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Cambridge Assessment English

PRELIMINARY ENGLISH TEST
Reading

Test: TRAINING COURSE
V.11/2024

Time: 45 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this question paper until you are told to do so.
Write your name, centre number and candidate number on your answer sheet if they are not already there.
Read the instructions for each part of the paper carefully.
Answer all the questions.
Read the instructions on the answer sheet.
Write your answers on the answer sheet. Use a pencil.
You **must** complete the answer sheet within the time limit.
At the end of the test, hand in both this question paper and your answer sheet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

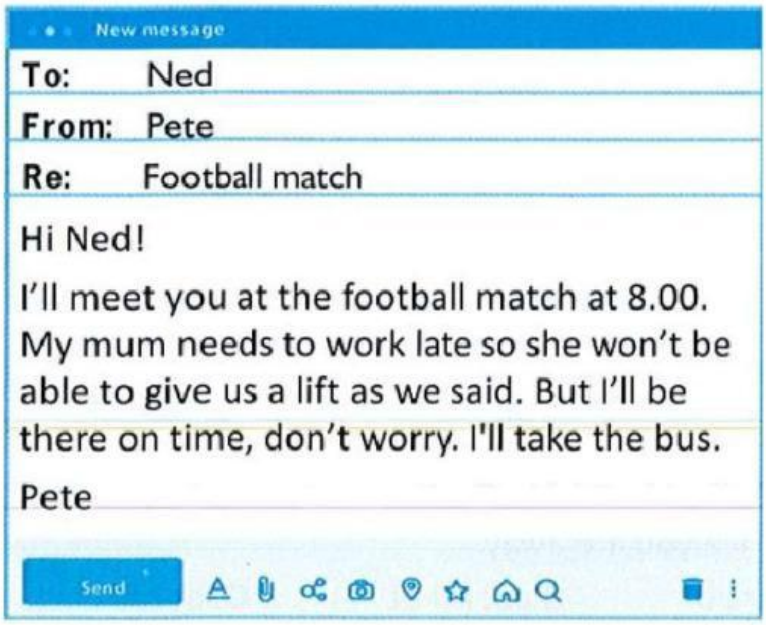
Questions 1 -32 carry one mark.

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Part 1

For each question, choose the correct answer.

1.



Why is Pete sending this email?

A. To let Ned know he's going to be late for tonight's match.

B. To inform Ned that Pete will get to the match alone.

C. To confirm that he will meet Ned before the match.

2.



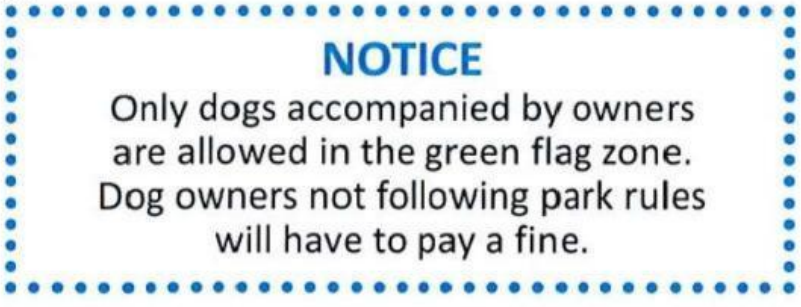
The notice informs passengers that

A. All trains are delayed because of an accident.

B. All passengers may travel by coach instead of train if they wish.

C. Some trains are going to run late as repairs will be in progress.

3.



A. Only dogs can enter the green flag zone.

B. Dogs must not be left alone in the green flag zone.

C. People are not permitted in the green flag zone.

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4.



A. This product should be eaten a week after being bought at the latest.
B. Natural ingredients have been used in order to make this product.
C. This product should be stored in the freezer as soon as it is opened.

5.



A. Anne needs to buy some apples from the local market.
B. Anne has to do the weekly shopping at the supermarket.
C. Jess forgot to place an order at the online supermarket.

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Part 2

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The young people below all want to go on holiday. There are eight holiday reviews.

Decide which holiday would be the most suitable for the people below.

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Pamela's family is quite wealthy and lives in the city centre. She misses the countryside and loves reading and long country walks. She hates not weather and holidays by the sea.

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Rob is interested in music. He loves places where there is a good art scene. He likes meeting people, being in a town or city and prefers walking or cycling to using public transport.

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Sue's trying to get into art school. She wants a peaceful environment and maybe some company while she paints. She wants a chance to practice her French or Spanish.

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Tim and Ben are really sporty so they are looking for an activity holiday doing water sports. They're not really interested in city life but want to be near enough to be able to go out in the evenings.

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May enjoys going abroad for beaches, sunshine and a good place to eat as she loves foreign food. But May's family hasn't got a lot of money so travel and accommodation need to be cheap.

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GREAT HOLIDAY CHOICES

A. The Mochito Surf Club Situated five kilometres from a small holiday town, complete with cinemas and restaurants, the Mochito Surf Club offers great holidays for those who love to be on the waves all day. Accommodation is in shared tents with great bathroom and self-catering facilities. A mini bus runs to the town during the day and evening!	**B. The Resort** The Resort is a great place for single young people to meet. It's not too expensive and has great facilities, such as tennis courts and two swimming pools. Good food is served in the restaurant and there is live music every night and dancing! Buses to the nearest town run every hour.
C. The Calypso Beach Hotel The best beaches in this country are waiting for you at the Calypso Beach Hotel. The hotel is situated by the sea with wonderful views. Excellent rooms and the best Greek cooking you can imagine. Recommended if cost is not considered in your holiday plans, as luxury does not come cheap.	**D. Le Casa** Le Casa is a bed and breakfast that feels like home. A family business, it's perfect for those who don't want to spend all their savings on accommodation. The town, which is full of beach restaurants serving delicious local dishes, is on the Spanish coast. There is easy access from the local airport by local buses.
E. The Lodge The Lodge is the perfect get-away-from-it-all holiday; for those who want to escape the city. Situated by a lake, The Lodge offers luxury facilities with the peace and quiet of walking tracks through the forest, an indoor swimming pool and a library where you can relax with your favourite books. Not cheap but worth every penny!	**F. The Meeting House** The Meeting House, in Barcelona, attracts mainly students and is perfect for those who want a cultural holiday; everything is within reach on foot. Centrally located in the fashionable cafe area, it is close to art galleries as well as cafe bars, offering live music to suit all tastes. Prices are reasonable for rooms with shared facilities.
G. The Retreat The Retreat offers a quiet creative environment for artists and musicians. Join groups for all levels to learn techniques in sociable fun classes. Classes are in English but a working knowledge of Spanish is an advantage. So if you enjoy the countryside, far away from the stress of the city, this is for you.	**H. The Sea House** The Sea House is ideal for those who love peace and quiet. Located in the English county of Cornwall, it has unforgettable views over the sea. It's a great place for artists who don't want their creativity interrupted by visitors. Available all seasons but summer is definitely the best! The earlier you book, the better the price!

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Part 3

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The Real Junk Food Project

by Sandra Manville

As I was looking for environmentally-friendly projects for the school paper, I found out about The Real Junk Food Project whose aim is to reduce the UK's huge amount of food waste, which is the highest in Europe. The UK, despite not having the largest population of a European country, throws away almost two million tonnes worth of food every year, more than even Germany, which comes in second despite having a larger population. Every year, 1.3 billion tonnes of food are thrown away while some 800 million people across the planet: are dying from lack of food. This is terrible.

The Real Junk Food Project is against the waste of food that has gone past its sell-by date. Just because food has reached the end of life on the supermarket shelf, it does not mean that it cannot be eaten, as supermarkets put dates that run out days before the food becomes dangerous to eat. But supermarkets are only interested in making money and keeping fresh food coming to their shelves, not unnecessary waste.

The organisation, which collects the food from supermarkets, serves it as tasty meals to people in their cafes. Customers, in return, can pay as much as they want for it, or even nothing at all. Diners can then even volunteer in return for a meal. In this way, the organisation can provide for those who are poor or live on the street; a great social service.

There are now many more cafes than the original one which started in Leeds: one hundred and twenty seven to be exact, and growing fast, in seven countries all over the world. The Leeds one alone, provides 35,000 people with meals every week. Along with the cafes, supermarket-style shops have opened, where you also pay or not, according to your ability.

For the main supermarkets this has nothing but advantages. They have to pay anyway to get rid of food waste, so the Junk Food Project is in fact doing them a favour, while at the same time, promoting them as more environmentally friendly by giving their waste food away.

11. What is The Real Junk Food hoping to achieve?

A. make the UK produce less pollution than Germany
B. make Europe produce less food than the UK
C. stop the UK from throwing away so much food
D. reduce the amount of food the UK produces

12. What does Sandra get most upset about?

A. the fact that The Real Junk Food Project is not well-known
B. the amount of waste in Germany
C. the amount of food wasted in Europe
D. the fact that some people don't have food

13. What does Sandra say about supermarkets?

A. They don't care about poor people.
B. They don't like wasting food.
C. They sometimes sell out-of-date food.
D. They do not avoid food waste.

14. What does Sandra say about the cafes?

A. They are run by volunteers wanting to help the poor.
B. They are doing something valuable.
C. They should only feed those who can't pay.
D. The food does not taste as good as fresh products.

15. What would Sandra text a friend about The Real Junk Food Project?

A. I found out about a really cool way to eat for free when we go out.
B.We could arrange to volunteer in a cafe whenever we have some free time to help.
C. I tried eating at one of the The Real Junk Food project's cafes but I wouldn't recommend it.
D. It's a great idea but, unfortunately, it is not supported by many people.

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Part 4

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.

Running a Marathon

by Sam Johnson



I have recently decided that I want to train in order to run a full marathon when I finish school. I think what made me want this so much is the fact that it is not just a test of the body but a test of the mind too. That's why, I think most people can get a lot out of running marathons, even if it's not the full 42.195 kilometres. I truly believe we are all natural athletes. (16) _____

There are no more races and games to be won and no more prizes to feel that it is worth making the effort. So I guess that some people would lose their interest in competing, which is so sad, as they are missing out on a wonderful experience. Anyway, that won't be the case for me.

Actually, it has not always been my ambition to run, believe it or not. (17) _____ It all started with wanting to run faster and longer than two fifty-year-old ladies. Last year, my mum called me on a Monday afternoon to tell me that she and her running friend were going to run a half-marathon. (18) _____ Yes, you guessed it! I immediately volunteered myself for the run without even knowing what the length of a half-marathon was! But I thought that if my mum thought she could do it, then for me it would be easy! I was fourteen at the time, so how hard could it be? As you understand, I had no idea how much effort I would have to put into it.

(19) _____ However, it was not as I imagined. I was exhausted! By the time I got to the finish line, I promised myself that it was my first and last marathon. I hated every kilometre of it!

(20) _____ And now I don't think I could live without the focus, the challenge and that awesome feeling of finally crossing the finish line. What changed my mind? I still don't know but I am now more ambitious than ever.

A. How was I to know that it was the beginning of a way of life?

B. I didn't grow up dreaming of the challenge of long distance running.

C. A marathon is a race which started in Ancient Greece.

D. Luckily, I did manage it.

E. However, after school we are no longer made to do sport.

F. When I was a kid, I would run everywhere, at top speed!

G. I was too tired to finish, and my legs and feet hurt so much!

H. At that point, I must have had a moment of madness.

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Part 5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The History of Fireworks



Fireworks were discovered by chance around 2000 years ago, in China. They were made from three (21)..... kitchen ingredients, which were heated over a fire to make a black powder. When lit, the powder created a bright light and made a very loud noise. Today, we (22)..... this gunpowder'.

But it was many years later that the Italians (23)..... the first real fireworks. Made from the same ingredi- ents as gunpowder, these fireworks were (24)..... for public displays. However, they were very basic, as the only colours available to make fireworks were yellow and orange.

Nowadays, firework displays are really spectacular. The UK is especially famous for its firework displays held all over the (25)..... on November 5th. This day celebrates an important historical (26).....in the... English calendar. It is known as Bonfire Night, or, Guy Fawkes Night. Other than setting off fireworks, the English light bonfires, and sometimes burn a doll that looks like a man who once wanted to kill their king but failed.

21.	A. unique	B. common	C. unnecessary	D. original
22.	A. name	B. call	C. say	D. tell
23.	A. cooked	B. improved	C. created	D. found
24.	A. attempted	B. installed	C. hidden	D. used
25.	A. location	B. country	C. month	D. time
26.	A. event	B. performance	C. presentation	D. show

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Part 6
For each question, write the correct answer.
Write **ONE** word for each gap.

Sir David Attenborough - Blue Planet



Probably most famous nowadays (27)..... the series Blue Planet, Attenborough has made viewers wake up not only to the beauty of our planet, but to the danger we have put it in. After being delighted (28)..... the wonderful photography and Attenborough's well-known way of keeping us fixed to our TV screens, the final episode showed us the reality. We saw the pollution of our seas and the damage that (29)..... doing to the sea creatures affected by the rubbish, which is now everywhere It caused (30)..... shock that promises of change were quickly made by the government. Attenborough has an amazing ability to influence public opinion. He argues that with fifty percent of the total population living in cities, people (31)..... to be shown nature, even on TV, as they are not connected to it anymore. Only (32).....,. in his opinion, can we persuade people to take care of it.

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