
- D. whether she thinks Daniel Craig is the best James Bond

8. What does Jessica tell us about Craig in the new Bond film?

- A. He performs some of the action scenes.
- B. He wears some stylish clothes.
- C. He is given a lot of lines to say.
- D. He looks strong and fit enough to fight the criminals.

9. What is one problem with the film, according to Jessica?

- A. It seems a bit too long.
- B. It's sometimes hard to understand what's happening.
- C. It has too much silly technology in it.
- D. It has jokes that aren't very funny.

10. Which of these might appear in a magazine review of the new Bond film?

- A. It's full of excitement, with Bond jumping across rooftops, so don't be disappointed by the slow start.
- B. The director wanted to move away from the last Bond film and include a bit less action.
- C. I'm not sure the title tells you much, but be prepared to watch a rather different kind of Bond movie.
- D. Daniel Craig performed well as James Bond, but the main female star was disappointing.

Part 2: Questions 11-20

Read the text below and choose the best option A, B, C or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each space.

The Driest Place on Earth

The Atacama Desert in Chile is known as the driest place on Earth. It is almost 1,000 kilometres (11)_____length, lying between the Pacific Ocean and the Andes mountain. Under a centimetre of rain (12)_____annually, and the centre is so dry (13)_____scientists have never recorded (14)_____rain there.

Over a million people (15)_____live in the Atacama today. Most live on the coast, which is also home to teams of astronomers who are there to (16)_____advantage of the clear skies. In the north, farmers grow tomatoes with water they have collected from underground rocks. However, for (17)_____who have their farms on higher ground, the water comes from melting snow.

People generally seem to (18)_____knowledge about what the desert has to offer, but in (19)_____, there is plenty to do – from seeing the amazing natural sights to playing golf, one of the more recent activities (20)_____tourists to the region.

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| 11. A. by | B. at | C. to | D. in |
| 12. A. pours | B. falls | C. sinks | D. lowers |
| 13. A. as | B. that | C. when | D. than |
| 14. A. any | B. no | C. some | D. little |
| 15. A. totally | B. exactly | C. actually | D. finally |
| 16. A. have | B. make | C. get | D. take |
| 17. A. those | B. these | C. them | D. they |
| 18. A. fall | B. lose | C. miss | D. lack |
| 19. A. case | B. turn | C. fact | D. time |
| 20. A. arriving | B. attracting | C. approaching | D. arranging |

PART I

Questions 1–10. Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D to rewrite the following sentences in the way that their original meanings are not changed.

1. No other building in the town is as high as this one.

- A. This is the higher building in the town.
- B. This building is higher than some buildings in the town.
- C. This is the highest building in the town.
- D. This building is as high as every building in the town.

2. They built this shopping mall five years ago.

- A. This shopping mall is built five years ago.
- B. This shopping mall was built five years ago.
- C. This shopping mall has built five years ago.
- D. This shopping mall was building five years ago.

3. Jane bought this smartphone three years ago and still uses it.

- A. Jane has had this smartphone for three years.
- B. Jane had this smartphone for three years.

C. Jane has bought this smartphone three years ago.

D. Jane is having this smartphone for three years.

4. Perhaps David will apply for the job.

A. David must apply for the job.

B. David should apply for the job.

C. David may apply for the job.

D. David has to apply for the job.

5. The new computer works very efficiently.

A. The new computer is very efficiently.

B. The new computer works very efficient.

C. The new computer is very efficient in its operation.

D. The new computer works with very efficiency.

6. Study hard or you will not pass the exam.

A. If you study hard, you will not pass the exam.

B. If you do not study hard, you will not pass the exam.

C. Unless you study hard, you will pass the exam.

D. If you studied hard, you will pass the exam.

7. This is the website. I usually buy books on this website.

A. This is the website who I usually buy books.

B. This is the website where I usually buy books.

C. This is the website which I usually buy books.

D. This is the website what I usually buy books.

8. My brother intends to become a computer programmer.

A. My brother is going to become a computer programmer.

B. My brother has become a computer programmer.

C. My brother became a computer programmer.

D. My brother was becoming a computer programmer.

9. There is only a small amount of milk in the fridge.

A. There is a few milk in the fridge.

B. There are little milk in the fridge.

C. There is a little milk in the fridge.

D. There is many milk in the fridge.

10. Online shopping is more convenient than traditional shopping for many busy people.

A. Traditional shopping is more convenient than online shopping for busy people.

B. Online shopping is less convenient than traditional shopping for busy people.

C. Traditional shopping is not as convenient as online shopping for many busy people.

D. Online shopping is as convenient as traditional shopping for many busy people.

PART II

Questions 11–20. Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D to complete the following sentences from the suggested words or phrases.

11. There/ be/ emergency exit/ at/ back/ building.

- A. There is an emergency exit at the back of the building.
- B. There is a emergency exit in the back the building.
- C. There are an emergency exit at the back of building.
- D. There is emergency exit on back of the building.

12. More products/ sell/ online/ nowadays/ than/ ten years ago.

- A. More products sell online nowadays than ten years ago.
- B. More products are sold online nowadays than ten years ago.
- C. More products were sold online nowadays than ten years ago.
- D. More products are selling online nowadays than ten years ago.

13. She/ do/ lot of research/ before/ apply/ job.

- A. She made a lot of research before she applied for the job.
- B. She did a lot of research before she applied for the job.
- C. She did a lot of research before she applies the job.
- D. She made many research before applying the job.

14. You/ must not/ use/ lift/ during/ fire.

- A. You must not use the lift during a fire.
- B. You do not must use the lift during a fire.
- C. You must not to use the lift during a fire.
- D. You must not using the lift during a fire.

15. The Internet/ make/ communication/ much/ easy/ than/ before.

- A. The Internet has made communication much easier than before.
- B. The Internet made communication more easily than before now.
- C. The Internet has make communication much easier than before.
- D. The Internet has made communication much more easily than before.

16. We/ visit/ new shopping centre/ this weekend.

- A. We are going to visit the new shopping centre this weekend.
- B. We visited the new shopping centre this weekend.
- C. We have visit the new shopping centre this weekend.
- D. We were visiting the new shopping centre next weekend.

17. If/ people/ recycle/ more/, / there/ be/ less waste.

- A. If people recycle more, there will be less waste.
- B. If people will recycle more, there is less waste.
- C. If people recycled more, there will be less waste.
- D. If people recycle more, there were less waste.

18. The man/ who/ interview/ me/ be/ human resources manager.

- A. The man which interviewed me is the human resources manager.
- B. The man who interviewed me is the human resources manager.
- C. The man where interviewed me was the human resources manager.
- D. The man who interview me is a human resources manager yesterday.

19. My mother/ always/ good/ organize/ family celebrations.

- A. My mother is always good in organizing family celebrations.
- B. My mother always is good at organize family celebrations.
- C. My mother is always good at organizing family celebrations.
- D. My mother is always well at organizing family celebrations.

20. You/ should/ speak/ politely/ during/ job interview.

- A. You should speak polite during a job interview.
- B. You should speak politely during a job interview.
- C. You should politely speaking during a job interview.
- D. You should to speak politely during a job interview.